

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. David Baetzold, Pastor

*Deacon Assistant Denis Coan, Deacon Assistant Matthew Ochalek
& Deacon Francis Lombardo*

March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent

St. John the Baptist Church

Located at 509 E. 26th Street, Erie PA 16504

Holy Rosary Church

Located at East 28th & East Avenue, Erie, PA 16504

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY EVENING MASS 4:00 PM at Holy Rosary

SUNDAY MORNING MASS

8:00 AM at St. John the Baptist

10:30 AM at Holy Rosary

WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM Tues & Thurs in the chapel at Holy Rosary

8:00 AM Wed & Fri in the chapel at St. John's Rectory

CONFESSIONS: 2:30-3:30 PM Saturday at Holy Rosary or by appointment

*Weekend Masses return to Holy Rosary on March 11-12. The 4 pm Saturday Mass returns to St. John's April 1, 2023.

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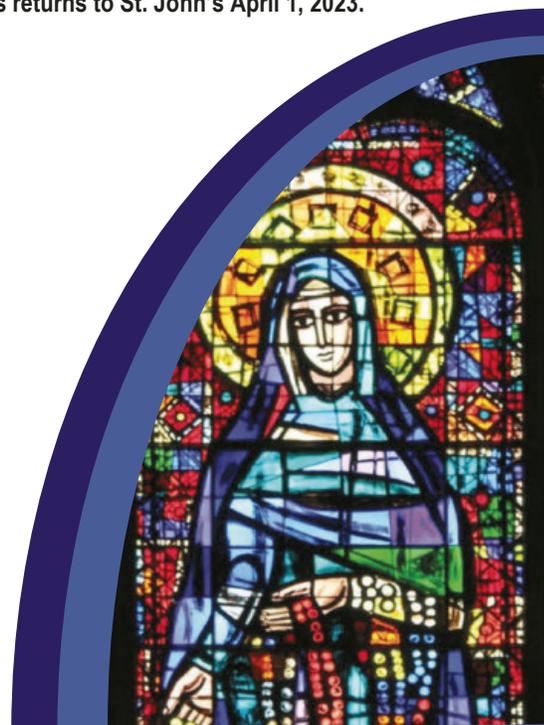
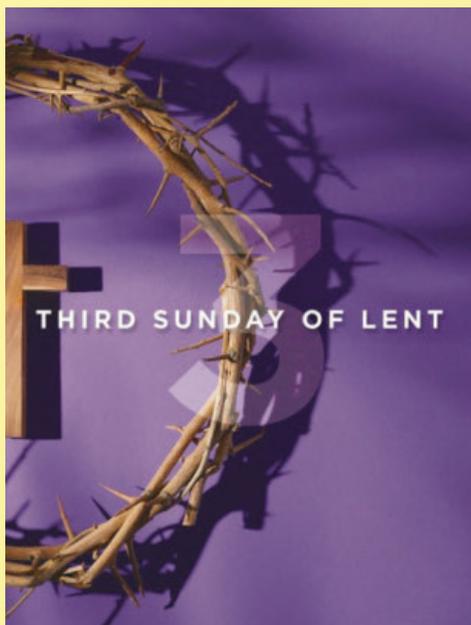
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All are welcome! / ¡ Todos son bienvenidos aquí!



Lenten Reflection

By Bonnie Prokocki

“Gift-giving God, let me recognize my riches and generously share what I have with those in need.”

Beginning at a very young age, Lent has been a trying time for me. I was raised to “give up” something I liked (very much) during Lent. I failed at this most of the time (my willpower was weak). I often felt like God was as disappointed in me as I was with myself. As time went on and new Lenten seasons approached, I decided to try and do rather than “not do”. This seemed to work more often. However, I didn’t always stay the course. I began to realize God doesn’t want us to give up or do more just during Lent. He is not testing to see if we live up to our Lenten promises ... but He wants us to understand and put into practice the gifts He blessed us with ALL year.

Lent now is a time for me to be aware of how God’s blessing can help me remain faithful even when I am weak. Lent is a time I look forward to attending the special services throughout this holy season. Lent is a time I prayerfully try to understand that Jesus died for us and is not counting what we haven’t done or failed to do, but what we do in God’s name.



“Good for the Soul”

Thursday Holy Hour for Priests: Our Holy Hour will be held each **Thursday morning from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. in the Holy Rosary Chapel.** Please join us in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for priests and priestly vocations. Thursday Daily Mass is 8:00 a .m. in the Holy Rosary Chapel following the Holy Hour. We’re looking forward to praying with you.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held at St. John’s Church at 6:30 p.m.

Spanish Woman Day of Prayer: Saturday, March 18 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. / Confessions 2:30—3:30 p.m. at St. John’s.

Soup & Soul: Tuesday, March 14 with Fr. David celebrating Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the Holy Rosary Chapel followed by soup and salad at 6:00 p.m. in the Mercy Anchor Community Center (MACC). Our speaker is Fr. Chris Singer and the title of his talk is *“Free Refills.”* Look for sign-up sheets at the doors of both churches. If you are able, we would like donations of two soups, Italian bread, and two desserts. Salad will be provided. Donations accepted to benefit Mercy Center for Women. For questions, call or text Dee Byrne at 8-14-392-3268.

Rite of Election at St. Peter’s

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion is celebrated for people preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. On Sunday, February 26 at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Christal Ross and Isabella Estrada were welcomed into the Church.

At the service the catechumens and candidates stand before the Bishop and declare their intention to join the Church, the sponsors declare their intention to support them. The *catechumens* have not yet been baptized, and they sign their names in a book which contains the signatures of those chosen before them to be initiated into the Church. The *candidates* have already been baptized but have not received the rest of the Sacraments of Initiation and are coming into full communion with the Church. It is a powerful witness of the faith of those called to join our Church and marks the last phase of their journey before Easter. Congratulations Christal & Isabella!

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Photo above-right: Christal Ross and Lori Follett

Photo above-left: Bishop Lawrence Persico and Fr. David Baetzold



Photo right: Mary Hickin, Isabella Estrada, and Christal Ross



Mass Intentions for the Week**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

8:00 am HR Gordon & Eileen Gaither (Daughter-Cindy)

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

8:00 am SJB Joseph Komorek (Mary Kendall)

Thursday, March 16, 2023

7:00 am HR Holy Hour for Priests

8:00 am HR Sebastion Yezzi (Margaret Balter)

Friday, March 17, 2023

8:00 am SJB John Auer (Estate)

Saturday, March 18, 2023 (at Holy Rosary)

4:00 pm at HR For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, March 19, 2023

8:00 am at SJB Frank Gredler (Barb Dobrzynski)

10:30 a.m. at HR Regina Kowalski (Charlotte & Debbie)

*Weekend Masses at Holy Rosary March 18-19 and March 25-26.

The 4 pm Saturday Mass returns to St. John's April 1, 2023.

Readings Next Weekend**4th Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

**A Family Perspective**

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only good role models can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."

Lector Schedule

Mar 18 4:00 p.m. Dee Byrne
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Matt Ochalek

Mar 19 8:00 a.m. Mary Coan
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Denis Coan

Mar 19 10:30 a.m. Cathy Lojewski & Richard Marshall
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Matt Ochalek

In Remembrance

*Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Helen (Szymanowski) Gronostaj.
May she rest in peace.*

A Special Thank You

I would like to give heartfelt thanks to all who worked on the heating project at Holy Rosary over this past year. Most especially let us thank our maintenance worker Eric Hardner and his wife Margaret, Joe Mattis, our bookkeeper Ryan Coletta, the workers at the Wm. T. Spaeder Company, Fr. John Jacquell, and all who labored so hard to see this project through. The project itself was full of twists and turns and surprises as any construction project is, and I would thus like to thank all for their patience while the work was being done.

Let us pray for and personally thank all these people for their hard work. God bless you all.

Fr. David

Faith Formation at St. Luke

K-5 Grade at St. Luke: Jessica Anaya 814-825-6920
6-8 Grade & Youth Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel:
Rebecca Wiest 814-825-7313

Mustard Seeds Meetings

The St. John's/Holy Rosary Mustard Seed group reads and discusses the scripture readings for the upcoming week. This group meets on **March 23 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** the conference room at St. John's Rectory. All are welcome! Call Mary Margaret Skladanowski at 814-520-8903.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetings

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of Holy Rosary and St. John's encourage you to join this group if you like to knit or crochet. This group meets on **March 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** in the upstairs sitting room at St. John's Rectory. All are welcome! For more information or to receive a shawl, call Mary Margaret Skladanowski at 814-520-8903 or Debbie Totzke at 814-825-4493.

Vocation Chalice Program

Be part of helping vocations grow. All parishioners from St. John's and Holy Rosary are invited to take a turn bringing the traveling chalice and book of prayers into their homes and pray for more young women and men to answer God's call. To get on the schedule please contact Denny Deiner at 814-746-0147 or 814-899-1968.

Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

The Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Annual Fundraiser is underway. The Knights are offering coupons for freshly baked goods from Erie's Oldest Grocery Store - Serafin's Food Market. Items: 6" Combo Sub—\$5.00 / Ham & Cheese Pretzel—\$6.00 /Pepperoni Bread—\$10.00 To purchase coupons, contact Chuck Santi at 814-825-9101. Every year the Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus raise funds to support direct outreach ministries in our community. For 2023, The Knights are supporting Our Neighbor's Place at St. John's Pastor's Hall, Easter donations to the Mercy Center for Women, and flowers for the gardens at St. John's & Holy Rosary.

St. Mark's Seminary Card Party

The St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary is hosting it's annual Card Party on Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. This annual fundraiser supports our Seminarians in the Diocese of Erie. **The auxiliary will sell raffle tickets March 18-19 and March 25-26** at both St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary. If you wish to attend the annual Card Party, admission tickets are only available by contacting Betsy at 814-504-2720.

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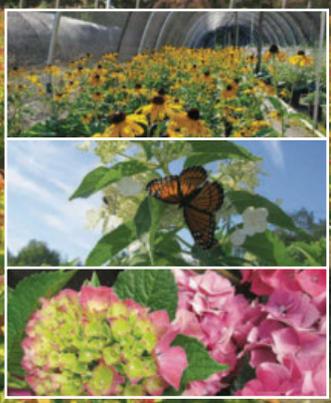
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