

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

Rev. David Baetzold, Pastor

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

March 19, 2023 Fourth 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

*The 4 PM Saturday Mass returns to St. John's on April 1, 2023
(April - September schedule).

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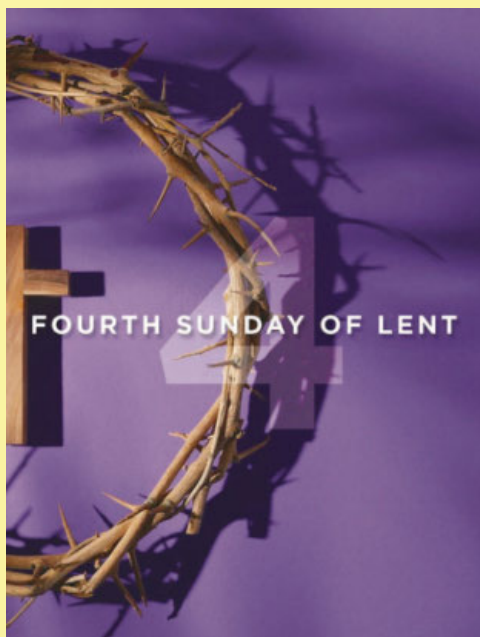
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All are welcome! / ¡ Todos son bienvenidos aquí!



Lenten Reflection

By Alice Kendziora

Pause, Pray and Act

About two years ago after my husband had passed from this world to God's world, I needed some guidance. My son suggested a web site that offers a reflection, a prayer and an act to do everyday. So here's an example from February 24, 2023.

Lift Him Up

Reflect

Today reflect on the 5th station of the cross: how Jesus became human, how he needed our help.

Pray

God, help me be like the toddler I saw in mass today, pointing up to the figures of Jesus on his knees under the cross, and Simon's arms above, embracing him, trying to help. She called out, PICK HIM UP!

Yes, we can all come to the aid of those in our lives who are weary and falling down. Guide us to be like this child, seeing the essential truth of each part of our way of the cross, being like Simon, knowing when to lift another, to love them. Amen



Act

Find an image of the 5th station of the cross. How did the artist capture this part of the passion story? What do you see?

My thought was more about the little girl who knew exactly what to do, so simple just pick him up! If we only looked at life more like a child and acted with love and compassion. Instead we look away and don't want to get involved. I pray God helps me to get more involved with people and act to help.

Have a prayerful Lent, Alice Kendziora

From: Pause and Pray goodnews@franciscanmedia.org

Welcome back!

After an extended time away from Holy Rosary Church, to complete a custom heating project, parishioners were welcomed back to Mass at Holy Rosary on March 11 & 12.



Photo right (left - right):
Alice Kendziora &
Mimi Weiss

A Special Thank You

Dear CSA Contributors,

I'm grateful for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for being willing to help fund the important work of the Church.

By saying 'yes' with a gift to the CSA, you have joined with our Catholic community in the work of the Gospel. You directly aid in important diocesan ministries that feed those who are food insecure, educate our children, administer the sacraments, and provide hope to many. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family.

You've also directly helped St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary Partnered Parishes with your generous gift. For this I am grateful.

If you have not yet made a commitment, please consider doing so. Just drop your pledge envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the church office. Please indicate very clearly on the envelope where your contribution is going—St. John's or Holy Rosary. If you need a 2023 pledge envelope, contact the church office.

Your generosity shows that you are a true steward of your gifts. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Fr. David

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and join with many people worldwide in praying for these monthly intentions.



The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer.

March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from member of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

April

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network:
<https://popesprayerusa.net/>

You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on their website. (The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network will also publish any urgent prayer intentions of the Holy Father as soon as they are received from the Holy See.)

[Mass Intentions for the Week](#)**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

8:00 am HR Jacqueline Zebrowski (Angeline & Bonnie Zebrowski)

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

8:00 am SJB Sister Julia Laprad (Lucia Lee)

Thursday, March 23, 2023

7:00 am HR Holy Hour for Priests

8:00 am HR Kay Hardner (Children)

Friday, March 24, 2023

8:00 am SJB Nicholas Lugin (Marge Filipowski)

Saturday, March 25, 2023 (at Holy Rosary)

4:00 pm at HR Thomas Santi (Pat Strutt)

Sunday, March 26, 2023

8:00 am at SJB For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

10:30 a.m. at HR Allan Gerber (Mary Gerber)

*Confessions and the Saturday 4 p.m. Mass return to St. John's on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

[Readings Next Weekend](#)**5th Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Ez 37:12-14

2nd Reading: Rom 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

[A Family Perspective](#)

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

[Lector Schedule](#)

Mar 25 4:00 p.m. Rob Kocur
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Matt Ochalek
Mar 26 8:00 a.m. Denny Deiner
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Denis Coan
Mar 26 10:30 a.m. Cindy DeCoursey & Alice Kendziora
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Matt Ochalek

[In Remembrance](#)

*Our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of
Emily Winston
May she rest in peace.*

[Offertory Update](#)[Holy Rosary February 2023 Offertory](#)

Weekly	8,123.00
Loose	458.25
Online giving	251.54
Holy Days	120.00
Total February Offertory: \$8,952.79	

[St. John the Baptist February 2023 Offertory](#)

Weekly	10,414.00
Loose	111.00
Online giving	858.24
Holy Days	10.00
Total February Offertory: \$11,393.24	

[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

[Our Neighbor's Place 2023](#)

The second session of Our Neighbors' Place Season 11 is March 22 - April 4 at St. John's Pastors' Hall. Coordinators Mary Hoffman & Mary Ellen Lieb report the volunteer schedule is full as well as the meal schedule for every night. However, there is an ongoing need for donations. Please contact Mary at mymary14@gmail.com or Mary Ellen at melieb4@gmail.com to see what is needed. Thank you to everyone who made this beautiful ministry possible. Continued prayers are always welcome!

[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 & April 13 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** in 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 & April 13 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 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.

[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.

[Office Reminders](#)

Easter Flowers: If you are sponsoring **Easter Flowers** this year, please submit your requests no later than **March 29**.

Church Office: The church office will be closed **Holy Thursday—April 6 through Easter Monday, April 10**. Please conduct any business you have with the church office before Holy Week begins.

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