

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & HOLY ROSARY

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April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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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

St. John Baptist (April to September)

Holy Rosary (October to March)

SUNDAY MORNING MASS

8:00 AM at St. John the Baptist

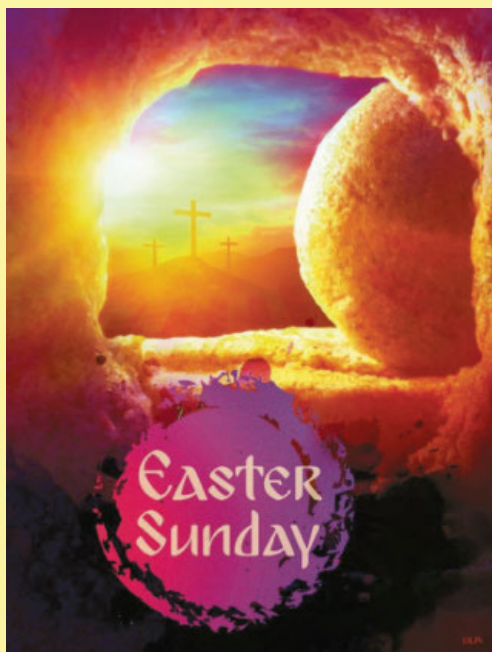
10:30 AM at Holy Rosary

WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM Tues & Thurs - Holy Rosary Chapel

8:00 AM Wed & Fri - St. John's Parish House Chapel

CONFESSIONS: 2:30-3:30 PM Saturday at St. John the Baptist or by appointment





Easter Sunday

Blessed Easter to all. In the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, all the people greet each other during the Easter season with: "The Lord is Risen!" The response is: "Indeed He is risen!" The meaning of the Resurrection escapes us and is quite mysterious. I believe it is enough for us to acknowledge and place our faith and trust in it and its promises rather than fully understand it. It is the very event in history which gives us hope, that says that all is not lost - even in the face of death. This promise of hope is so very important especially for those who mourn the loss of loved ones. This promise sheds a ray of light and consolation on the sadness and burdens of life.

The reason I became a priest is because of this resurrection event I did not personally witness, but someone I know close to me did. As you may remember I never wanted to be a priest growing up and was not very religious, but a story my Grandmother told me was the seed of faith for my life and vocation. In 1976 my grandfather Otto was dying in the Buffalo area. After saying goodbye to all of his ten children he was peacefully resting in his hospital bed with my Grandmother Leona at his side.

Then Our Lord Jesus appeared to them both at the foot of the bed for a few moments. My grandmother exclaimed: "Look Otto, Our Lord is here!" He passed shortly after. I asked my grandmother to repeat that story along with the details of Our Lord's appearance many times growing up. It was the seed of faith for me that meant Jesus truly rose from the dead and loves all of us dearly, especially in our greatest need. My Grandparents were very devout and simple people, both growing up on farms outside of Buffalo. It does not surprise me that Our Lord would reveal His Love to them in 1976 as He had done their whole lives.

Our Lord may have died on Good Friday, but He rose on the third day and opened the gates of heaven for all of us, our heavenly homeland. May we truly rejoice this Easter Season for our gift of faith, which sheds light and consolation on our lives and the lives of all of our loved ones.

The Lord is Risen...Indeed He is Risen!

Fr. David

St. John's /Holy Rosary 31 Club

Each member chooses one day of the month to pray for an increase of vocations for the Church. You can attend a Mass, say a rosary, and offer special prayers on that date. There is a great need for more vocations! If you would like to become a member of the St. John's/Holy Rosary 31 Club, or have questions, please call Joanne Deiner at 814-899-1968 or email joannedonohue50@gmail.com.

Upcoming Mass and prayer commitments:

Apr 9	Jean Zimmer
Apr 10	Mary Ellen Lieb
Apr 11	Mary Tighe
Apr 12	Kay Kitch & Sue Doss
Apr 13	Allene Kraus
Apr 14	Jane Wagner
Apr 15	Gail Baetzold

Prayer for Vocations

*O God, who wills not the death of a sinner *but rather that he be converted and live* grant we beseech you* through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin* Saint Joseph, her spouse* St. Junipero Serra* and all the saints* an increase of laborers for your Church* fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls* through the same Jesus Christ* Your Son* Who lives and reigns with You* In the unity of the Holy Spirit* God forever* and ever. Amen.*

Serra Prayer for Vocations

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Recent statistics tell us one out of every four girls and one out of every 6 boys are sexually abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.

Staff of St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary

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Office Reminder

Church office closed: The St. John's & Holy Rosary Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday—April 10, 2023.

2023 CSA Campaign

Thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the 2023 Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not yet made a commitment, just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the church office.

Mass Intentions for the Week**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

8:00 am HR Don Kinecki (Cindy Grygier)

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

8:00 am SJB George Auer (Estate)

Thursday, April 13, 2023

8:00 am HR Stanley Widomski (Charlotte Kujawinski)

Friday, April 14, 2023

8:00 am SJB Archacki Family Members (Mary & Barbara Archacki)

Saturday, April 15, 2023

4:00 pm SJB Ed Skopow (Carol & Tim Furman)

Sunday, April 16, 2023

8:00 am SJB For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

10:30 am HR All Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus (Chuck Santi)

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Andrew J. Yeargain, Jr. (Kathy & Ashley).

The Bread and Wine are donated today in memory of Andrew J. Yeargain, Jr. (Kathy & Ashley).

Readings Next Weekend**2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday**

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

**In Remembrance**

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

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us that several arrived to discover the tomb in which Jesus was buried was now empty. What does an empty tomb mean for your family? Failure, loss, defeat? Or victory, life and resurrection? Scripture says that he "had to rise from the dead." Families, too, must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.

Lector Schedule

Apr 15 4 p.m. Bonnie Prokocki
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Denis Coan
Apr 16 8:00 a.m. Joanne Deiner
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Denis Coan
Apr 16 10:30 a.m. Cindy DeCoursey & Lisa DiLuzio
Extraordinary Minister: Pat Fronzaglia

Online giving

We encourage you to consider online giving, its easy and secure. Log on to the St. John/Holy Rosary website <https://stjohn-holyrosary-erie.org/> and click the 'Online Giving' tab. Enter your information and select from the drop-down list where your contribution is to be applied. If you've transitioned to online giving, call the church office to stop your custom envelopes. Thank you!

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

Women's Bible Study: Friendship

All women are invited to join a Women's Bible Study on "Friendship" Friday evenings in May at St. John the Baptist. The dates are May 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and includes a meal. Suggested donation \$10. To register contact Deacon Denis Coan at 814-314-9050 or Julie Sins at 814-384-1412.

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 **April 13 & 27 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 **April 13 & 27 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.

Faith Journey

Congratulations and welcome! We are pleased to welcome Christal Ross and Isabella Estrada into our Church and our parishes! They completed their faith journey when they received Sacraments of Initiation and marriage blessings at the Easter Vigil. We are proud and joyful to welcome them to our parish family!

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.

Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary Partnered Parishes Pastoral Council is **Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the (Mercy Anchor Community Center) MACC conference room.

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