

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 7, 2016

## Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—9:00 am

Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30am. Or by appointment.

## Office Hours for SJB/HT

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him." Just when business was finally booming, Simon and Company closed up shop. The timing was strange, really. After a lifetime of fishing to make a living, these men had just hauled in so many fish that "their nets were tearing" and "the boats were in danger of sinking." Just imagine the profit on the other side of this night's work! Just imagine how their reputation would have grown. How easy it would have been to go out and buy a new fleet of boats and to upgrade their stash of nets. Most likely for the first time, wealth was within reach.

And yet, just then, Simon, James, and John left their boats on the shore and followed Jesus in the task of "catching men." This is astonishing. Not only did they give up their sudden monetary success, they gave up EVERYTHING. In a moment's time, these men radically altered their life, their plans, their future, and their fortune. And civilization has never been the same since.

Thanks in large part to the courage of these first apostles, and of their successors the bishops, and of all the faithful men and women religious throughout history who have "left everything and followed him," our church has continued to flourish and our culture has been greatly enhanced. Those of us who are members of the laity are likewise called to follow Christ, of course. The tremendous sacrifices that priests and religious sisters make should inspire us, and remind us that serving Christ-at any cost-is worth it. Their lives stand as a powerful witness indeed. Today, let us pause to thank God for these men and women and to ask his blessing on them all.

## SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

**Temporary Administrator** Father Daniel Caruso **Office Assistant** Mary Olmsted

**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

**Religious Education** Catherine Mackey

**Organist** Melissa Berthelot

**Cantor** Jonathan Howell

**Call the Rectory to arrange** for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist and cantor directly. Baptisms and hospital/home visits.

**Lenten Baked Fish Dinners**  
**Fridays 4:00-7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center**  
**February 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18**  
**Adults \$8.00/Children (5-12) \$4.00**  
**Dinner includes two sides, roll & dessert**  
**Fries, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans**  
**Additional sides \$1.50**  
**Fish Sandwich w/side \$5.00**  
**Toasted Cheese Sandwich \$2.00**  
**New England Clam Chowder \$1.50 bowl**  
**Soda \$1.00**



**Saturday, Feb. 13th and Sunday, Feb. 14th**  
**LECTORS:**

**4:00PM ~ Owen Donovan**  
**9:00AM ~ Mary Barraco**

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano**  
**9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith, Grace Piazza**

**EUCCHARIST:**

**4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano, R. Bartorillo, T. Bartorillo, G. Larkin, M.A. Bergamo**  
**9:00AM ~ M.E. Cusano, J. Mott, P. Schramm, C. Horton, M. Piazza, R. Warren, Michael Dykeman**



### Faith Formation News

Reminder that February 28 will be our Lenten retreat & workshop from 10-12:30. All students in grades 2-Confirmation should be in attendance. The

Pre-K/Kindergarten class will not attend. We will be focusing on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, as we tie that into the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

### Sharing The Gospel

Jesus was powerful enough to control the fish in the sea! Peter caught no fish by himself one night. With Jesus' help, Peter caught more fish than his boat could carry. When Peter saw what Jesus did, he was afraid. How would you feel?



### Prayer

Dear God, your power is so amazing!

### Something to Draw

Draw fish swimming into Peter's net.

### Mission for the Week

With your parents, try turning on a lamp while it isn't plugged in. It doesn't work, does it? That's how we need to be plugged in to God, to do his work. Without him, what we try will never work.



### A Family Perspective

#### Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to go further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!



### 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time

We're just a few days from the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is this week, and with it we will enter into forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Catholic parishes do all sorts of things to make Lent a special time. There's Bible study, days of reflection, and retreats. There are faith-sharing groups and Stations of the Cross, extra times for prayer and the celebration of the sacrament of penance. During Lent we try to empty ourselves of sin and evil and make room in our hearts so that we can be filled with the love of God and our neighbor.

This Sunday's Gospel is a perfect pre-Lenten text. After all, how many parishes host fish fries or meatless dinners on the Fridays of Lent? All those fish have to come from somewhere! Of course, the great catch of fish in the Gospel is not about our Lenten fasting and abstaining from meat on Friday. Simon and James and John had no idea that there would ever be a season called Lent. They were fishermen going about their daily tasks. As Jesus makes clear, the miracle of the great number of fish is a metaphor about the growth of the community of believers.

That is what Lent is all about too. During Lent we pray strenuously for those who will plunge into the waters of baptism at the Easter Vigil. These men and women are the concrete signs of the growth of our community. But our penitential disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are not for ourselves alone. Through our actions others should be able to see how much we love God and love our neighbor. In that way, what we do during Lent acts as the net that we cast out into the sea of the world, bringing others closer to Christ because they are caught up in God's love by the example we share. Lent is a time to cast out into the deep.

### A Book Club Starting

We are starting a Book Club here at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. Our first book will be "**The Name of God is Mercy**", by Pope Francis. We plan on meeting every 5-6 weeks to discuss our reading and we will be gathering in the rectory. Please join us for learning, fellowship, and fun. If you are interested, please contact Catherine Mackey at [catmac@verizon.net](mailto:catmac@verizon.net) or 478-0916. Date and time of our first meeting will be determined soon. Please let me know if you'd like to join us.



### Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2015 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, email us at [nbergeson@syrdio.org](mailto:nbergeson@syrdio.org), fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention "Nancy".

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## Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Sat. - Feb. 6, 2016 - 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - Frank J. Mott - Carol & Ed McGuire  
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

**P/P 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - Feb. 7, 2016 - 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**P/P 8:00 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Josephine Cerio - Rosemary Lane  
Antonietta Bovenzi - The Capria Family  
Robert E. Lennon - The Capria Family

**P/P 10:30 am**

**Mon. - Feb. 8, 2016 - Sts. Jerome Emiliani  
& Josephine Bakhita, virgin**

**12:00 Noon** - Edmund Preston - The Mnich

**Tues. - Feb. 9, 2016**

**12:00 Noon** - Tim Walker - The Family

**Wed. - Feb. 10, 2016 - Ash Wednesday**

**9:00 am - P/P**

**12:15 - P/P**

**5:30 pm - SJB/HT**

**Thurs. - Feb. 11, 2016 - Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Fri. - Feb. 12, 2016**

**9:00 am - Mass P/P followed by Stations**

**11:30 am - Confession**

**12:00 Noon** - Angelo Paparo - Ed & Karin Airel

**6:30 pm Benediction 7:00 pm Stations**

**Sat. - Feb. 13, 2016 - 1st Sunday of Lent**

**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - For The People

**P/P 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - Feb. 14, 2016 - 1st Sunday of Lent**

**P/P 8:00 am**

**9:00 am** - For The People

**P/P 10:30 am**



**Serving Our Country** Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Ben Saucier, Rob Smith and Bryan M. Oakes.**

**Remember:** Christopher Aldrich, Judy Banky, Albert Bleskoski, Antonietta Briggs, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Mike Cannavino, Robert Capria, Paul Collins, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Direnzo, Norma Foody, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Jim Gouchie, Gladys Graham, Jeanne Hammond, Alan "Butch" Hierholzer, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Carolyn Longo, Joanne Loughney, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Bernice McClelland, Carol McGuire, David Miccinelli, Peggy Miccinelli, Helen Mnich, Darlene Noyes, Shelby Ohstrom, Jean Pad-den, Nancy Pompo, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Sister Theresa Thayer IHM, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco, Pat Wall and Eileen Weir.



**Sun. Feb. 7** Group 4 Money Counters

**Sun. Feb. 14** Group 1 Money Counters

**Sun. Feb. 21** Group 2 Money Counters

**Sun. Feb. 28** Group 3 Money Counters

**Wed. Feb. 10** Ash Wednesday 5:30PM Mass SJB/HT  
9:00AM & 12:15 P/P

**Thurs. Feb. 11** Parish Life Meeting 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center

**Fri. Feb. 12, 19, 26** Baked Fish Dinners

**Fri. Mar. 4, 11, 18** 4:00-7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Wed. Feb. 24** Catholic Golden Agers  
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

## Sunday Collection Feb. 6th & 7th

Regular Envelope collection .....\$3,089.01

Loose collection.....\$486.72

Fuel collection.....\$85.00



## From The All Faiths Food Pantry

The volunteers and clients of All Faiths Food Pantry want to thank the parishioners of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters Church's for their donation of \$ 1,157 at the Thanksgiving Mass. It is the generosity of our parish family that makes it possible for us to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. God Bless !

## In some languages, the period before Easter is called "forty days." Where did Lent get its name?



Many names used in the church for prayers, feasts, and liturgies have interesting histories. History, language, and the adaptation of secular things for religious purposes often influenced how something got its name. Greek and Latin hold a primary, though not exclusive, influence. In the case of Lent, it was a combination of language and history that influenced its English name.

The word Lent comes from the Middle English word "Lenten," which means spring, and it did not have any religious meaning. Since Easter was celebrated in late spring, the time before it was designated as a time of preparation. Lent was not always forty days however. In the early church, it was just a few days, and was later extended to a few weeks. By the time of the Council of Nicaea, in 325, Lent was forty days, most likely because of the length of time that Jesus spent in the desert to prepare for his public ministry. The early Greek word for Lent meant forty days. It was then translated into Latin, and on to the Romance languages (derived from Latin): Italian, Spanish, French, etcetera. Spring's association with the time of Easter had a greater influence in our language, and the Middle English word "Lenten" became Lent as the time more connected to preparation before Easter.



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