

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 14, 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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The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*"

- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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1st Sunday Of Lent

"The devil said to him... 'All this will be yours, if you worship me.'" Jesus faced temptation, like we all do. His forty-day fast in the desert wasn't full of supernatural consolation and delight. He was subject to "every temptation" and when the forty days were over, "he was hungry." In other words, he was human. Jesus' divine nature didn't cancel out his human nature. He faced struggles just like we do--both physical and spiritual--in his body and his soul.

As we see in today's Gospel, the strategy Jesus used to fight these physical and spiritual battles was to immerse himself in God's word. To silence the devil during this fast, Jesus quoted Scripture. He rooted himself in these eternal truths, relying upon them in his moments of trial. And these sacred words had a dramatic effect. Every time Satan tried to seduce him with a new promise, Jesus responded with a Bible verse. And each time, Satan was silenced and had to try a new angle. Finally, when all the devilish angles had been tried, "the devil departed from him for a time." Jesus won the victory using the weapon of God's word.

As we enter into the season of Lent, we can be armed in the same way. We now embark upon a battle against our own pride, sloth, and greed as we commit to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ultimately, we are working to put God first, instead of bowing down to our selfishness and our desire for comfort. The devil would like nothing more than to see us "worship" him in these ways. But, instead, let's be equipped to proclaim--and to live--the words Jesus himself used: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

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.



Saturday, Feb. 20th and Sunday, Feb. 21st

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ John Normoyle
9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski



ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano
9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo,
Luis & Aleda Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, L. Weir, P. Serio, F. Sanzone,
L. Sanzone, G. Larkin, R. Bartorillo
9:00AM ~ M.E. Cusano, E. Warren, Michael Dykeman,
Michele Dykeman, K. Fekete, R. Elderbroom, J. Barraco,



Faith Formation News

THE FAITH FORMATION KIDS NEED YOUR HELP!

We are collecting the following items for a service project that we will be doing on February

28: small water bottles, granola bars or snack bars, large unused white socks, small packages of baby wipes or handi wipes and candy or candy bars. Please drop the items off at the rectory, in the sacristy after the 4:00 mass or to Catherine Mackey after the 9:00 mass. Thank you for your help!

There will be no classes this weekend. Classes will resume next weekend. Feb 28 will be the Lenten workshop/retreat from 10-12:30. All students, 2nd grade through Confirmation, are expected to attend.

Sharing The Gospel

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted - food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what God wanted.



Prayer

Dear God, help me not to be selfish. Help me to be more like Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw Jesus praying to God in the desert.

Mission for the Week

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God's work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

1st Sunday of Lent

In negotiating with Shylock for a loan of three thousand ducats in Shakespeare's play, The Merchant of Venice, the merchant Antonio turns to his friend Bassanio and says, "Mark you this, Bassanio, / The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose" (Act 1, Scene 3). Antonio's intent is to show that, while Shylock is a smooth talker, his words possess an underlying evil intent. As the play unfolds, this becomes clearer when Shylock demands the penalty for Antonio's default on the debt: a pound of his flesh. We all know the clever manner in which Antonio is freed from the bond of his payment.

The words Shakespeare puts on Antonio's lips owe much to today's Gospel. The first popular English translation of the Bible was published just some sixty years before The Merchant of Venice was written, and so a version of the text we hear from Luke this Sunday was still relatively new to people's ears. When Jesus quotes Scripture to the devil in the temptation scene, the devil himself takes up the challenge and quotes it back in a kind of tit for tat. "The devil can cite Scripture for his own purpose."

As we enter into Lent, those words might serve as a reminder to us to be rigorous about the examination we undertake of ourselves during these forty days. If the devil can turn good to his own evil ends, how easy can it be for us to let evil and wickedness creep into our lives? But the goodness of God is stronger than any darkness that may lurk in our hearts. To cast out that darkness, we must bring it into the light and acknowledge that we sin. Whether our sinfulness is grave, or merely miniscule, this Lent is the time for us to turn back to God with all our hearts. We cannot let ourselves be fooled. Goodness alone is what we seek.



New Book Club Starting

We will have our first get together to discuss the book, The Name of God is Mercy, by Pope Francis, on March 29 at 6:30 in the rectory. All are welcome!

Please have the book read and be ready to discuss for our first meeting. Call Catherine Mackey at 478-0916 or email at cmackey@syrdio.org with any questions or to RSVP.

Contribution Statements

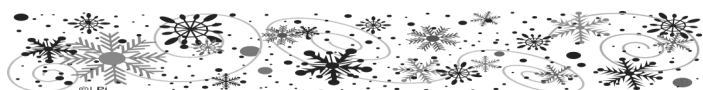
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PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.

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Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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
SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People
P/P 10:30 am

Mon. - Feb. 15, 2016
12:00 Noon - Mary DiFulvio - The Family

Tues. - Feb. 16, 2016
12:00 Noon - Raymond Mnich - The Family

**Wed. - Feb. 17, 2016 - The Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order**

Thurs. - Feb. 18, 2016

Fri. - Feb. 19, 2016
9:00 am - Mass P/P followed by Stations
11:30 am - Confession
12:00 Noon -
7:00 pm Benediction and Stations

Sat. - Feb. 20, 2016 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Raffaele DeMichele - Wife & Children
Giuseppe & Mario DeMichele - The Family
Filomena & Pietro Adelina - Mr. & Mrs. Mazza
P/P 4:00 pm

Sun. - Feb. 21, 2016 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
P/P 8:00 am
9:00 am - Salvatore Noto - Vincent & Rosa Campanino
Josephine Ciero - The Pelcher Family
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 Drenzo, 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.



Lenten Baked Fish Dinners
Fridays 4:00-7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
February 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



Sun. Feb. 14 Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Feb. 21 Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. Feb. 28 Group 3 Money Counters

Fri. Feb. 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. 13th & 14th

Regular Envelope collection\$4,865.01
Loose collection\$593.00
Fuel collection\$482.01



Bishop Grimes

As we prepare to celebrate 50 years of educating young men and women in 2016, we are humbled that our parents, grandparents, trustees, faculty, staff and friends of Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School join together, in acts of generosity, by donating to the Bishop Grimes Annual Fund. This past year, through our donors' generous support, we were able to improve our facilities, upgrade our information technology, and assist many students with financial needs. We owe our supporters heartfelt thanks for their gracious and generous actions. They have truly made a difference in our students' lives. On behalf of our school community, we thank you for honoring Bishop Grimes' mission by supporting its future with a gift to the Annual Fund. Please visit our website to provide your gift via credit card, www.bishopgrimes.org, or send your gift to: Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School, Attn: Annual Fund, 6653 Kirkville Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057.

Christ The King Retreat Center

500 Brookford Rd.

446-2680 for information or reservation

Conversation Series Thursday, March 10 - 7:00-8:30PM
with Howard Dolgon, Owner of the Syracuse Crunch Hockey Team, "Why I Think Investing in Syracuse is a Hat Trick". Free will offering.

Lenten Day of Prayer Tuesday, March 15 - 10:00am-3:00pm
join in a day of prayer and reflection with Bishop Emeritus Howard Hubbard of the Albany Catholic Diocese. "Walk the Road of Lent during the Jubilee Year of Mercy". Offering: \$35 includes lunch.



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