

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 6, 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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**"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.'**

**But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a**

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## 4th Sunday Of Lent

"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" Jesus crossed lines that weren't supposed to be crossed. He talked to women in public, touched the "unclean" to heal them, and chummed it up with tax collectors and sinners. This didn't make sense. It didn't fit into the standard categories. And so the religious leaders began to complain.

In response to this, Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son. Through this story, he illustrated that God loves all of his children even when they have not behaved perfectly. But more than this, the tale also deals with the resentment of the older son--the one who always followed the law. Like the self-righteous Pharisees and scribes, the older brother complained. "All these years I served you," the son said, "and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends." But how does the father respond? "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours." In other words, the older brother had no reason to complain or be angry. He already enjoyed all good gifts. The father simply wanted him to rejoice that his brother had returned home. "He was lost and has been found."

It's important for those of us who attend Mass regularly, participate in the sacraments, and serve in our parishes not to fall into the trap of being like the bitter older brother or the complaining Pharisees. We must welcome everyone in our midst with joy, not resentment or judgment. It can be easy to think that others don't deserve as much as we do, and to forget to be grateful for all that we have. But we are ALL called to "celebrate and rejoice" when the lost return home.

## SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

**Temporary Administrator** Father Daniel Caruso

**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

**Religious Education** Catherine Mackey

**Office Assistant** Mary Olmsted

**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

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, March 12th and Sunday, March 13th

### LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Lori Weir

9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe



### ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith, Grace Piazza

### EUCARIST:

4:00PM ~ L. Weir, F. Sanzone, L. Sanzone, M.E. Cusano,

M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin, T. Bartorillo

9:00AM ~ J. Barraco, R. Elderbroom, E. Warren, L. Argiro,

M. Piazza, C. Horton, F. Brimfield



## SJB/HT News

**Parish News ... Our Lady of Pompie/St. Peters** is taping Mass for the Shut-Ins for Easter on Friday, March 11 in their Church from 10:00-11:00AM. All are welcome to attend and be a part of this Mass.

... **March 16** the rectory will be closed for business as we will be attending a workshop for the office staff.

... **Those pennies from Heaven** you should know we do collect, roll and deposit the change. This past week two parishioners donated jars of their own saved pennies plus the Church jars and we rolled and deposited \$73.50 in pennies alone. So find a penny, pick it up and drop it into a jar! They do add up.

## Faith Formation News

Last weekend, we had our Lenten retreat/workshop. The children heard letters from Pope Francis' book, "Dear Pope Francis; the Pope Answers Letters from Children Around the World," made Pope Francis bags, learned about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, made "candles" for residents of a nursing home, made Blessing Bags for the homeless, and went to confession with Father Dan. We also had Mercy Pizza; pizza that is imperfect, but with God's mercy is made whole again, and we had water to drink, to symbolize the waters of baptism, which wash away sin, as well. It was a fun, faith filled day.

Don't forget that the new book club is starting on March 29 at 6:30 in the rectory. The first book will be, "The Name of God is Mercy," by Pope Francis. Call or email Catherine Mackey for details.



The month of February we laid to rest from our  
Parish Family;  
Micheal O'Kipney & Helen Passarelli.

Sun. Mar. 6 Group 4 Money Counters  
Sun. Mar. 13 Group 1 Money Counters  
Sun. Mar. 20 Group 2 Money Counters  
Sun. Mar. 27 Group 3 Money Counters



Mon. Mar. 6 Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Rectory  
Sat. Mar. 12 BUNKO 5:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center  
Thurs. Mar. 17 TNT Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center  
Wed. Mar. 23 Catholic Golden Agers Meeting 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center  
Tues. Mar. 29 Book Club Meeting 6:30PM SJB/HT Rectory  
Wed. Mar. 30 Catholic Golden Agers Meeting 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center



## 4th Sunday of Lent

Last October forecasts were predicting higher pork prices in the spring and summer, based on a larger than normal sow slaughter in the fall. Market analysts viewed the trend with some trepidation. They saw the greater than average weekly slaughter as a sign of some herd liquidation, a result attributed to the higher feed prices brought about by last summer's drought. With pork producers unwilling to foot the bill for the increased cost of feeding, there was a surge in animals brought to market. While consumers realized an initial benefit with lower prices in the fall and winter, the lack of feeder animals in the production pipeline means higher prices at the grocery store this spring. The Easter ham may be a little more expensive this year.

This weekend's Gospel is so familiar that most of us could probably relay the events the parable recounts by heart. The younger son ends up hiring himself out to a hog farmer, a particularly despicable trade in the cultural context of Jesus' time, since swine were considered unclean according to Jewish law. In his suffering the young man longed to eat the food that he was feeding to the pigs. He finally came to his senses, realizing that he needed to change his life. His profligate spending and former life of excess had brought him to a low point from which he needed to recover.

The economic situation of the past few years might serve as a reminder to all of us that life is more than a healthy bank account. A year ago spring, it looked like farmers would have a bumper crop. Then the drought came, affecting food prices and a lot more. Even when we think we have it all, we are still dependent. In the Gospel, the younger son turned back to his father in his need. The older son needed to turn back to his father because he had forgotten that he was always there.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the Gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?



## Sunday Collection Feb. 27th & 28th

Regular Envelope collection .....	\$4,187.25
Loose collection .....	\$376.50
Poor collection .....	\$259.00

## Mass Schedule for

### St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Sat. - Mar. 5, 2016 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - Anthony Matarazzo III - Mother, Yolanda  
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children  
Joan Dominic - Her Daughters  
Alfred Mastriano - Gloria & Children

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - Mar. 6, 2016 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

**OLP/SP 8:00 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Teresa Greenfield - The Family  
Alfred Mastriano, Sr. - Wife, Gloria  
Pasquale & Margherita DelVecchio -  
Anna Delvecchio & Family  
Anne Paris - The family

**OLP/SP 10:30 am**

**Mon. - Mar. 7, 2016 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs**

**12:00 Noon** - Marylou Preske - Bill & Sue Slack

**Tues. - Mar. 8, 2016 - St. John of God, religious**

**12:00 Noon** - For all those affected by Cancer

**Wed. - Mar. 9, 2016 - St. Francis of Rome, religious**

**Thurs. - Mar. 10, 2016**

**Fri. - Mar. 11, 2016**

**9:00 am - Mass OLP/SP followed by Stations**

**11:30 am** - Confession

**12:00 Noon** - Mrs. Josephine Corso - Daughter & Family

**7:00 pm Stations**

**Sat. - Mar. 12, 2016 - 5th Sunday of Lent**

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

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - Mar. 13, 2016 - 5th Sunday of Lent**

**OLP/SP 8:00 am**

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

**OLP/SP 10:30 am**



**Serving Our Country** Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **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 Padden, 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.



Pray for our sick ...

## Holy Week Schedule

**March 24, Holy Thursday;**

**9:00AM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters - morning prayer**

**7:30PM St. Johns/Holy Trinity Mass of the Lords Supper**

**St. Johns/Holy Trinity will remain open until**

**11:00PM for visitation.**

**March 25, Good Friday;**

**12:00 Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters Passion of the Lord**

**3:00PM St. Johns/Holy Trinity Passion of the Lord**

**7:00PM Stations St. Johns/Holy Trinity**

**March 26, At St. Johns/Holy Trinity**

**Blessing of the Easter Foods 12:00 Noon**

**Easter Vigil; 8:00PM At Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters**

**March 27, Easter Sunday;**

**8:00AM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters**

**9:00AM St. Johns/Holy Trinity**

**10:30AM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters**



## Liturgical Ministers For Holy Week

Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers, please look for the sign up sheets in the sacristy for Holy Week. Your help, as always, is very appreciated.

## Bunko Date - Sat. March 12

Anyone interested in playing Bunko with our group that meets approximately every 2 months in the SJB/HT Parish Center on Saturdays 5:00PM, please contact Betty Warren by Wed. March 9 for details. Phone is 420-6357 or email at [warrenbeliz@yahoo.com](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).

**PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it is important to the set up of the game. Next Bunko night is Sat., March 12th.**



Daylight Savings Time begins at 12:00AM, Sunday March 13th. Set your clocks ahead one hour and change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

## Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate in memory of your loved one(s) for the Easter Flowers at SJB/HT please fill out the slip below. All requests must be in by Monday, March 21, 2016 to be submitted into the Easter week bulletin. Checks should be made payable to St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. You may put your request into a separate envelope marked "Flowers" and put it into the collection basket or mailed. Do Not include this slip in your weekly contribution envelopes please.

**Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_



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