

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 13, 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 bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

5th Sunday Of Lent

"Then Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.'" To the woman caught in adultery, Jesus was literally a savior. She was about to suffer the death penalty, according to the law of Moses, but the Lord preserved her life. He did not pretend she was innocent or excuse her behavior. His protection was not the result of anything the woman did or said to earn his favor. Rather, his freely bestowed mercy became an opportunity for her conversion. He saved her and set her free—not only from the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees—but from her own destructive behavior. The woman's physical life was spared, and if she chose to follow Jesus' instruction to abandon sin, her spiritual life was also saved as a result of this dramatic encounter.

We also have access to this freedom. When he died on the cross for us, Jesus became our savior too. Instead of condemning us, he set us free from the power of sin. But like the woman in the Gospel, we have a choice to make. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to remove the "death penalty" for us, but we are the ones who decide whether or not we will "sin anymore." We decide whether we will be slaves to selfishness, lust, and envy or whether we will pursue a life of generosity, self-control, and peace. Jesus does everything he can for us, short of taking our will captive. We, finally, have to decide: will I follow the path of Jesus, who has saved me, by resolving to sin no more? Or will I depart from my savior, and return to the same old self-destructive patterns?

The holy season of Lent is made to assist us in our decision to repent and to change for the better. There is no better time than now to sincerely resolve to begin anew.

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.

Final Baked Fish Dinner

The final dinner is Friday, March 18 from 4:00 - 7:00PM in the SJB/HT Parish Center.



Saturday, March 19th Vigil Palm Sunday and Sunday, March 20th Palm Sunday

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Sue Retschle, Cathy Schotthoefer, Pat Campagna

9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy, Mary Barraco, John Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis & Aleda Guerrero, Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, P. Serio, M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin, R. Bartorillo, T. Bartorillo, R. Copani

9:00AM ~ M. Piazza, P. Schramm, K. Fekete, J. Mott, Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, E. Warren, L. Argiro



Faith Formation News

The children have enjoyed giving out their Blessing Bags to the homeless and needy, under the supervision of a family member or trusted adult. They have had a lot to say about how it makes them feel to help others. If you'd like to make a Blessing Bag, the items I included are: a water bottle, a granola or breakfast bar, candy hearts, a pack of tissues, a pack of wipes, and a pair of white socks.

The next Confirmation class will be on March 19 from 3-5 in the rectory. The Confirmation class also is to meet at the Cathedral at 6:50 for the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 22. The First Communion class is to be at Holy Thursday mass, no later than 7:15. There will be NO CLASSES on Palm Sunday or Easter.



Sharing The Gospel

When we do something wrong, God does not want to punish us. God just wants us to stop, learn from our mistake, and make better choices next time. Try to remember that the next time you catch a friend sinning. Instead of tattling, talk to your friend, and gently help your friend do what is right.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be kind to my friends when they make mistakes. Help me remember that sometimes I make bad choices, too.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus right next to you, helping you after you have done something wrong.

Mission for the Week

Name one thing you have done wrong. Jesus can forgive you for your mistakes. Try to forgive other people, too.

Sunday Collection Mar. 5th & 6th

Regular Envelope collection	\$5,096.01
Loose collection	\$
Poor collection	\$673.01
Catholic Relief collection	\$173.00

Sun. Mar. 13 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Mar. 20 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Mar. 27 Group 3 Money Counters



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



5th Sunday of Lent

In the 2012 film *Smashed*, which won the US Dramatic Special Jury Prize for Independent Film Producing at the Sundance Film Festival, Mary Elizabeth Winstead plays Kate, a young wife who struggles to get sober. She and her husband (played by Aaron Paul) like having a good time. But when her partying spirals downward, Kate fears that her job as an elementary school teacher is at risk and she needs deal with her alcoholism. The film chronicles Kate's (and her husband's) attempts to achieve sobriety, even as she discovers that her past can deeply affect her future.

The woman in the Gospel is unexpectedly brought before Jesus today. She is exposed in front of everyone. Here she is, being confronted with shame, and sin, and all the condemnation that the indignant elders could heap upon her. Jesus points out to her accusers their own shortcomings, and in light of that, they all fade away. She is left before him alone, and he admonishes her to avoid sin in the future.

While alcoholism is understood to be a disease and not so much a moral failing, there is human suffering that can be fallout from such an affliction. That's why one of the Twelve Steps in Alcoholics Anonymous is to be willing to make amends to all persons that have been harmed. Making amends is also part of the sacrament of penance. When confessing our sins, there is the expectation that we will have to make some sort of restitution. That's what real penance is: an amendment, that is, a correction of one's life. We've spent part of Lent examining our lives and assessing where we have failed in living according to God's will. Like Kate in the movie, maybe we've had a sudden moment of insight. Or maybe we've just come to the realization of what we need to correct. Now is the time for us to confess, to do penance, and to be reconciled to God and neighbor.

SJB/HT Book Club

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



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's Gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!



Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Mar. 14, 2016

12:00 Noon - Edmund Preston - The Mnich Family

Tues. - Mar. 15, 2016

12:00 Noon - For the homeless and hungry of our community

Wed. - Mar. 16, 2016

Thurs. - Mar. 17, 2016 - St. Patrick, bishop

**Fri. - Mar. 18, 2016 - St. Cyrill of Jerusalem,
bishop & doctor of the Church**

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

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 Noon - Charles Barry - Nettie Gullowaty

7:00 pm Stations

Sat. - Mar. 19, 2016 - Vigil - Palm Sunday

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Steve P. Taddeo - Wife, Peg

Alfred Mastriano, Sr. - Diana & John DeSimone

Donald Bleskoski - Ed & Carol McGuire

Michael Salanger - Mary Salanger

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Mar. 20, 2016 - Palm Sunday

OLP/SP 8:00 am

9:00 am - Salvatore Noto - Joe & Missy Campanino

The Deceased members of the Loperfido Family - The Family

Louis & Enrica Cellini - Mary Cellini

Peter Cellini - Mary Cellini

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, 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.

Sign-Up sheets for Holy Thursday visitation at SJB/HT also

can be found in the sacristy. Visitation is directly after the Mass of the Lords Supper until 11:00PM.

Time can be whenever you are available, but sheets will be for half hour visits.



The Sanctuary Lamp

will burn in memory of

Hannah P. Markert

Requested by

The Family

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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