

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 27, 2016

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—9:00 am

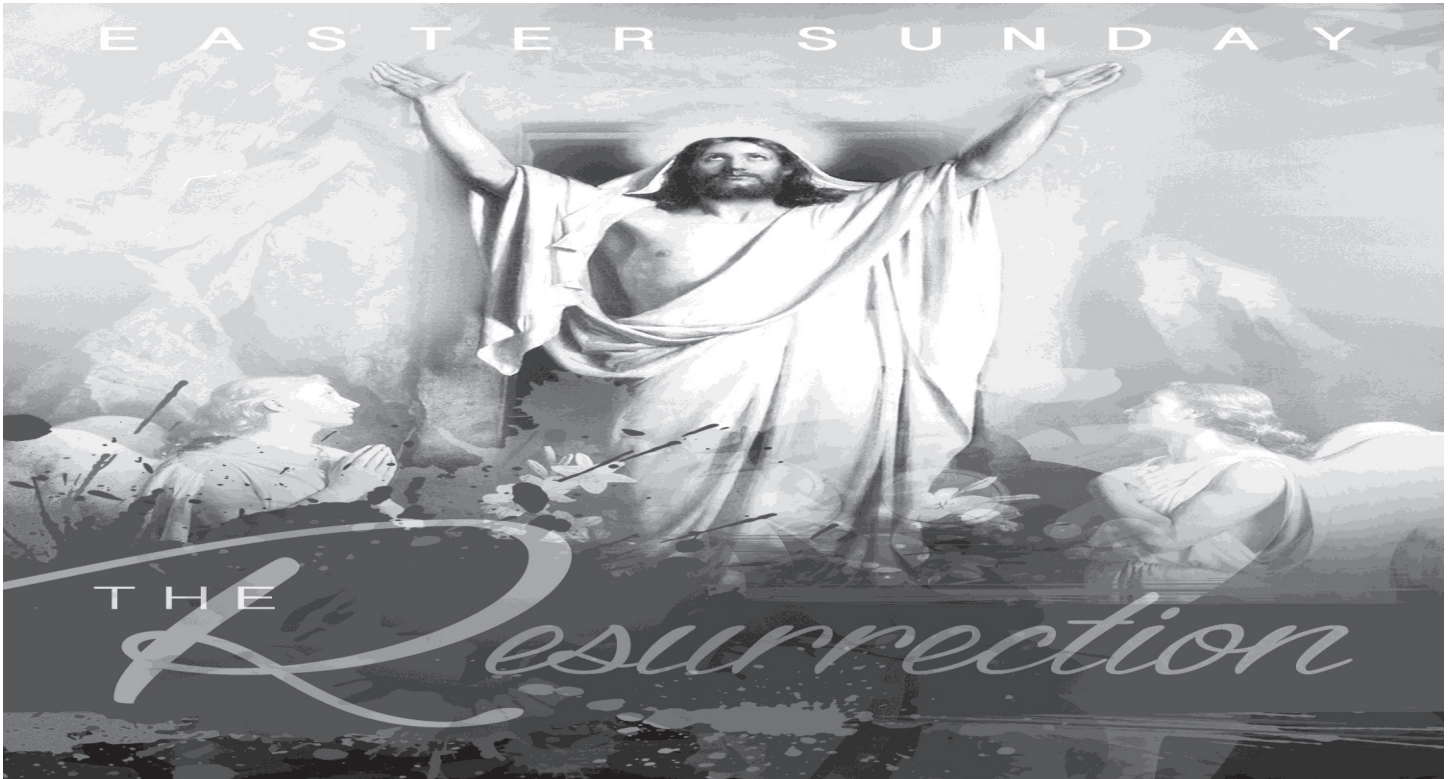
Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30am. Or by appointment.

Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Easter Sunday

"But Peter got up and ran to the tomb." Peter was unique in this response to the news of Jesus' resurrection. The other apostles disregarded the reports from the women who had seen the empty tomb and heard the angels because "their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them." But Peter took action. He got up and ran to see the evidence and "went home amazed at what had happened."

On this Easter day, we have a choice to make. We too have heard a remarkable report. We have been told that two thousand years ago, a man named Jesus defeated death and rose from the grave. To many people in today's world, this sounds like nonsense, just like it did when it first happened. Some would like to dismiss the story entirely as a myth at best, or an outright lie at worst. Others try to spiritualize the miracle, suggesting that the Resurrection narrative is a story that is meant to symbolize the power of God, but whether or not Jesus actually rose from the dead is irrelevant. Finally, there are those who simply believe--those who, with Peter, make an act of faith and choose to take the Gospel literally.

This of course is the Christian way. It was not the Crucifixion that brought confidence to the early followers of Christ; it was the Resurrection. This momentous event has always made all the difference! We will only water down our faith if we reduce Easter to anything other than a true miracle. But to accept it as such will bolster our faith. As St. Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." This Easter, may we experience the great joy of new life in the risen Christ.

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.

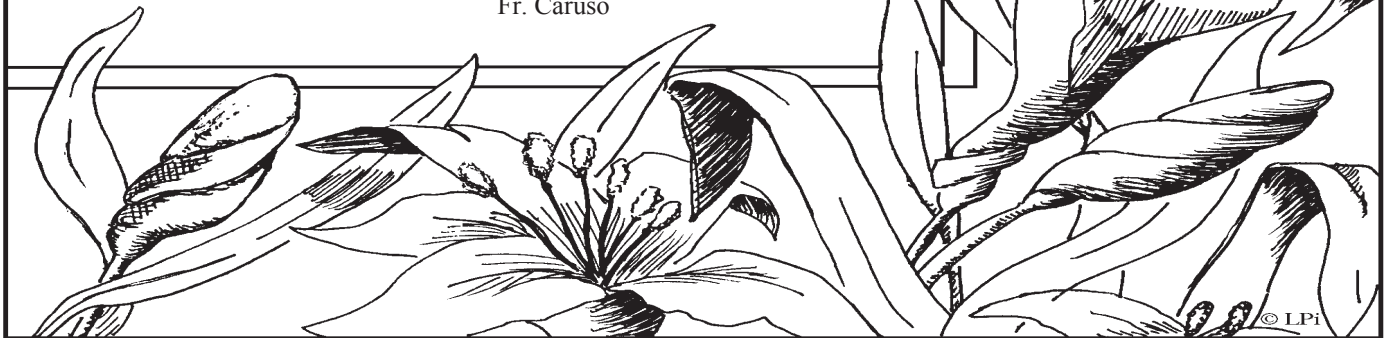
Dear Parishioners,
 Christ has Risen, Alleluia! This is the joyous message proclaimed throughout the world today. Christ, once crucified, has been raised; sin and death have been defeated; our salvation has been won. This is the cause of our celebration today and throughout the fifty days of the Easter season. It is my prayer that each of us, as we gather for the Eucharist, will be moved by the awesome mystery that we celebrate. Christ's triumphant victory over sin and death must be something we rejoice in, not just at Church, but also with the very living of our lives. If we believe what we say about the true meaning of Easter, then we must proclaim the Good News to others. We are called to share the joy and majesty of our Easter celebrations with the world around us.

We can't share with others the Good News of Easter if we separate our faith from the rest of our life or if the Resurrection embarrasses us. Those of Eastern European decent may remember the traditional Easter greeting, "Christ is Risen", to which the reply is, "Indeed He has Risen." How comfortable would we be in greeting those we meet, friend and stranger alike, with these words? Perhaps we would be afraid they would think we were crazy. Perhaps we would think it inappropriate, in our secular world, to use such a greeting. However, if we truly believe what we say, what more powerful and joyous greeting could we offer? The resurrection is not something to be embarrassed about. Indeed, it is the one source of hope for all humanity. Let us commit ourselves today to share that Good News with each other and with the world around us.

On Behalf of Mary & Petey the Wonder-Puppies, the staff and myself, I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter. May the Risen Lord continue to pour forth His Grace upon us all.

Don't forget, Christ is Risen.

In the peace of the Risen Christ,
 Fr. Caruso



Saturday, April 2nd & Sunday, April 3rd

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ Mary Barraco

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton, P. schramm, M. Piazza,
 R. Warren, L. Argiro, Michael Dykeman

Faith Formation News

There are no classes this weekend due to Easter.

Happy Easter!



Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting for the first time this week. Please join us on Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 in the rectory. If you have any questions, please email or call Catherine Mackey.



"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and halleluiah is our song." — Pope St. John Paul II



During the month of March, we laid to rest from our parish family; **Olive Reichel and Louis Georgianna.**

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

Sat. - Mar. 26, 2016 - Vigil - Easter Sunday
SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Blessing of Easter Food SJB/HT
OLP/SP 8:00 pm

Sun. - Mar. 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday
OLP/SP 8:00 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People
OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Mar. 28, 2016
12:00 Noon - Edmund Preston - The Mnich family

Tues. - Mar. 29, 2016
12:00 Noon - For all Cancer patients and survivors

Wed. - Mar. 30, 2016

Thurs. - Mar. 31, 2016

Fri. - April 1, 2016
11:30 am - Confessions
12:00 Noon - For an end to all violence in the world

Sat. - April 2, 2016 - 2nd Sunday of Easter
SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Joseph Gangemi - Wife & Children
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children
Anthony Sansone - The Family
Nina DiPaola - The Family
OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - April 3, 2016 - 2nd Sunday of Easter
OLP/SP 8:00 am
9:00 am - Bennie R. Sobon, Jr. - The Family
Oliverio & Teresa Natale - Anna Delvecchio & Family
Peter Cellini - Mary Cellini
Maria Grazia Vigliotti - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano
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 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, 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.



Sun. Mar. 27 Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. April 3 Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. April 10 Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. April 17 Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. April 24 Group 3 Money Counters

Tues. Mar. 29 Book Club Meeting 6:30PM SJB/HT Rectory
Sun. April 3 Spring Breakfast 8:00-12:00 Noon
SJB/HT Parish Center

Mon. April 4 Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Rectory

Thurs. April 14 Parish Life Committee 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Thurs. April 21 TNT Neighborhood Watch Group 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. April 27 Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Sunday Collection Mar. 19th & 20th

Regular Envelope collection \$3,708.25
Loose collection \$724.65



Spring Vacation Bible Camp

St. Margaret's School 201 Roxboro Rd. 455-5791

Think Spring If you are interested in sending your child/children to our spring Vacation Bible Camp, we will provide a full day at \$37 or half day at \$18. Full day is 7:00-5:00pm and you must bring your own lunch and half is 7:00-12:00 noon an afternoon snack and drink will be provided. The camp will have arts and crafts, games, bible lesson and music. Camp is April 25-29. Call Donna Skrocki for further information or concerns.

Sharing The Gospel

It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!



Prayer

God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.

Something to Draw

Draw how surprised Peter and John were when they saw Jesus' empty tomb.

Mission for the Week

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at:
<http://homehearth.virtualave.net/rescookie.html>.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" and "they believed!" Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children.



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