

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 3, 2016

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—9:00 am

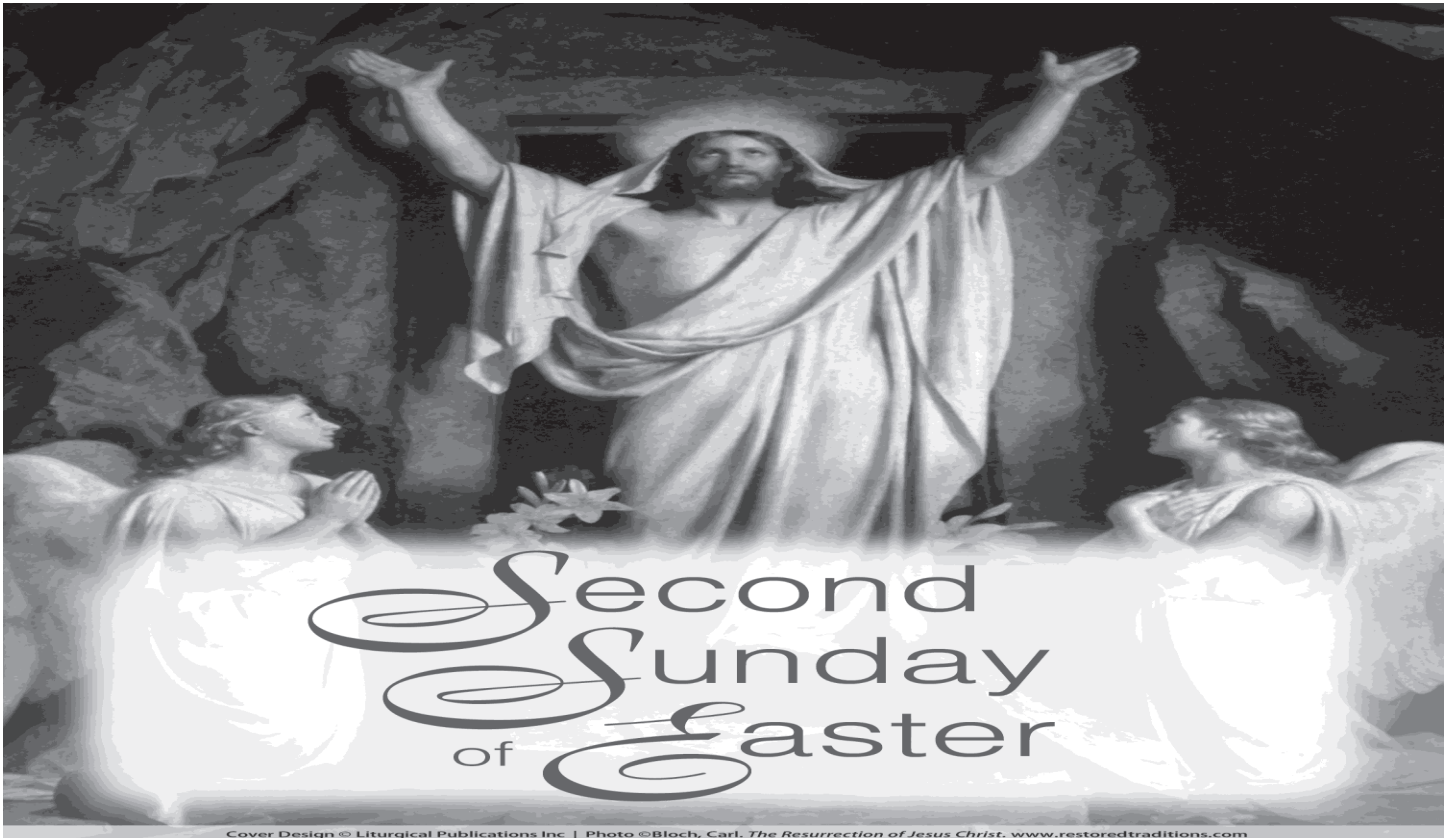
Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30am. Or by appointment.

Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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2nd Sunday Of Easter

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The disciples were paralyzed by fear. After the Crucifixion, they had locked themselves in a room and were keeping a low profile. They didn't want to end up how Jesus had ended up. But the Lord stepped right into this paranoia and dispelled it in an instant: "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

Although these first Christians were very concerned about preserving their lives, the fact is that living holed up in an attic wasn't a life of much freedom or joy. Jesus wanted his followers to have the fullness of life, but this required trust in him and his promises. As today's Gospel puts it, through the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, "you may have life in his name." When we come to really accept who Jesus is, there is no more need for a life of slavery to fear--whatever that fear may be, whether it's fear for our health; fear for our reputation; fear for our comfort; or even fear that our sins are too big for forgiveness.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we remember that God's love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration of this, the Year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others. The Holy Father continues with a challenge for all of us, "Jesus asks us also to forgive and to give. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God."

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.



Bunko Date - Sat. April 16

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. April 13 for details. Phone is 420-6357 or email at warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.

PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it is important to the set up of the game. Next Bunko night is Sat. April 16!

Book Club Update

The Book Club has been rescheduled and will now meet on April 13 at 6:30. There's still time to join!



Faith Formation News

Classes resume this Sunday. Confirmation class will be next Saturday, April 9 from 3-5 in the rectory.

Sharing The Gospel

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were afraid people would want to hurt them, too. They stayed together in a room and locked the door. Then Jesus came to his friends, to show them he was really alive again. Jesus changed their fear into gladness. Have you ever been so afraid that you just wanted to hide? Remember that Jesus is with you when you are afraid, too.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for being with me when I am afraid.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus next to you when you are afraid.

Mission for the Week

I will talk to God whenever I am afraid.



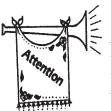
A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive on another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

Easter Season Joy

Join Bro. Mickey McGrath as he shares his paintings and the stories behind them in a delightful celebration of Easter season joy on Friday, April 15 from 6:30-9:00pm \$5.00 (refreshments included) or Saturday, April 16 from 10:00am-2:00pm \$15.00 (lunch included) at the Bishop Harrison Center, 1342 Lancaster Ave. Rediscover familiar saints and heroes from Gospel days to Pope Francis. Registration at faithformationevents.weebly.com.



Attention Maine's Shoppers

Maine's cash and carry has a great give back program that St. John's/Holy Trinity is a part of. When you sign up you are given a card that you present at the check out that the cashier will scan. **5% of EACH PURCHASE** is then donated to St. John's/Holy Trinity quarterly. There is no cost to you and sign up is easy. You can ask for a form at the service desk at the store in North Syracuse, visit www.Mainesource.net and go to non-profits, then give back program, and you can fill out the form and submit it online or contact the rectory as we have forms available.



Thank You To All Who Helped

Thank You to all who helped prepare SJB/HT for Holy Week and Easter. It was a very busy task to have our Church ready for so many different Masses and Services. So to our maintenance staff, flower decorators, altar preparers, liturgical ministers and to Fr. Dan, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You all.



For Helping With Fish Dinners

Thanks again to our faithful parishioners and parish friends, our Friday Lenten Fish Dinners were a great success. We prepared and served over 950 dinners. To all our volunteer workers, another job well done. To our Outreach ministry, Thanks for delivering over 90 meals to our parish homebound during this Lenten event. Again this year, we provided our Lenten menu to the Ihsan School during their lunch periods, lots of French fries and toasted cheese sandwich's. The children and staff are a very appreciative group. They wanted us to cook every Friday!



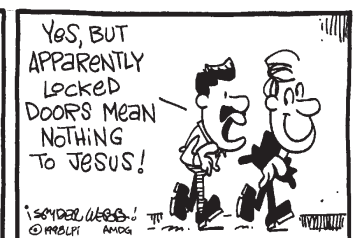
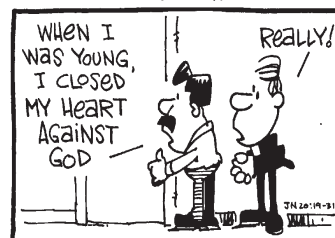
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During the Easter season this year, we will read from the Book of Revelation as the second reading. Revelation uses apocalyptic language, rich in symbolism, to describe experiences of the early Christian community near the end of the first century. In a time of persecution and distress, hyperbole was used as a literary convention to express the difficulties seen by the author, as brother turned against brother in the face of pressure to turn from the faith. The language of apocalyptic writing-so popular in the first century-was used to convey the extreme circumstances in which the church found itself. While the selections chosen for the Easter season provide a vision of hope, it is good to recognize that the hope they convey comes out of book written at a time when Christians found themselves under siege and threatened by Jewish leaders who were expelling them from the synagogues and Roman officials who were persecuting them as apostates.

And so, we begin today with a testimony from a man named John, incarcerated in a Roman penal colony, the island of Patmos. Biblical scholars tell us that this John is not the same person as the author of the fourth Gospel because the grammar and style of writing are so different. He may have been a disciple of John the Evangelist, or someone who was familiar with his work through the Johannine communities in Syria.

In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples who had sequestered themselves behind closed doors out of fear. He comes to give them hope. Though by a different author, the Book of Revelation presents the same theme: Jesus appears in order to give hope, to remind the faithful that he lives-an Easter message for today as well.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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
SJB/HT 9:00 am - Bennie R. Sobon, Jr. - The Family
 Peter Cellini - Mary Cellini
 Oliverio & Teresa Natale - Anna DelVecchio & Family
 Maria Grazia Vigliotti - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - April 4, 2016 - The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00 Noon - William Myers - Ed & Karin Airel

Tues. - April 5, 2016 - St. Vincent Ferrer, priest

12:00 Noon - All the homeless and less fortunate

Wed. - April 6, 2016

Thurs. - April 7, 2016 - St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest

Fri. - April 8, 2016

11:30 am - Confessions
12:00 Noon - Remember all those who are terminally ill

Sat. - April 9, 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People
OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - April 10, 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

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 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.



1st Banns of Marriage - Emily Klymkow and Greg Thackston

Saturday, April 9th & Sunday, April 10th

LECTORS:

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

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

EUCHARIST:

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



- 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
- Fri. April 1** Group 1 Altar Cleaning
- Fri. April 8** Group 2 Altar Cleaning
- Fri. April 15** Group 3 Altar Cleaning
- Fri. April 22** Group 4 Altar Cleaning
- Fri. April 29** Group 1 Altar Cleaning

- 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. 26th & 27th

Regular Envelope collection	\$2,277.01
Loose collection	\$689.11
Easter collection	\$2,632.00
Fuel collection	\$77.00
Poor collection	\$72.00
Religious Education collection	\$193.01
Holy Land-Good Friday collection	\$112.00
Holy Thursday collection	\$259.35

Living Through Loss



Tuesday, April 12 from 10:00AM-3:00PM

Christ The King Retreat House 500 Brookford Rd.

You may have lost a loved one through illness, death or divorce. Perhaps your loss is that of a pet, a job, a home, a special role which you can no longer fill. With that loss you may experience sadness, disbelief, pain, anger, guilt, depression and the sense of isolation in your grief. Managing life through grief may require support, understanding and care. You are welcome to attend this session on "Living With Loss" with Sr. Kathleen Osbelt, founder of Francis House and Coordinator of the Francis House Resource Center. Bring a friend. Come to gain some insights that may help you or someone you love through the experience of grief. Offering is \$30. For Reservations please call 315-446-2680, email us at ctkretreat@syrdio.org or register on our website at www.ctkretreat.com.

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