

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

406 Court Street Syracuse, NY 13208

Office (315) 478-0916 Fax 423-8096 Convent 422-2998

April 17, 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

E-mail - nbergeson@syrdio.org



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

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

4th Sunday Of Easter

"Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.'" How blessed we are to be the "sheep" of such a Good Shepherd! Jesus promises that "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." When we follow the voice of our Shepherd, he leads us exactly where we want to go. But, of course, it's up to us to make sure that we recognize this voice.

In today's culture, many voices are competing for our attention. The voice of the media is a loud one, entering our homes and families through television, the Internet, print materials, and so on. We are also more and more a culture whose ears are literally filled with the voices of our favorite singers and the sounds of our personal playlists--the sight of people marching through their day with earphones blocking out other sounds is now a common sight. All of this has its appropriate place. We simply need to be sure that we don't allow these voices to become the primary ones in our lives.

To hear the voice of Jesus, we need to encounter his word in the Bible where he speaks to us loud and clear. We need to fill our ears with the message of the Gospel, to listen attentively to the prayers and preaching at Mass, and to "tune in" to the teaching of the Church and of the Holy Father, which is easily available to anyone these days through those same media outlets mentioned above.

All of these things will help us to stay close to our Shepherd, and to avoid going astray into regions where we might get lost in spite of ourselves. Jesus promises of those who hear his voice and follow him that, "No one can take them out of my hand." When we stay near the Lord, we can rest assured that he will fulfill his promises.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

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.



Sharing The Gospel

Jesus loves you so much! He knows what makes you happy and what makes you sad. You are his precious child, and he wants to be close to you forever. Get to know Jesus by reading about him in your Bible. Find out what makes him happy. Learn how he loves people who need help, and try to follow his example.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to stay close to you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself reading a Bible storybook.

Mission for the Week

Every night before you go to bed, read from a Bible storybook. Ask God to help you love him more and more.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Today's Gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?



Earth Day and "Laudato Si"

Stewardship is an ethic that embodies the responsible planning and management of resources. The concepts of stewardship can be applied to the environment and nature, economics, health, property, information, theology, indeed, all aspects of life.

Responsible planning and management of resources. That is what we are called to do with the environment. Not only the natural environment, but also the man-made environment in which we live.

Pope Francis has made a compelling statement on the environment by saying that we are truly the masters of the environment and that we are called by God to protect it, not only for ourselves but also for those who live on the fringes of the community, those who have no voice.

In paragraph 13 of his encyclical, "Laudato Si," the pope says:

"The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage, and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest. Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded."

So as we move toward implementing the pope's vision of care for our common environmental heritage, let us keep each other in prayer as we protect and steward our mother earth.

Faith Formation News

There will be no classes next week due to April break.

Mark your calendars:

The next Confirmation class will be May 7 from 3:00-5:00PM.

May Crowning will be May 8 at 10:00AM. All are welcome!

May 8 will be the final class day for all students.

First Communion will be May 15 at 9:00AM. The parent meeting and practice for First Communion will be Saturday, May 14 at 2:00 in the church. All First Communion parents and students must attend.



4th Sunday of Easter

Studies done at the Université de Montréal in Canada in 2010 and at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, in 2012, show amazing correlations of voice processing and the understanding of maternal speech in infants. The Canadian study showed that newborns distinctly process their mother's voice differently from the voice of strangers. The Hungarian study provided evidence for understanding of a mother's speech in an infant even before vocabulary was being formed. Along with other investigations, researchers are uncovering information about the strong connection between mother and child, a bond that allows a child to recognize his or her mother long before the identification is made through words and concepts.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice" (Jn 10:27). Medieval theologians and mystics like St. Anselm of Canterbury or Julian of Norwich would speak about the generative and nurturing qualities of Christ who brought forth life in his people through the power of his resurrection and keeps them close to himself as a mother cherishes her child. As the Gospel this weekend relates, the shepherd gives the sheep eternal life and no one can take them from the shepherd's hand.

The scientific studies on infants and mothers keep coming back to the close connection that exists between those who bear children and bring them forth into the world. In this Easter season, when we celebrate the new birth given to each of us through the waters of baptism, we recognize that we have been joined to Christ in a sacramental way. The font is both tomb and womb where we die to sin and are born anew in Christ. Because he brings us forth as newborn sons and daughters of God, it only makes sense that we would "hear his voice," because he has been speaking to us from the moment we were born in him. Christ nurtures us in our life of grace and helps us mature in him.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

The diocese mandates that all clergy, religious and employees, as well as volunteers who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools and agencies must undergo safe environment training every five years and pass a criminal background check. The training details steps to prevent child sexual abuse as well as how to report inappropriate or suspicious behaviors. For more information, contact the Office of Victim Assistance at 315-470-1465.



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

Sat. - April 16, 2016 - 4th Sunday of Easter
SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Anthony Matarazzo, Jr. - Wife, Yolanda
 Salvatore Fornito - The Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Giacinto D'Avirro - Maria DeMichele
 Mr. & Mrs. William Hatter - Daughter, Susan & Family
OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - April 17, 2016 - 4th Sunday of Easter
OLP/SP 8:00 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - Martin Schotthoefer - Mother
 Antonio & Guisippina Luisi - The Luisi Family
 Salvatore Noto - Annamarie & Deb Campanino
 Enrica Cellini - Mary Cellini
OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - April 18, 2016
12:00 Noon - Loretta Cooney - Ed & Carol McGuire

Tues. - April 19, 2016
12:00 Noon - William Sullivan - Joan LaVergne

Wed. - April 20, 2016

Thurs. - April 21, 2016 - St. Anselm
 bishop & doctor of the Church

Fri. - April 22, 2016
11:30 am - Confessions
12:00 Noon - Pat DiBello -
 Peter DiBello Family & Joseph Mehlek Family

Sat. - April 23, 2016 - 5th Sunday of Easter
SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People
OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - April 24, 2016 - 5th 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 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 Mních, Shelly 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.



Saturday, April 23rd & Sunday, April 24th
LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Pat Campagna
9:00AM ~ John Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

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

Sun. April 17 Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. April 24 Group 3 Money Counters



Fri. April 22 Group 4 Altar Cleaning
Fri. April 29 Group 1 Altar Cleaning

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 April 9th & 10th

Regular Envelope collection \$3,940.25
 Loose collection \$463.85
 Poor collection \$204.00

Pantry News

All Faiths Food Pantry wants to thank the parishioners of St John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church for their generous response to the Lenten Giving challenge. We received a total of \$ 2,026.85 from 72 donors. The average donation was \$ 28.00 and ranged from \$ 3.00 to \$ 100.00. These funds will go a long way towards helping to feed our clients. Thanks again!



The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn in memory of **Pat DiBello**
 Requested by **Peter DiBello Family**
 & **Joseph Mehlek Family**



3rd Banns of Marriage -
Emily Klymkow and Greg Thackston

Salt City Trivia With Dick Case

Sunday, April 24 at St. Stephen Lutheran Church
 873 DeWitt St. beginning at 4:00PM \$10 suggested donation. Reception following the program. The Character of a place is written in the stories of people who lived there, and nobody knows this better than Dick Case. For fifty years, his Post-Standard award-winning "Neighbors" columns chronicled the ups and downs of the Syracuse community, bringing into the spotlight the names, traditions and landmarks that might have otherwise slipped through the cracks of history. Learn fascinating facts about Syracuse's connection to Walt Disney's Dumbo, the NBA Shot Clock, the State Fair, the meaning behind "Sweetheart Corner", and the "Salt Potato". Signed copies of his Salt City Trivia will be available for purchase.



Holy Trinity Church/St. John the Baptist
406 Court Street
Syracuse, NY 13208

315-478-0916

Account # 06-0120