

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 24, 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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5th Sunday Of Easter

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." When people watch us, do they know that we are the disciples of Jesus?

As Christians, we are called to do more than love the Lord. We are called to be his witnesses in the world by loving others as well. In today's Gospel reading, he gave us a new commandment, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Anyone, everyone, should be able to look at us and see this love in action. If we are not witnesses to this love, then we are falling short of our mission.

So, how did Jesus love us? Selflessly. His love was never motivated by personal gain. On the contrary, he often suffered for us, and not just on the cross. He faced rejection and animosity for loving those who were considered "unlovable" in his culture. He lived a life of poverty and simplicity, never focused on amassing things for himself, but always willing to give of himself. This is the love we are called to imitate.

The task can feel daunting. We are not perfect people, and being witnesses to Christ-like love can strike us as a lofty challenge. Of course, it's easier to be selfless and generous with people who love us in return, or with those who stir our compassion. But to be consistent witnesses to loving one another in all circumstances--like Jesus does for us--that takes it to another level. Thankfully, however, Jesus doesn't expect us to do this on our own. He promises us his Spirit to live in us and love through us. Through our baptism, we have his Spirit dwelling in our hearts, along with the supernatural gifts of faith, hope, and love. May we make these gifts flourish.

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.



Faith Formation News

Classes resume this week. Mark your calendars: May Crowning will be May 8 at 10:00. All are welcome! May 8 will be the final class day for all students. First Communion will be May 15 at 9:00. 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.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family does which makes it outstanding, rather it is what it has, love for one another.



Sharing The Gospel

Jesus gave his disciples a new rule. He told them they had to love each other, just like he loved them. What did Jesus mean? Jesus was very patient with his friends. He forgave his friends when they let him down. Jesus comforted his friends when they were afraid. Most of all he helped them grow closer to God.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to love my friends like Jesus did.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself talking to a friend who is afraid.

Mission for the Week

I will follow Jesus and forgive those who have hurt me.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

When any adult in the faith community has reason to suspect that a child, young person or vulnerable adult is being or has been abused, he or she has a moral (and often a legal) responsibility to report those suspicions to civil authorities. Reporting suspected abuse takes courage. However, adults who take a stand for children and make the call are often responsible for saving a child from terrible torment. To report known or suspected neglect or abuse, call the civil authorities or the New York Ste Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-342-3720 (TTD/TTY: 1-800-638-5163). Contact Jacqueline Bressette, the Director Safe Environment and Victim Assistance at 315-470-1465 for any assistance.



Onondaga County Health Department Rabies Shot Clinic

The S.P.C.A. 5878 East Molloy Road is offering a Rabies Shot Clinic on the following dates. A voluntary donation per family is appreciated. Call 435-3165 with any questions.

Thurs. May, 19 from 5:00-7:00PM. Thurs. Sept. 8 from 5:00-7:00PM. Sat. Dec. 3 from 10:00AM - 12:00 noon. New York State public health law requires that all puppies and kittens get their first rabies shot at three months of age. They also need to get a booster shot at one year old and then again every three years. Ferrets must get a shot every year.



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It's not possible for even the most astute law enforcement official to have memorized every law he is subject to. The catalog of federal, state, and local laws is simply too great. Volumes of legal code cover everything from street parking to espionage, from hunting waterfowl to truancy, from drunk driving to emission standards. Laws and ordinances abound, yet the vast majority of us go about our business each day without much of a nod to their existence. A speed limit sign may catch our attention (especially if there are flashing lights behind us). We might also keep strict compliance with our local recycling laws because it makes us feel meritorious. But generally speaking we follow the law without actually knowing all of it.

Today's Gospel takes place during the Last Supper. Judas had left and the other disciples were listening to Jesus. It is in this context that he gives them a new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:34-35).

There is the law that we must observe if we are to consider ourselves to be disciples, that is, followers of Jesus. We don't need to memorize the entire US Code or all the laws of the state in which we live to stay in compliance with the law. In the same way it is no longer necessary for us to remember all of the laws and ordinances in the Books of Leviticus, or Numbers, or Deuteronomy. We have a new law given to us by Christ. We are to "love one another." Those three words certainly have far reaching implications. We have guidance on how to follow Christ from the church. In our daily activities we have to act on what is the most loving thing to do.

May Events At Christ The King Retreat House



500 Brookford Road 446-2680 for all events

...Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast, Sunday May 8

10:00AM-1:00PM: Gather the "Fam" together to join in the Liturgy, and then treat Mom and the rest of the family to a delicious breakfast. Avoid those lines at the restaurants. Bring Mom to the peaceful atmosphere of the Retreat House and have a relaxed meal. Walk the grounds together! Offering is \$15 per adult; \$7 for children under 12; under 5 no charge.

...CTK Conversation Series Thursday May 12 7:00-8:30PM:

With Andrew Lunetta, Executive Director of A Tiny Home for Good will speak on "Tiny Homes, Big Impact." Free will offering.

...Contemplative Aging Wednesday May 25 10:00AM-

3:00PM: As we live longer, healthier lives, the "age-old" paradigms of aging no longer fit. Our experience and wisdom can lead us on an inner journey that awakens us to a vision of aging as a path to spiritual psychological maturity. Come learn from the wisdom of others who are consciously eldering. Facilitated by Fr. John Rose. Offering \$25.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - April 25, 2016 - St. Mark, evangelist

12:00 Noon - Mark Downey - Bill & Sue Slack

Tues. - April 26, 2016

12:00 Noon -

Wed. - April 27, 2016

**Thurs. - April 28, 2016 - Sts. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr,
Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest**

**Fri. - April 29, 2016 - St. Catherine of Siena,
virgin & doctor of the church**

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon -

Sat. - April 30, 2016 - 6th Sunday of Easter

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Ernest & Wilamina Campagna -

Nancy & Pat Campagna

Ruth Smith - The Smith Family

David Frank McLaughlin - Mother

Maria Condello - Niece

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - May 1, 2016 - 6th Sunday of Easter

OLP/SP 8:00 am

9:00 am - Lorraine & Angelo Coppola - The Family

Josephine Ciero - Nicholas & Patricia Smola

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.



Saturday, April 30th & Sunday, May 1st

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Lori Weir

9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo

EUCCHARIST:

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

F. Sanzone, L. Sanzone, G. Mastriano

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton, P. Schramm, R. Elderbroom,

L. Argiro, K. Fekete, Michael Dykeman

The month of April we laid to rest from our Parish Family; Mary Salerno & George Pollock.

Baptized into our Parish Family, Jack Johnson and Terry Comber.

The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn in memory of **Margaret McManus**

Requested by **The Family**

Sun. April 24 Group 3 Money Counters

Fri. April 29 Group 1 Altar Cleaning

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



Bishop Grimes News

Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2016-2017 school year. Interested families are invited to call Mrs. Sue Collins, Director of Admissions, at 315-314-7157 x143. Schedule an appointment, visit, or shadow day.

As we prepare to celebrate 50 years of educating young men and women in 2016, we are humbled that many of our students' parents, grandparents, trustees, faculty, staff, and friends of Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School join together in acts of generosity by donating to the Bishop Grimes Annual Fund. In order to continue providing a quality Catholic education, we must seek the support of all the members of our Bishop Grimes community. On behalf of our school community, we thank you for honoring Bishop Grimes' mission and past by supporting its future with a gift to the Annual Fund. Please visit our website, www.bishopgrimes.org, to provide your gift via credit card or mail your gift to:

**Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School
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