

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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May 15, 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 said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." - Jn 14:23

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Pentecost Sunday

"And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." Pentecost fulfilled this promise. The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and nothing was ever the same again.

This event is often referred to as the "birthday" of the church. It took Pentecost--and the power of the Spirit--to embolden the apostles to begin their ministry of preaching and baptizing. Conversions began to happen and the early church began to grow. And all of this took place without Jesus' earthly presence among them.

This is one of the most encouraging elements of the practice of our Christian faith. We believe that through the Holy Spirit, God dwells within us and empowers us. We believe that even though we never walked with Jesus and the apostles, we are nonetheless accompanied by the same Spirit who is always available to us! We only need to stir up this Spirit within our souls by praying sincerely, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

The special hymn of today's feast, called the sequence, does just this. It also expresses well the package of "benefits" that come from the presence of the Advocate among us: "You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe." And not only do we receive these personal blessings, but the Church herself also receives a tremendous gift. As Jesus said, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." It is only through this divine guidance from on high that the Church has the power and privilege to teach and guide us who are still here below.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Administrator Father Daniel Caruso

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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

This weekend marks the end of the 2015-2016 Religious Education year. The kids learned so much and did a phenomenal job. We made Blessing Bags for the homeless, homemade paper and cloth candles for the elderly in an assisted living facility, made "Pope Francis," learned about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, had our Christmas Play, Faith Formation Family Dinner, First Reconciliation, May Crowning and today, First Communion, just to name a few. The kids have grown in faith and love of our Lord and of our Holy Catholic Church. I'd like to say a special thank you to our catechists; **Robin Ramos, Patty Jacquin, Michelle and Michael Dykeman, Karen Fekete, Lisa Jones, Lori Weir and Christine Houghtaling** and to all the parents and parishioners would have so generously supported our program. Please watch the bulletin towards the end of August for registration for the 2016-2017 year.

Sharing The Gospel

The disciples must have missed spending time with Jesus after he went back to heaven. But they knew that the Holy Spirit would always be with them, helping them remember what Jesus taught them. The disciples kept learning about God and kept growing closer to him. The Holy Spirit will help you remember Jesus, too.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus washing his friends' feet.

Mission for the Week

Pray to the Holy Spirit. Ask him to help you learn more about Jesus.



A Family Perspective

Family Education

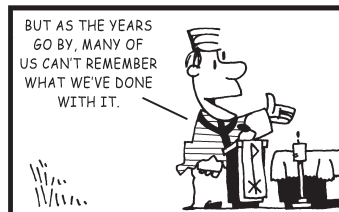
Today's Gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, "We will come and make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours.

Annual HOPE Appeal

You will receive a letter this week from Bishop Cunningham asking for your support of the HOPE Appeal. Please be generous with your pledge. We ask that all pledge forms and gifts be returned next weekend to the parish. You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrdio.org. Your support helps many in our diocese.



PENTECOST



Pentecost Sunday

In the United States military, the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) is the legal branch concerned with military justice and military law. Judge Advocates can serve as legal advisers to commanders. They can also act as prosecutors in courts-martial, or serve on the defense team. The first encounter many people had with this branch of the service was through the television series JAG that began in 1995 and aired on CBS through 2005. For ten seasons viewers followed the exploits of military lawyers in plots that occasionally stretched credulity. The next general exposure of the Judge Advocate General's Corps to the public was through the military commissions set up to bring to trial those who were interred at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Unlike the television series, the JAG officers in this setting were deadly serious about their duties. Whether for the defense or the prosecution, they were determined to show the face of justice.



The Gospel for this weekend is a bit of a reprise from that of two weeks ago. Again we hear Jesus promising to send an Advocate who will be with us always. That Advocate is the Holy Spirit whose coming upon the church we celebrate this day. This Advocate is also serious about his duties. The Holy Spirit doesn't wear a uniform or carry a briefcase. We won't see the Spirit saluting or reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. As Advocate, the Holy Spirit teaches us the ways of Christ and opens our hearts to his message.

In their role as adviser, defender, or prosecutor, Judge Advocates are there to explain the law and hold others accountable to it. We heard just a few weeks ago that the law that Christ gave to his disciples is to love one another, a command reiterated in today's Gospel when Jesus tells his disciples to keep his word. As advocate, the Holy Spirit, dwelling in our hearts, will hold us accountable to Christ's law of love.



Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, Lord,
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God,
who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy his consolations,
through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

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Sunday Collection May 7th & May 8th

Regular Envelope collection	\$4,026.70
Loose collection	\$449.22
Fuel collection	\$672.00
Ascension collection	\$369.00

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - May 14, 2016 - Vigil - Pentecost

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Bridget Salanger - Mary Salanger

John Hessmiller - Mike Morga

Mark Riley - Mike Morga

Frances Crossman - Mr. & Mrs. Peter Starowicz

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - May 15, 2016 - Pentecost

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Salvatore Noto - Sal & Vic Campanino

John & Hannah Markert - The Family

Mary Kane - The Family

Maria Carello - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - May 16, 2016

12:00 Noon - Mary DiFulvio - The Family

Tues. - May 17, 2016

12:00 Noon -

Wed. - May 18, 2016 - St. John I, pope & martyr

Thurs. - May 19, 2016

Fri. - May 20, 2016 - St. Bernardine of Siena, priest

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Carl Robinson - Ed & Karin Airel

Sat. - May 21, 2016 - Vigil - The Most Holy Trinity

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - May 22, 2016 - The Most Holy Trinity

OLP/SP 8:00 am

9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 10:30 am

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
in memory of

Lucille Hatter requested by Daughter, Nancy
and

Lisa Desiderio requested by Daughter



Serving Our Country Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Rob Smith and Bryan M. Oakes.**

**WE DO NOT
WANT... A CHURCH
THAT MOVES WITH
THE WORLD.
WE WANT A
CHURCH THAT
WILL MOVE
THE WORLD.**

—G. K. Chesterton

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SJB/HT Web Site

Our web site has been officially launched. You can find us at www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com.

You will find the weekly bulletins, Mass schedule, staff information and faith formation site. As time goes on we will be adding more information to the site. Enjoy what is offered and please let us know how we are doing.

Office Closed

In observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, the rectory office will be closed and there will be **NO NOON MASS.**



Saturday, May 21st & Sunday, May 22nd

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ Marian Crinnin

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith, Grace Piazza

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ L. Weir, M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin, J. LaVergne, R. Bartorillo, P. Serio

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, R. Warren, R. Elderbroom, C. Horton, Michele Dykeman, M. Piazza, F. Brimfield,



Sun. May 15 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. May 22 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. May 29 Group 4 Money Counters

Fri. May 20 Group 4 Altar Cleaning

Fri. May 27 Group 1 Altar Cleaning

Sun. May 15 First Communion 9:00AM

Thurs. May 19 TNT Neighborhood Watch Group 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. May 25 Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Mon. May 30 Office Closed - Memorial Day
No Noon Mass



Remember: Christopher Aldrich, 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, 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.

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