

**St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity**  
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January 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

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." — Jn 2:1-3



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### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus told them, 'Fill the jars with water.' So they filled them to the brim." And then look what happened! The water became wine! And not only that, but it became "the good wine." Jesus transformed plain water into the very best wine served at that wedding feast in Cana. And he can do the same with our lives.

Sometimes, we come to Jesus with empty jars. We feel we have nothing to offer, that our efforts have failed and our energy has run dry. It may seem impossible that anything good could come out of our situation. Even our hope has often disappeared in these moments. But today's Gospel should restore our confidence; we don't need to work the miracle. We just need to "do whatever he tells" us.

In many cases, this will mean doing something that doesn't make sense on the surface. The servers were probably skeptical that filling their jugs with water would have any benefit. But they did it anyway. And they did it wholeheartedly, filling them up "to the brim." In our moments of emptiness, we too need to do what Jesus asks of us, all the way, without reservation. We need to continue to pray (even when we don't hear an answer). We need to continue to participate in the sacraments (even when they don't seem to help). We need to continue to follow the commandments (even when they strike us as difficult or irrelevant). We need to continue to love our neighbors (even when they don't love us back). All of this is like pouring water into those jars. We simply need to do what Jesus asks of us and then allow him to do the rest. Only when we are willing to follow his directions can he transform our emptiness into an overabundance of joy.

### **SJB/HT Office & Church Staff**

**Temporary Administrator** Father Daniel Caruso **Office Assistant** Mary Olmsted

**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

**Religious Education** Catherine Mackey

**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.

Saturday, Jan. 23rd and Sunday, Jan. 24th

**LECTORS:**

4:00PM ~ Lori Weir

9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe



**ALTAR SERVERS:**

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

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

9:00AM ~ Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, K. Fekete, M. Piazza, R. Elderbroom, R. Warren, L. Argiro



**Faith Formation News**

Reminder that there will be no Religious Education classes this week. Next week is First Reconciliation at 10am. Confirmation class will be meeting on Saturday, January 30 from 3-5 this month.

**Sharing The Gospel**

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.



**Prayer**

Dear God, help me to do everything you say. I know you can do anything.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of the wedding servants listening carefully to Jesus.

**Mission for the Week**

What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke.

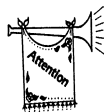


**A Family Perspective  
Family Life Education**

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

**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](http://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.



**Presenting Gifts To The Altar**

With the addition of Mass Intentions to our 4:00PM and 9:00AM Mass, we kindly ask that any family that wishes to participate in "Presenting the Gifts" to the altar, please check in with our ushers. As we have up to 4 Intentions per Mass now, please choose one family member to present. If no one does request to participate, our ushers will just ask any parishioner to participate.

**2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**

It's the miracle that always captures the attention! Sight restored. Lame limbs healed. Hearing brought back. The dead raised. Water changed into wine.



When you think about it, the first four are often routine today. Granted, the miracle doesn't happen every time. But many have their sight restored through cataract surgery. Broken bones that would have led to incapacitation are mended. Cochlear implants help some who did not hear. And even some people who were in cardiac arrest have been brought back. These medical miracles happen so regularly that we don't even advert to them as "miracles" anymore. They are "procedures." It's when things don't work that we get disappointed-and maybe even pray for a miracle.

Of course, we still haven't been able to crack that water-into-wine thing. It is still a bona fide miracle. Relying on the miraculous misses the point that John is trying to make in today's Gospel. The "sign" is not about how much wine we can get out of Jesus, but rather that he was revealing his glory, leading his disciples to belief. The signs in John's Gospel are again and again about faith, about coming to believe in Jesus.

Praying for the miraculous can lead to an increase of faith. But we can't let the miracle-or lack thereof-get in the way of faith. Instead, we can let our faith uncover the miraculous that already takes place each day: the healing that goes on in hospitals; the amazing production of food that feeds so many; the growing ability of humankind to understand this created world; the wonder of a child who grows from just a few cells to an adult in the span of two decades. It's these miracles that can capture our attention and deepen our faith!

**Contribution Statements**

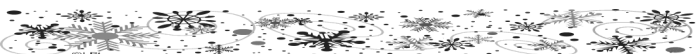
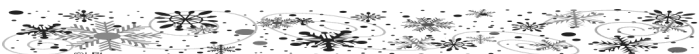
If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2015 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, email us at [nbergeson@syrdio.org](mailto:nbergeson@syrdio.org), fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention "Nancy".

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.**

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Monday, January 18 - The Rectory is closed in observance of the holiday. There is no Noon Mass.



- Sun. Jan. 17 Group 1 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 24 Group 2 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 31 Group 3 Money Counters
  
- Mon. Jan. 18 Office Closed - No Noon Mass
- Thurs. Jan. 21 TNT Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center
- Wed. Jan. 27 Catholic Golden Agers Meeting 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center
- Sat. Jan. 30 BUNKO SJB/HT Parish Center 5:00PM

**Sunday Collection Jan. 9th & 10th**

Regular Envelope collection .....\$3,596.25  
 Loose collection .....\$639.00  
 Fuel collection .....\$633.25

**Bunko Date - Sat. Jan. 23**

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. Jan. 20 for details. Phone is 420-6357 or email at [warrenbeliz@yahoo.com](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).



**PLEASE, contact Betty by Wed. Jan. 20 if playing as it is important to the set up of the game.**

**Next Bunko night is Saturday, January 23rd.**



**Spaghetti Super**

The Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #5398 in Syracuse is having their 3rd annual Spaghetti Supper to help the Blessed Sacrament Youth Group and Blessed Sacrament School on Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 4-7pm in the Blessed Sacrament cafeteria. \$8, with a Junior

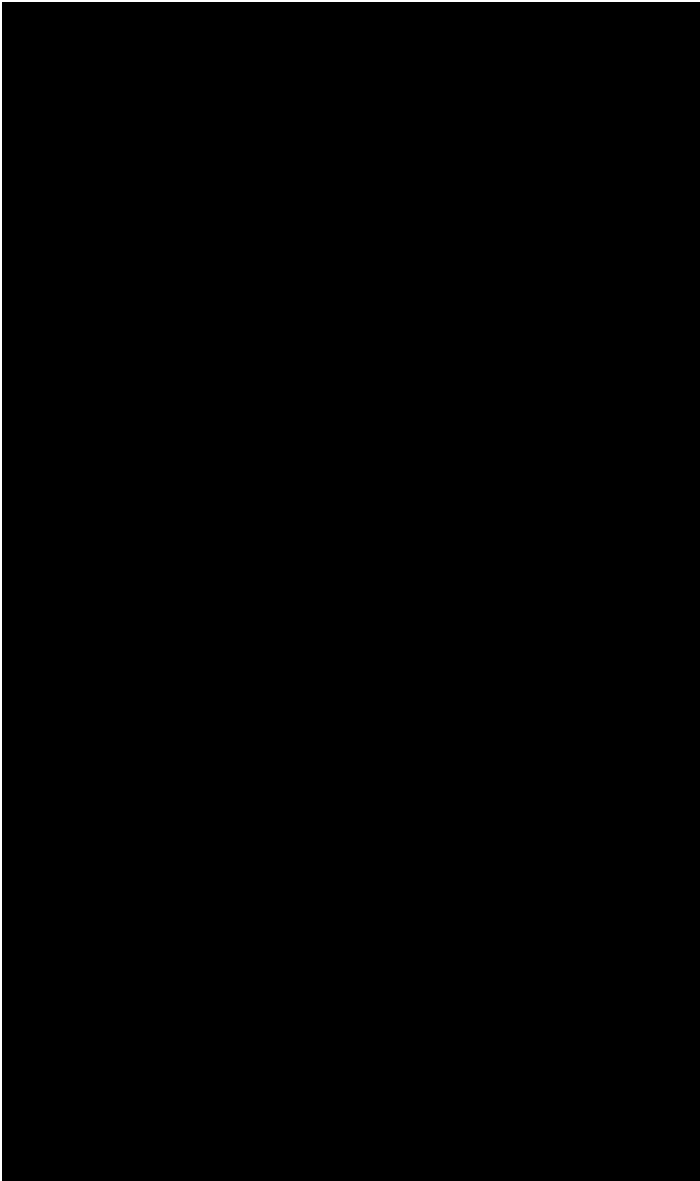
**The Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity**



Each year from January 18-25, many Christian denominations will celebrate a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This week used to be called Christian Unity Octave. The word "octave," meaning eight days, denotes a Christian week. Since the early part of the last century, the week has been taken up by many Christians the world over. It is a week in which we all pray for unity of not only our faith and works, but furthermore a week to pray that we all may be one in our solidarity. This year's theme will be "Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord" (cf. 1 Pt 2:9).

How might your parish celebrate this important week? After all, we are praying for unity, which is what Jesus wanted. Perhaps you might invite other denomination's in your community to scheduled events of the parish, or invite them to a joint prayer service and socialize after with a meet and greet. Start small if you have never done something like this and then plan to make a gathering like this a yearly celebration.

For more information about this week, visit [www.geii.org](http://www.geii.org).



**Serving Our Country** Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Ben Saucier, 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, Joan Dominic, Norma Foody, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, 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, Darlene Noyes, 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.



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