

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 20, 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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." The two thieves that were crucified next to Jesus show two very different ways of understanding who Jesus was. The first thief insulted Jesus, prodded him, mocked him. He didn't believe that Jesus had any power whatsoever. Like the sneering crowds, he thought that it was a joke to label Jesus as the "King of the Jews."

But the second thief, known in tradition as "the good thief," had a different perception. He understood that Jesus did in fact have power because, as Jesus had told Pilate only hours earlier, his kingdom "is not of this world." The good thief understood that the kingdom of God awaits those who believe in the Lord. And when this man made that final act of faith on his own cross, Jesus promised him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Today as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, we are challenged to have as much faith as the good thief. We are challenged to believe that Jesus is in fact the "King of the Universe," even when it may not appear that way to those who stand by sneering. Jesus did not choose to hop down off the cross and make everything cheery. Instead he fulfilled his mission for an end result that was infinitely better than simply saving himself and those two thieves; by dying on the cross, he saved us all! So we too need to trust that just because Jesus doesn't always answer our prayers exactly how we want or expect, and just because we find ourselves carrying a cross from time to time, it does not mean he isn't in charge! On the contrary, we need to trust, as the good thief did, that Jesus' mission is to bring all of us to join him in his heavenly kingdom.

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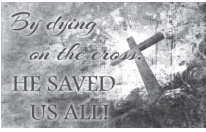
Religious Education Betty Warren

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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

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and he forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to forgive my sins, too.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross.

Mission for the Week

Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Today's Gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one's enemy.



Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day Blessing

O God of all things in heaven and on earth, you give all your people in the world the gift of life, the gift of family, the gift of work, and the gift of rest. On this, our national day of Thanksgiving, we turn all our thoughts to you, from whom all blessings flow. Bless all our work, our friends, and our families both near and far. We humbly ask for the ability to continue our work for your kingdom and the ability to gather freely to worship you without fear. We ask you to give our years ahead your blessing and protection. We ask all this through Christ the Lord, your Son and our brother. Amen.



Snow Birds

This time of year many will be traveling to warmer area's and we wish you happy safe travels. Enjoy your stay where it is warmer. Remember to let the rectory know that you will be away so we can have your envelope packets temporarily stopped. Let us know when you are leaving and when you will return. If we do not know the packets are returned to the rectory for postage due. You may call us, email at nbergeson@syrdio.org or send the information in the mail.

Sunday Collection Nov. 12th and Nov. 13th

Regular collection	\$3,251.25
Loose collection	\$451.00
Fuel collection	\$561.00

Faith Formation News

Welcome back to all our students. Class resumes for Pre-K - 8th grade this week. **THERE IS A MAKE UP CLASS THIS WEEK FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS.** I will soon be sending home permission slips for our Christmas Eve Mass Pageant. Please discuss with your child(ren) whether or not they want to participate. Students can still be registered for classes by calling Betty Warren at 420-6357 or 478-0916. **THERE IS NO CLASS FOR ALL STUDENTS ON NOVEMBER 27TH. HAPPY THANGSGIVING !**



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day this Thursday. This week will be one of the busiest for travel. Local news channels will broadcast stories about Thanksgiving meals and also about the poor who will be served by others. The president will pardon a turkey. Stores will gear up for Black Friday sales and a big shopping weekend. Financial markets in the United States will be closed down Thursday and have shortened hours on Friday. The collision of sentiments of gratitude and crass commercialism on a single weekend can make for a certain incongruence in one's experience of these few days.

As we celebrate the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we are presented with a seemingly huge incongruity in the Gospel that is proclaimed this year. We celebrate a great King, and in our human experience when we hear of a king we think of fine robes, sumptuous feasts, grand castles, and scores of courtiers and servants. The Gospel today gives us a broken man, abandoned by his friends, condemned, reviled by a criminal, and hanging on a cross. This is the King we honor today.

Thank God that we can live with a certain amount of dissonance in our lives. It is what allows us to hold in balance seemingly contradictory notions, like the fact that a crucified man is our Lord and King. One of the criminals crucified with Jesus asks that he be remembered when Jesus comes into his kingdom. That plea, uttered near the moment of his death, has become a prayer for Christians through the centuries, because we believe that the death of Jesus was not the end. We believe that his death was just the beginning, ushering in a new kingdom, and promising a new life that can be ours if we submit ourselves to the rule of this universal King. The promise Christ makes to the repentant thief is the promise he makes to us: we will be with him in paradise.

Thanksgiving Mass/Liturgical Ministers

This year Thanksgiving Mass, November 24 9:00AM will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church. We will need Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. All Liturgical duties will be shared with Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters parishioners. Please call the rectory if you can assist. We do have a SJB/HT lector, thank you.





The rectory office will close at
Noon, Wed. Nov. 23.
Closed Thurs. Nov. 24 and Fri. Nov. 25, all day,
for Thanksgiving.
There is no Noon Mass or Confession
on Fri. Nov. 25.

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, Mass
9:00AM St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity



Mass Schedule for
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Nov. 19, 2016 - Vigil - Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King Of The Universe

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

Sun. - Nov. 20, 2016 - Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King Of The Universe

OLP/SP 8:00 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People
OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Nov. 21, 2016 - The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 Noon - For those who will be alone and without for the
Thanksgiving Holiday

Tues. - Nov. 22, 2016 - St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr
12:00 Noon - Mary Kane - The Family

Wed. - Nov. 23, 2016 - Sts. Clement I, pope & martyr,
Columban, abbot,
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest & martyr

Thurs. - Nov. 24, 2016 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac,
priest & companions, martyrs
9:00 am - SJB/HT - Thanksgiving Day Mass

Fri. - Nov. 25, 2016 - St. Catherine of Alexandria,
virgin & martyr

11:30 am - No Confessions
12:00 Noon - No Mass

Sat. - Nov. 26, 2016 - First Sunday Of Advent
SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Katherine Boccardo - Daughters
Patrick DeSimone - John & Diane DeSimone
John & Raberta Carroll - Ed & Carol McGuire
Filomena & Pietro Adelina - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Mazza
OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Nov. 27, 2016 - First Sunday Of Advent
OLP/SP 8:00 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - Rosemary "Pat" Markert - The Family
Rosa & Antonio Petrone - Anna DelVecchio & Family
OLP/SP 10:30 am



The Sanctuary Lamp
will burn in memory of
Michael Aiello and James Caprilozzi
requested by The Family

SJB/HT-OLP/SP Christmas Party

Saturday, December 3 **Traditions at the Links 5900**
N. Burdick St. E. Syracuse beginning at 5:30PM. \$30
 per person, \$40 for steak dinner. Tickets will be sold
 after all Masses until Nov. 21. Cash or check, payable to St.
 John/Holy Trinity, and we will need to know your entrée selec-
 tion.



Saturday, Nov. 26 & Sunday, Nov. 27

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer
9:00AM ~ John Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ M.E. Cusano, P. Serio, M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin,
R. Bartorillo, T. Bartorillo
9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, P. Schramm, J. Mott, R. Warren,
Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman

Sun. Nov. 20 Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Nov. 27 Group 2 Money Counters

Fri. Nov. 25 Group 3 Altar Cleaners



Giving Tree

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be up with suggestion
 tags as of Saturday, Nov. 26th through Dec. 4th. Gifts
 can be donated at any time through Dec. 18th. We will be do-
 nating to Catholic Charities once again this year.

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



Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Albert Bleskoski,
 Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Bur-
 ton, Rosaria Campolo, Mike Cannavino, Robert Ca-
 pria, Paul Collins, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costan-
 tini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony
 Dorenzo, 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,
 Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Bernice
 McClelland, David Miccinelli, Peggy Miccinelli, Helen Mnich,
 Darlene Noyes, Jean Padden, Nancy Pompo, Patty Schramm,
 Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Sup-
 pes, Sister Theresa Thayer IHM, Barbara Traino, Richard Ven-
 trone, Shelly Visco and Pat Wall.

Found

We found a photo album from "Seahorse Room" in
 the Church. If you lost this and can further describe it, please
 call the rectory and we will be happy to get it back to you.



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