

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 27, 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.

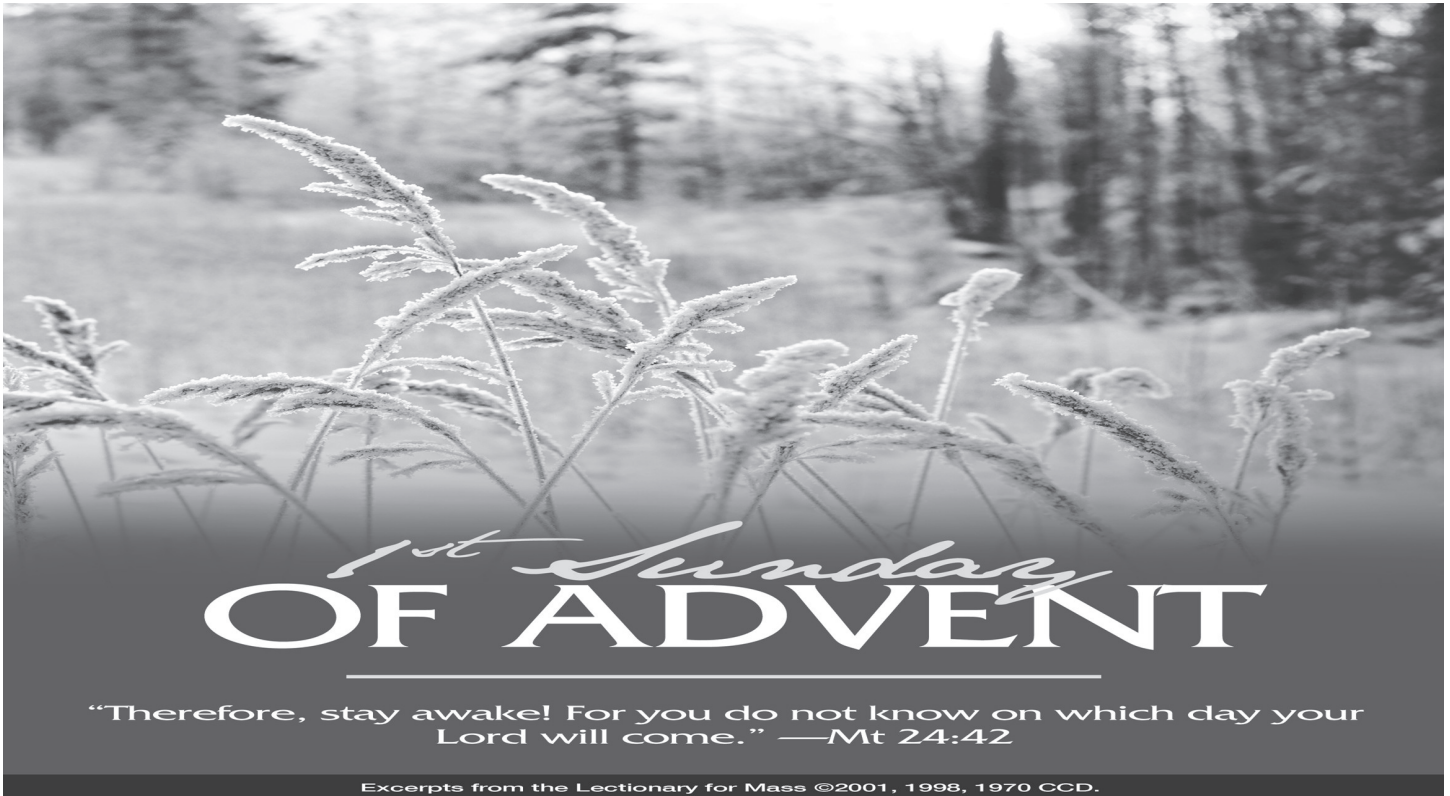
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

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### First Sunday Of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Jesus doesn't tell us when he will come again; but he does tell us all we need to know. First, he leaves no doubt in our minds that he will in fact return--this isn't a question we have to debate. And secondly, he tells us what we need to do to be ready: stay awake! As long as we don't doze off while we're waiting, everything will be all right.

So our task is a relatively simple one. We are called to be on the lookout. We are supposed to be ready for the Lord when he appears. This is a straightforward instruction to be sure. But it does contain an inherent challenge: it's often much easier to hit the snooze button than to get up and at 'em. It's our task, however, to make sure we don't give in to the temptation to fall back asleep.

This is what the season of Advent helps us to do. It's like the Church's alarm clock, ringing with persistence in our ears: Wake up! Throw off the covers of apathy and distraction! Jesus is coming! Get up and get your house in order before he arrives!

What exactly this means will be different for all of us--the particular behaviors we need to change, the specific virtues we need to develop--all of this is unique to each individual. But our common goal is the same--to clean house in our hearts and make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Yes, his return at the end of time will be a momentous event, but even if we never experience it during our lifetime, Jesus still wants to come to us here and now, to dwell in our hearts through the presence of his Spirit. This Advent, let's be ready to welcome the Lord every minute of every day.

### SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

**Administrator** Father Daniel Caruso

**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

**Religious Education** Betty Warren

**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.

## International Food Festival Update

Our 10th International Food Festival was the best, so far! Thanks to all our parish volunteers, our specialty chefs, talented bakers and those who contributed the wonderful gift baskets. To our behind the scene crew who set-up, broke down and cleaned up, Thank You, another great job. To all of you who attended this parish event, Thank You for your continued support. See you all at our 11th International Food Festival coming November, 2017.

The Festival Committee



## Faith Formation News

THERE IS NO CLASS THIS WEEK FOR ALL STUDENTS. HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Students can still be registered for classes by calling Betty Warren at 420-6357 or 478-0916. CLASS RESUMES ON DECEMBER 4TH FOR ALL STUDENTS.



## 1st Sunday of Advent

"Stay awake! ... Be prepared." The advice is clear enough. We'd like to be vigilant. We'd like to be ready. But on its own, the desire to be alert isn't necessarily enough to keep us from drifting off into a spiritual siesta. When the ultimate Advent comes--when Jesus returns--we don't want to be the one left standing alone in the field.

Advent is a time to pay attention. Jesus asks us to be ready to greet him at any hour. Especially in this month of holiday hustle and bustle, how can we stay constantly focused on welcoming Christ? St. Paul gives us a hint in today's epistle: "Put on the armor of light... Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:12, 14). Just as light hinders physical sleep, so too the light of Christ prevents spiritual slumber. When we invite Jesus' Spirit into our hearts, it's like keeping a vigil light flickering in the window of our souls. We may go about our business, but that expectant flame never burns out. So when Jesus comes again--even like a thief in the night--he will find us ready and waiting.

*"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."* — Mt 24:43-44

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## 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 donating to Catholic Charities once again this year.



## Bunko Date - Sat. Dec. 10th

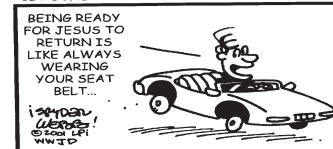


Anyone interested in playing Bunko with our group that meets approximately every 2 months in the SJB/HT Parish Center on Saturdays 5:00PM, please contact Betty Warren by Wed. Dec. 7 for details. Phone is 420-6357 or email at [warrenbeliz@yahoo.com](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).

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

**Next Bunko night is Sat. Dec. 10th**

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Sharing The Gospel

Remember that when God told Noah to build an ark, his neighbors laughed at him. Then one day God sent the flood. Only Noah's family was saved because they listened to God, and they were ready. Jesus has already told you that one day he will come back. He wants you to be saved. He wants you to be ready. When you read Bible stories, listen carefully. Love God like Noah did, and learn to do what God asks.

## Prayer

Dear God, help me to love you and to be ready for Jesus.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Noah and his family on the ark with all the animals.

## Mission for the Week

Make sure the movies, games, and music you choose help you grow closer to Jesus.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

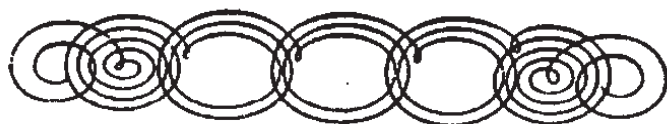
In today's Gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful," fear cripples! Instead "pray for the strength" to be courageous.



## 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](mailto:nbergeson@syrdio.org), or send the information in the mail.

**Congratulations to Jaxson Anthony Kordek who was baptized on Sunday, November 20. May God bless you and your family.**



Because of an early transmit request to Liturgical Publications the collection for Nov. 19 & 20 will be posted in the bulletin for Dec. 3 & 4.

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

**Sat. - Nov. 26, 2016 - First Sunday Of Advent**  
**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - Katherine Boccardo - Daughters  
 Patrick DeSimone - John & Diana 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 Pettrone - Anna DelVecchio & Family  
**OLP/SP 10:30 am**

**Mon. - Nov. 28, 2016**  
**12:00 Noon** - For the Pope and all religious

**Tues. - Nov. 29, 2016**  
**12:00 Noon** - For peace and an end to war

**Wed. - Nov. 30, 2016 - St. Andrew, apostle**

**Thurs. - Dec. 1, 2016**

**Fri. - Dec. 2, 2016**  
**11:30 am - Confessions**  
**12:00 Noon** - All who are sick of our parish

**Sat. - Dec. 3, 2016 - Second Sunday Of Advent**  
**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - For The People  
**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - Dec. 4, 2016 - Second Sunday Of Advent**  
**OLP/SP 8:00 am**  
**SJB/HT 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, Albert Bleskoski, Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, 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, 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 Suppes, Sister Theresa Thayer IHM, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco and Pat Wall.

**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Rosemary "Pat" Markert 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 selection.



**ADVENT SJB/HT & OLP/SP Penance Service**

Our joint Penance Service will be here at SJB/HT Church on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00PM.

**Saturday, Dec. 3 & Sunday, Dec. 4**

**LECTORS:**  
**4:00PM** ~ Owen Donovan  
**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. Caruso, G. Larkin, R. Copani, R. Bartorillo, T. Bartorillo, P. Serio  
**9:00AM** ~ J. Mott, P. Schramm, F. Brimfield, R. Elderbroom, Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, M. Piazza



**Sun. Nov. 27** Group 2 Money Counters  
**Sun. Dec. 4** Group 3 Money Counters  
**Sun. Dec. 11** Group 4 Money Counters  
**Sun. Dec. 18** Group 1 Money Counters  
**Sun. Dec. 25**

**Fri. Dec. 2** Group 4 Altar Cleaning  
**Fri. Dec. 9** Group 1 Altar Cleaning  
**Fri. Dec. 16** Group 2 Altar Cleaning  
**Fri. Dec. 23** Group 3 Altar Cleaning

**Sat. Dec. 3** SJB/HT & OLP/SP Christmas Party 5:30PM Traditions At The Links

**Mon. Dec. 5** Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM SJB/HT Rectory

**Tues. Dec. 6** SJB/HT & OLP/SP Penance Service 7:00PM SJB/HT Church

**Sat. Dec. 10** BUNKO 5:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center  
**Sun. Dec. 18** Breakfast with Santa 8:00am-12:00 Noon SJB/HT Parish Center



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