

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 29, 2015

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—9:00 am & 11:00 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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First Sunday Of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Jesus instructs his disciples to take this posture of confidence in the midst of a terribly disturbing situation. Describing his second coming, Jesus says that on seeing this event unfold, "People will die of fright." And yet the disciples are supposed to be pillars of strength. While others cower in fear, the Lord's followers are somehow immune, with heads raised high. Why?

Well, presumably, because those who follow Christ--those who earn the distinction of being disciples--have nothing to fear. On the contrary, when they have to "stand before the Son of Man," it will be a happy occasion. But here's the catch: "disciple" is more than an empty title. If we want to be counted among this confident crew, there are a few things for us to do. Today's Gospel spells out these tasks, which are all perfect things to pursue during Advent.

First, we have to make sure that our "hearts do not become drowsy." We are called to stay awake in a spiritual sense, not allowing "carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life" to numb us. We need to avoid whatever might reduce our ability to recognize and relate to Jesus, because we don't want his appearance to catch us "by surprise like a trap." Advent is an ideal time to examine our lives to determine what activities, priorities, or pastimes might be putting our hearts to sleep. Secondly, we need to pray. We need to ask Jesus himself for "the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." We can't do it alone. But with Christ's help, we can be true, fearless disciples.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Temporary 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.

Saturday, Dec. 5th and Sunday, Dec. 6th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Lori Weir
9:00AM ~ John Robinson
11:00AM ~ Bruno Primerano



ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano
9:00AM ~ Noah & Lucas Smith and Grace Piazza
11:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Mary Elizabeth Cusano

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, L. Weir, G. Larkin, R. Copani, T. Bartorillo
9:00AM ~ J. Mott, P. Schramm, P. Walters, R. Elderbroom, Michael Dykeman
11:00AM ~ R. Flores, M. Flores, R. Ramos, F. Brimfield

Faith Formation News

There will be no Religious Education classes this weekend due to the Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume next week.



Letters were sent home in regards to the Christmas Play and the Faith Formation Family Cookie Exchange. If you did not receive them, please see me.

Don't forget to send in the permission slip for the play ASAP and RSVP to the cookie exchange as soon as possible, so I can plan for each event. You can email me at cat-mac@verizon.net or call me at 478-0916. Thank you!



Sharing The Gospel

One day Jesus will come back to take us home to live with him in heaven. So when scary things happen around us, we do not need to be afraid. We can stand up tall, because we know heaven will be so much better than this world.

Prayer

Dear God, when I am afraid, help me to be brave and trust in you. I know heaven will be wonderful.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus coming back in the clouds, ready to take you to heaven.

Mission for the Week

Write down one thing that scares you. Tell God about it, and ask him to help you to be brave.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

At this time of year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciates the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



Sunday Collection Nov. 21st & 22nd

Regular Envelope collection	\$3,889.05
Loose collection	\$720.06
Fuel collection	\$120.00
Restoration collection	\$435.25

From Fr. Daniel Caruso



This weekend we begin our observance of Advent, one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. For me, much of its beauty comes from the fact that it approaches the next few weeks in such a different way than the world around us does. The secular world is already decorated for Christmas; in fact, much of the world is already celebrating Christmas. We, however, as a Catholic Christian community have just begun to prepare. While the outside world is being overwhelmed with the commercialism of the "shopping season", we are called to prayerfully prepare for the coming of Christ.

Because society jumps right into Christmas after Thanksgiving (for some, Halloween), we are often in danger of losing sight of the true nature of the Advent season. This is a time of joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ, not just as a babe in Bethlehem, but also for His coming at the end of time. I realize that we all have to take some time to prepare for the physical celebration of Christmas, but I also hope and pray that we all take time to spiritually prepare during this Advent season. Without this spiritual preparation, all the shopping, wrapping, baking, decorating, etc., is ultimately worthless because it is not a reflection of the joy we should have at the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Next Sunday, December 6th, Bishop Cunningham will once again be awarding the Immaculata Award. His Excellency instituted this award several years ago in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Syracuse. The award is given to a lay person from each parish who generously and unselfishly volunteers time and service to their parish. I am pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Immaculata Award from St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity is Jerry Mott. Jerry has been a long time volunteer in the parish and is involved in so many aspects of parish life. He was instrumental in helping to keep things running smoothly last year during the time Fr. Jon left and I was appointed administrator. He has also been an incredible help to me this past year. Jerry is a true blessing to the parish and I am extremely pleased that the Bishop is recognizing the great contribution he makes to our community.

As we begin our Advent journey, I assure you of my continued prayers for all of you; please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Dan

The Immaculata Award will be presented to Jerry at The Cathedral, downtown at 2:30PM Sunday, Dec. 6.

Giving Tree

This year we are happy to have The Giving Tree in our Church for the Christmas Season. Tags are hanging with gift suggestions. After choosing a tag, please return the gift **unwrapped** and place it under the Tree. Catholic Charities will receive the gifts for their 300 plus families. The Giving Tree will be up from Nov. 28 through Dec. 13. If you are unable to return your gifts to Church or just have gifts to donate you can deliver them to the rectory during business hours. We are taking toys, games, books, etc. for children up to 13 years of age. Hats, gloves, mittens, socks also. If you have any questions please contact the rectory.



Advent Penance Service

The Northside Penance Service is 3:00PM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters on Sunday, December 13th.



Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Nov. 28, 2015 - 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm - Rosemary "Pat" Markert - The Family
Raffael DeMichele - Stephanie Cavallaro

Sun. - Nov. 29, 2015 - 1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 am - Carol Shaw - Tish DeSalvo
George Tibbetts - Patricia Miller
11:00 am - "For The People"

Mon. - Nov. 30, 2015 - St. Andrew, apostle

12:00 Noon - Salvatore Copani - Joe Falcone

Tues. - Dec. 1, 2015

12:00 Noon - Agnes Ewald - The Estate

Wed. - Dec. 2, 2015

Thurs. - Dec. 3, 2015 - St. Francis Zaxier, priest

Fri. - Dec. 4, 2015 - St. John Damascene,
priest & doctor of the Church

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 Noon - Robert Marks - Melanie Ziel

Sat. - Dec. 5, 2015 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm - For The People

Sun. - Dec. 6, 2015 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 am - The Mancuso Family - Tish DeSalvo
Jerry Berriagan - Tish DeSalvo
11:00 am - John Quinn - The Family
Salvatore Fornito - The Family

The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn in memory of

Rosemary "Pat" Markert

Requested by **The Family**



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, Antonietta Briggs, Albert Bleskoski, Catherine Cushman, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Mike Cannavino, Robert Capria, Ken Castle, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Peter DiBello, Anthony Drenzo, Joan Dominic, Norma Foody, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Gladys Graham, June Greene, Jeanne Hammond, Alan "Butch" Hierholzer, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Carolyn Longo, Joanne Loughney, Diane Mackey, Bernice McClelland, Carol McGuire, 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.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Dec. 24;

4:00PM at St. John/Holy Trinity and Pompei/St. Peter

9:00PM at St. John/Holy Trinity

12:00 Midnight Pompei/St. Peter

Christmas Day Dec. 25;

9:00AM Pompei/St. Peter

10:00AM St. John/Holy Trinity

10:30AM Pompei/St. Peter

Ministers Needed

St. John/Holy Trinity needs ministers for all of our above Masses. Please call the rectory or fill the slip below and put in the collection basket. Thank You.

I am able to serve at the following Mass:

Christmas Eve 4:00PM ___ 9:00PM ___

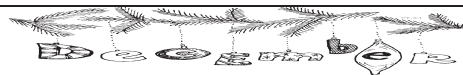
Name: _____

As Altar Server ___ Eucharistic Minister ___ Lector ___

Christmas Day 10:00AM ___

Name: _____

As Altar Server ___ Eucharistic Minister ___ Lector ___



Fri. Dec. 4 Group 3 Altar Cleaning

Fri. Dec. 11 Group 4 Altar Cleaning

Fri. Dec. 18 Group 1 Altar Cleaning

Sun. Nov. 29 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Dec. 6 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Dec. 13 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Dec. 20 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Dec. 27 Group 2 Money Counters

Sat. Dec. 5 Parish Christmas Party, SJB/HT & P/P
Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters Convent
5:15PM start

Sun. Dec. 6 Immaculata Award Cathedral, downtown
2:30PM

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

Thurs. Dec. 10 Parish Life Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Sun. Dec. 13 Breakfast with Santa 8:00AM-12:00 Noon
SJB/HT Parish Center
Advent Penance Service 3:00PM
Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters

Thurs. Dec. 17 TNT Neighborhood Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

**The Rectory will be closed on
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25**

**The month of October we laid to rest from
our Parish Family;
Dorothy Carruthers**

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