

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 11, 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.

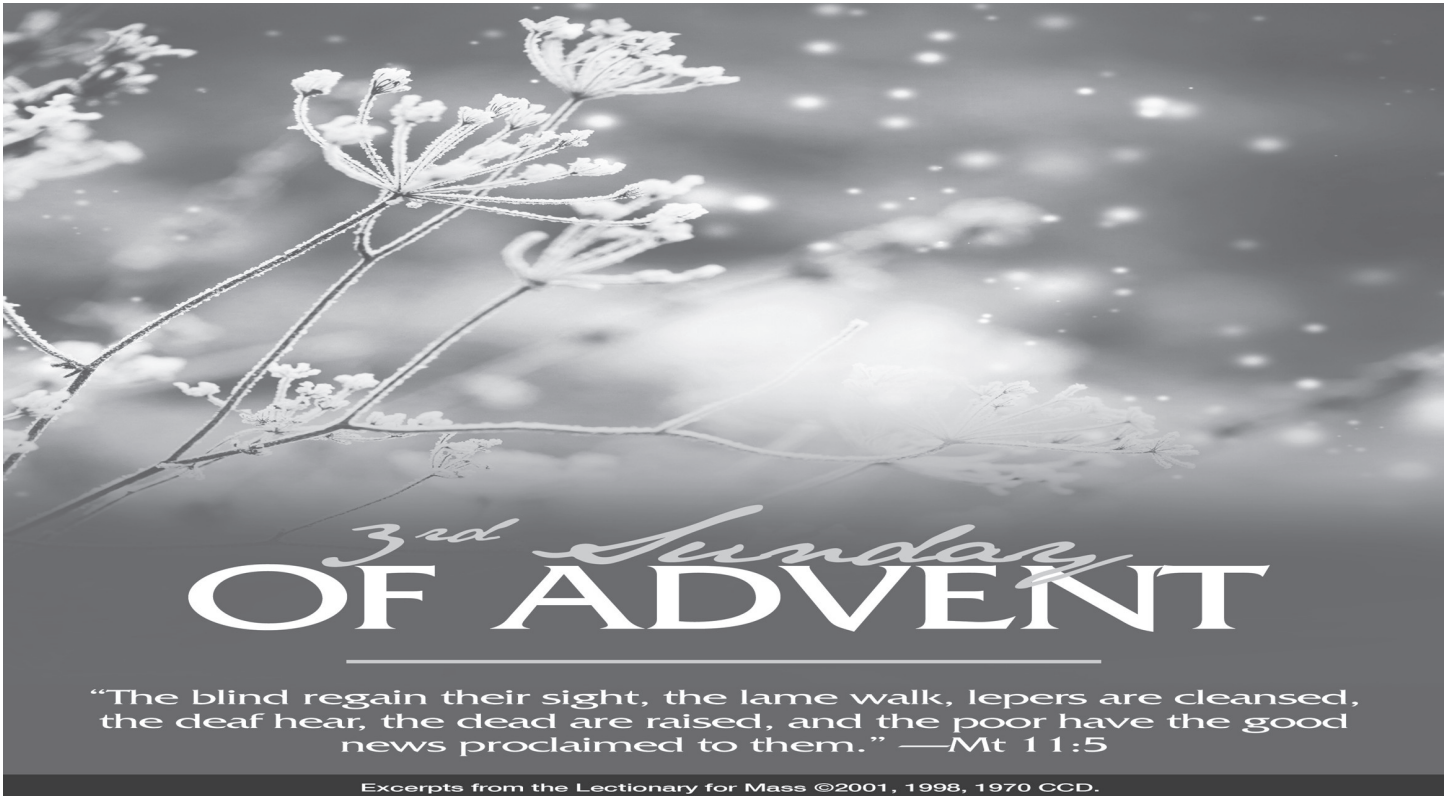
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Third Sunday Of Advent

"The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised." Jesus has quite a résumé. When asked whether or not he is the long awaited Messiah, Jesus replies with this list of his credentials as proof of his position. These signs and wonders speak volumes, to be sure. But perhaps the most interesting line on the list is his concluding one, "the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." Why does he count this among his litany of miracles? What is so remarkable about sharing good news?

Perhaps Jesus included this element of his work--the preaching of good news--to remind his followers that the physical healings were not the ultimate goal of his mission. Rather, the spiritual healing that comes from hearing the good news of salvation is what Jesus was really about. The "poor"--which in a sense means all of us sinners, trapped by the poverty of the sins that enslave us--are freed by Jesus' message of a loving God who wants to bring us into his kingdom. Our poverty is erased by his richness. His mercy "undoes" our sin and we are invited to become the children of God who share in the glories of his heavenly abode.

Sometimes it's tempting to just want the visible miracles. But the invisible ones--the conversions that take place in the silence of the human heart--are truly the more important works of God. Such interior transformation is what leads us to eternal life; even a physical cure won't last for eternity--death still comes at some point. But the really good news is that this miracle of conversion is available to all of us. And this season of Advent is the perfect time to let God work his miracles in our hearts.

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.

Faith Formation News

Our annual Christmas Play will be presented on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 Mass. All permission slips for our Christmas Play are due back 12/11. If you forgot your slip and want your child to participate, please call me asap, as I will be deciding on parts this week. Our first rehearsal will be on 12/18, during class time. A 2nd rehearsal will be on 12/24 at 11 am. Breakfast with Santa will be on 12/18 and the Religious Education students will be given a coupon for breakfast after class on that day. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 420-6357 or 478-0916.



Thanksgiving Meal Deliveries

Thank You to the Outreach Committee who helped organize the making and delivering of 23 Thanksgiving Dinners to our Homebound parishioners. Each received turkey and all the fixings, enough for 2 meals. To all the volunteer drivers who stopped in to pick up and deliver the meals and wish our homebound a Happy Thanksgiving our very deep appreciation for all that you do.



Pennies From Heaven

For the second time this year the coins that are dropped into our jars was collected and added up. This time we collected \$40.00 in pennies and \$48.00 in silver. In May we reported \$73.00. Grand total for 2016 \$161.00. Thank You to all who donate to the jars. Every little bit helps, in big ways!

3rd Sunday of Advent

In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by adding, "The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news? The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Because of this, we have cause to rejoice!



And on this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled. He is among us, saving us even now!

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.



Sunday Collection Dec. 3rd and Dec. 4th

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| Regular collection | \$4,546.63 |
| Loose collection | \$697.80 |
| Fuel collection | \$647.00 |
| Restoration collection | \$332.00 |
| Poor collection | \$87.00 |



Food Pantry All Faiths Food Pantry Donations

Your non perishable food donations can still be brought and left in the Food Wagons in the vestibules of the Church.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to



Sharing The Gospel

Name someone that you think is very important. Jesus said that John the Baptist was the greatest man ever born. John the Baptist did not live in a big house or wear nice clothes. He was not the president, and he did not own a huge company. You would probably think he was very poor. But John the Baptist was truly great because he loved and trusted God with his whole heart. He helped other people follow God, too.

Prayer

Dear God, show me ways to help my friends follow God, too.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the greatest man ever born.

Mission for the Week

If you have any videos that tell Bible stories, watch one or two together with your family.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

The question put to Jesus in today's Gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for directions? Are you the one? Will you be the one?



World Marriage Day

The 31st Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 2:30pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Most Rev.

Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass. All couples will be invited to renew their commitment to holy marriage. Bishop Cunningham will specifically honor those couples celebrating their 25th, silver, 50th, golden and those celebrating beyond their 50th year in 2017. Families of those celebrating are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact the parish office to register for this lovely event!

Liturgical Schedules 2017

All Jan. - Apr. 2017 schedules have been mailed or made available in the Church/Rectory for Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Money Counters and Altar Cleaning. If at any time you have a conflict please call the rectory or if able make a sub call for yourself.



If anyone is interested in joining any Liturgical Team please call the rectory and we will be happy to assist and direct you.



Liturgical Ministers

There is a list posted in the Sacristy for Liturgical Ministers needed for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year Eve and New Year Day Masses. If you know the Mass you will be attending please help and sign up so we are prepared for Mass. Your help during the Christmas and New Year is greatly appreciated.

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Dec. 10, 2016 - Third Sunday Of Advent

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Dominick Pirozzi - Pauline & Children
Lena DeSimone - John & Diana DeSimone
Steve P. Taddeo - Peg & Mary
Carol McGuire - Frank & Helen Impelizzieri

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Dec. 11, 2016 - Third Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Daniel Piacquadio - The Family
Rosalind Pasarella - Daughter
Gaetana & Donato Spina - The Luisi Family
Maria Grazia Vigliotti - Me. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Dec. 12, 2016 - Our Lady Of Guadalupe

12:00 Noon - Don Cox

Tues. - Dec. 13, 2016 - St. Lucy, virgin & martyr

12:00 Noon - Homeless to find safe shelter

Wed. - Dec. 14, 2016 - St. John of the Cross,
priest & doctor of the Church

Thurs. - Dec. 15, 2016

Fri. - Dec. 16, 2016

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Unborn children

Sat. - Dec. 17, 2016 - Fourth Sunday Of Advent

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Dec. 11, 2016 - Fourth Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Schedule

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve - 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Saturday, Dec. 24 - 9:00PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass - 10:00AM

Saturday, Dec. 31 New Year Eve - 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 New Year Day Mass - 9:00AM

Office Hours

The rectory is closed on Friday, Dec. 23. Confession will be available and Noon Mass will be said. The Rectory is closed on Monday Dec. 26 and Monday Jan. 2, 2017.



Saturday, Dec. 17 & Sunday, Dec. 18

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ Fran Brimfield

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ L. Argiro, K. Fekete, Michele Dykeman,
Michael Dykeman, Fran Brimfield, M.E. Cusano



Sun. Dec. 11 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Dec. 18 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Dec. 25 TBA

Fri. Dec. 16 Group 2 Altar Cleaning

Fri. Dec. 23 Group 3 Altar Cleaning

Sun. Dec. 18 Breakfast with Santa 8:00am-12:00 Noon
SJB/HT Parish Center



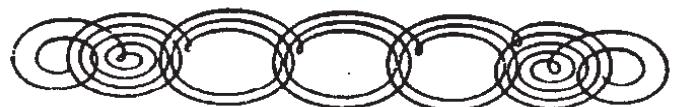
St. Daniel Church Christmas Concert

Free Christmas Concert dedicated to Deacon Thomas Kane and Samuel Julian on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 in the St. Daniel School Gym 3004 Court St. Featuring: The Lyncourt Community Band under the direction of Anthony DeAngelis, Ron Nuzzo & Tay Sturge and The Harmony Katz, Syracuse's own Barbershop Harmony Chorus under the direction of Pete Carentz. Join us for an evening of Christmas music and songs. Refreshments will be sold. Pierogi and Christmas Cookies will be sold by Transfiguration Parish. Wheelchair accessible.

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, 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.



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



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