

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 9, 2017

## 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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## Palm Sunday

"Peter said to him in reply, 'Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.'" Peter thought pretty highly of his faith. On the eve of Christ's death he professed, in essence, that he was more committed to Jesus than anyone else. And yet, we know how the story turns out: when put to the test in the moment that mattered, Peter "began to curse and to swear, 'I do not know the man.'"

On this Palm Sunday, we hear many stories of betrayal. The crowds, who once hailed Jesus with "hosannas," will soon be chanting, "Let him be crucified!" Judas, who was counted among the closest companions of the Lord, turns him over to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. And Peter falls short in the moment of truth, and then "went out and began to weep bitterly."

Here in the hours before Christ faces crucifixion, he is surrounded by false friends. Just when he most needs the support, he is abandoned. No wonder he feels the suffering even of being forgotten by his Father while he hangs on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" What trials Jesus endured, not only physically but emotionally as well.

It's easy to glaze over this as a story from the past that does not involve us. But in truth, Jesus suffered all of this for each one of US. He would have preferred things to go otherwise, but submitted to his Father's will because he knew "it must come to pass in this way." Jesus' passion and death took place in order to bring US salvation. So today, may we not be counted among his many betray-ers, but may we be truly grateful for the gift of the cross and show it through a life of sincere faith.

## 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.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin the most important week of the Church's year. It is full of wonderful celebrations as we reflect upon the central mysteries of our Faith. Too often we may choose not to attend these services because they are not "days of obligation." Perhaps we have never been to some of them and hesitate to go because we are not sure what takes place. I assure you that you will not be disappointed in the beauty and prayerfulness of our Holy Week celebrations. Once again this year, the parish communities of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity join together in prayer during these wondrous days. The parish staffs have worked very hard to prepare for these sacred days. If we all celebrate this week in its true spirit, I am sure we will all grow in holiness.



Today, Passion (Palm) Sunday, we begin by celebrating the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where He is welcomed by the crowds. However, by the time the Passion is proclaimed, these crowds have turned on Him and seek to have Him crucified. Perhaps there is a lesson there for all of us, who may at one moment acknowledge Christ's kingship and at the next moment seek to crucify Him in our sinfulness.

The "heart" of the Church's liturgical year, The Sacred Triduum ("The Three Days"), begins on Holy Thursday with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On that day we commemorate two lasting gifts of the Lord to His Church, The Sacred Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. **The Mass of the Lord's Supper that evening will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity at 7:30.** At that Mass we will have a service of commitment for all who are engaged in ministry at our two parishes. The Gospel that evening is the account of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. After the homily, I will wash the feet of twelve parishioners as a reminder to all of us of the connection between Eucharist and service. The Mass ends with the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church will be open until 11:00 PM so that people can come and pray in the presence of our Blessed Lord. We are invited to reflect on how on that first Holy Thursday, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples to stay awake with Him as He prayed.

Good Friday is the only day of the year when Mass is not offered. The Good Friday service is the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. It consists of the Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and a Communion Service (using the Eucharist consecrated the night before). It is one of the starkest, simplest, and most moving services in the Church year. **The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated at noon at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and at 3:00 at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. On Good Friday evening we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.**

The only Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil. The Church waits anxiously to celebrate Christ's glorious victory over sin and death. St. Ambrose called the Easter Vigil the "Mother of all Vigils." It is a beautiful celebration that includes the lighting and blessing of the new fire, the blessing of the Easter water, the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and the renewal of Baptismal promises. It is the grandest of the Church's celebrations. **The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.** This year we will be welcoming one new member into the fullness of the Faith at this Mass. How wonderful it would be if a large number of our parish family gathered to celebrate this most important night.

As we prepare once again to celebrate these sacred days, I encourage you to join us in prayer. We continue to seek to grow as a community of Faith. What better way to do this than to celebrate, as a family, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior?

If you haven't had the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent, it's not too late. On Monday evening, in observance of the Light Is On For You Campaign, I will be at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity for Confessions from 4-7PM. On Tuesday and Wednesday I will be hearing Confessions from 4:30 - 6:00PM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.

You will be in my prayers during Holy Week; please keep me in yours. **In Christ, Fr. Caruso**



### Holy Week Ministers Needed

The following is our Holy Week schedule and need for Liturgical Ministers. Please let the office know if you are available to assist at any of the Masses. Sign up sheets are also posted in the Sacristy.

**Holy Thursday, April 13 7:30pm SJB/HT:**

**1 Lector is needed, 3 Eucharistic Ministers, 2 Altar Servers any available Ushers.**

**SJB/HT is open until 11:00 for adoration.**

**Good Friday, April 14 3:00pm SJB/HT:**

**2 Lectors are needed, 1 Eucharistic Minister, 2 Altar Servers.**

**Holy Saturday, April 15 8:00pm OLP/SP Easter Vigil:**

**2 Lectors are needed, 2 Eucharistic Ministers, 2 Altar Servers. \*\*\*\*Please note that the Easter Vigil is at**

**Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters.**

**Blessing of the Easter Food:**

**Saturday, April 15 12:00 SJB/HT.**

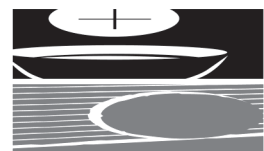


### Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation classes are quickly coming to an end. After class this Sunday, the children are invited to go over to the Parish Center for free donuts with the Easter Bunny. **THERE ARE NO CLASSES ON 4/16 & 4/23 DUE TO EASTER AND SPRING BREAK.** Classes will resume on 4/30. We wish you a very Blessed Easter and an enjoyable Spring Break. Our final class will be on May 14th, which will be our May Crowning at the 9 am Mass. Parents are encouraged to attend this Mass with your family.

### Confessions-The Light Is On April 10

On Mon., April 10 here at SJB/HT Church, the sacrament of Confession will be offered as part of the Diocese **The Light Is On** program. Confessions will be heard from 4:00-7:00PM.



Coffee and Doughnuts with the  
Easter Bunny Sunday

Following the 9:00AM Mass. SJB/HT Parish Center.



**Mass Schedule for**

**St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity**

Sat. - April 8, 2017 - Vigil Palm Sunday

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - April 9, 2017 - Palm Sunday

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Ruth Smith - The Smith Family

James Grimes, Jr. - Wife & Family

Joan Dominic - Daughters

Louis, Enrica & Peter Cellini - The Family

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - April 10, 2017

12:00 Noon - Rosa Barile - The Luisi Family

Tues. - April 11, 2017 -

12:00 Noon - Jennie Annesi - Jerry & Carol Wallace

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Palmisano - Daughter

Wed. - April 12, 2017

Thurs. - April 13, 2017

Holy Thursday - 7:30pm SJB/HT

Church is open till 11:00 for adoration

Fri. - April 14, 2017

12:00 Noon - OLP/SP

3:00 pm - SJB/HT

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sat. - April 15, 2017 - Vigil - Easter

12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Food SJB/HT

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm OLP/SP

Sun. - April 16, 2017 - Easter Sunday

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, 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 Dierenzo, Marilyn Ferretti, Paul Ferretti. 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, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Sister Theresa Thayer IHM, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone and Shelly Visco.

Saturday, April 15th & Sunday, April 16th

**LECTORS:**

4:00PM ~ No Mass at SJB/HT

9:00AM ~ Please sign-up in Sacristy

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

4:00PM ~ No Mass at SJB/HT

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Please sign-up in Sacristy

**EUCCHARIST:**

4:00PM ~ No Mass at SJB/HT

9:00AM ~ Please sign-up in Sacristy



Sun. April 9 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. April 16 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. April 23 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. April 30 Group 3 Money Counters

Fri. April 14 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

Fri. April 21 Group 4 Altar Cleaners

Fri. April 28 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Sun. April 9 Coffee & Doughnut with the Easter Bunny

Following the 9:00AM Mass SJB/HT Parish Center

Sat. April 22 BUNKO 5:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Easter Flowers—Final Notice**

If you would like to make a donation towards our Easter Flowers for the Altar, please fill in the below slip. All requests are due by **Monday, April 10** and will be submitted into the Easter week bulletin. Checks should be made payable to St. John/Holy Trinity and please Do Not put this slip in contribution envelope. Please put it into a separate envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Thank You.

**Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sunday Collection April 1st and April 2nd**

Regular collection .....	\$4,957.55
Loose collection .....	\$416.60
Fuel Collection .....	\$155.55



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