

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 6, 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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Second Sunday Of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Today's Gospel reading references an ancient text from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. There, a prophecy was made that John the Baptist would fulfill many years later; John is the "voice of one crying out in the desert." And the message that John's voice proclaimed, in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, was a message of repentance.

The passage from Isaiah gives us some clues into what this repentance is supposed to do. It is meant to change us into people who can properly welcome the Lord when he comes. Using the poetic image of a path, the text describes the kind of path that is suitable for the Lord. He shouldn't have to navigate valleys, scale mountains, wind around twists and turns on the road, or traverse rough, difficult terrain. Instead, he should be able to move easily on smooth ground. Residents preparing to welcome an honored guest ought to do what they can to make the journey pleasant. The analogy relates to our souls.

As we prepare to welcome the Lord this Advent season, we should make the "path" of our souls level, straight, and smooth. We should "fill" the valleys of laziness or despair with diligence and joy. The mountains of pride and greed should be made low with humility and generosity. The winding roads of dishonesty and manipulation "shall be made straight" with commitment to the truth. And the rough ways of our selfishness and stubbornness should be made smooth through charity and docility to the Holy Spirit. When we live our faith with sincerity and devotion, our souls are transformed. This Advent, may our souls become a pleasant path for Christ.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Temporary Administrator Father Daniel Caruso **Office Assistant** Mary Olmsted

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Religious Education Catherine Mackey

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. 12th and Sunday, Dec. 13th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Sue Retschle
9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe
11:00AM ~ TBA



ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano
9:00AM ~ Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo
Luis & Aleda Guerrero
11:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Mary Elizabeth Cusano

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ M.A. Bergamo, M.E. Cusano, T. Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo, P. Serio
9:00AM ~ Michele Dykeman, M. Piazza, M.E. Cusano, L. Argiro, R. Warren
11:00AM ~ R. Flores, M. Flores, F. Sanzone, L. Sanzone

Faith Formation News

PK-8th grade classes will resume this week at the normal time. The Confirmation class will be attending Assumption's Live Nativity on December 20 at 2:00, the dress rehearsal on Dec. 22 at 6:00 and the play on Christmas Eve. All students interested in participating in the play will be required to attend the dress rehearsal on Dec 22 and will need to be at the church no later than 3:30 on Christmas Eve.



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 catmac@verizon.net or call me at 478-0916. Thank you!



Sharing The Gospel

When Mary visited Elizabeth, Mary had wonderful news to share. Jesus was coming into the world. You have good news to share about Jesus, too. The next time you visit a friend, gently share how happy you are that Jesus came to save you.



Prayer

God, help me to share the good news about Jesus when I visit my friends.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Say a special prayer for missionary families. People all around the world need Jesus.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Today's Gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"



Breakfast With Santa Sunday, Dec. 13

Join us for Breakfast With Santa on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 8:00AM - 12:00 noon in the SJB/HT Parish Center. Adults \$8.00, Children (5-12) \$4.00, under 5 free. **Don't forget to bring your camera for pictures with SANTA!**

Sunday Collection Nov. 28th & 29th

Regular Envelope collection	\$3303.92
Loose collection	\$588.06
Fuel collection	\$65.00
Poor collection	\$60.00



Snow Birds

Parishioners who will be traveling to warmer destinations for the winter please contact the rectory regarding your contribution envelopes. We will stop the mailing until you return. But, you need to let us know please. Call the rectory during our business hours or slip us note in the collection basket with information. Have a safe and happy winter.

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.



Virtual Pilgrimage Of Lourdes, France Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Tuesday, December 8 6:30PM

North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a 90 minute prayerful **Virtual Pilgrimage** to Lourdes, France at the Cathedral downtown on Tues. Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception at 6:30PM. This will be after the 5:10 Feast Day Mass with Bishop Cunningham. During this guided Lourdes experience, you will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes, have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water. For more information call the North American Lourdes Volunteers office at 315-276-0026.

Christ The King Retreat House 500 Brookford Rd.

New Year's Eve Day of Reflection: Thursday, December 31 from 10:00AM - 3:00PM. As we enter into a New Year, this day will be an opportunity to look back over the previous year to name the obvious ways in which we may have cooperated with the movement of grace and God. Oftentimes the movement of God may have been more subtle and can emerge during the structured quiet prayer times of this day. Presented by Fr. John Rose, Retreat House Director. Mass will be celebrated. Offering \$35.00 includes lunch.



Advent Penance Service

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



Your Help Is Needed!

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

Ministers, please let the rectory know if you will be able to participate as an Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister or Lector. At this time, no Masses are covered. Thank You.

I am able to serve at the following Mass:

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

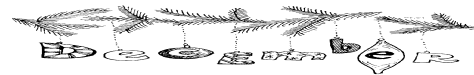
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As Altar Server ___ Eucharistic Minister ___ Lector ___

Christmas Day 10:00AM ___

Name: _____

As Altar Server ___ Eucharistic Minister ___ Lector ___



Fri. Dec. 11 Group 4 Altar Cleaning

Fri. Dec. 18 Group 1 Altar Cleaning

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

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
Cancelled this month, back in January

The Rectory will be closed on

Thursday, December 24

Friday, December 25



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, Albert Bleskoski, Antonietta Briggs, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Mike Cannavino, Robert Capria, Ken Castle, Paul Collins, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Direnzo, 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, David Miccinelli, 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.



The Sanctuary Lamp
Will burn in memory of
Jerry Berriagan
Requested by **Tish DeSalvo**



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