

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 12, 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.

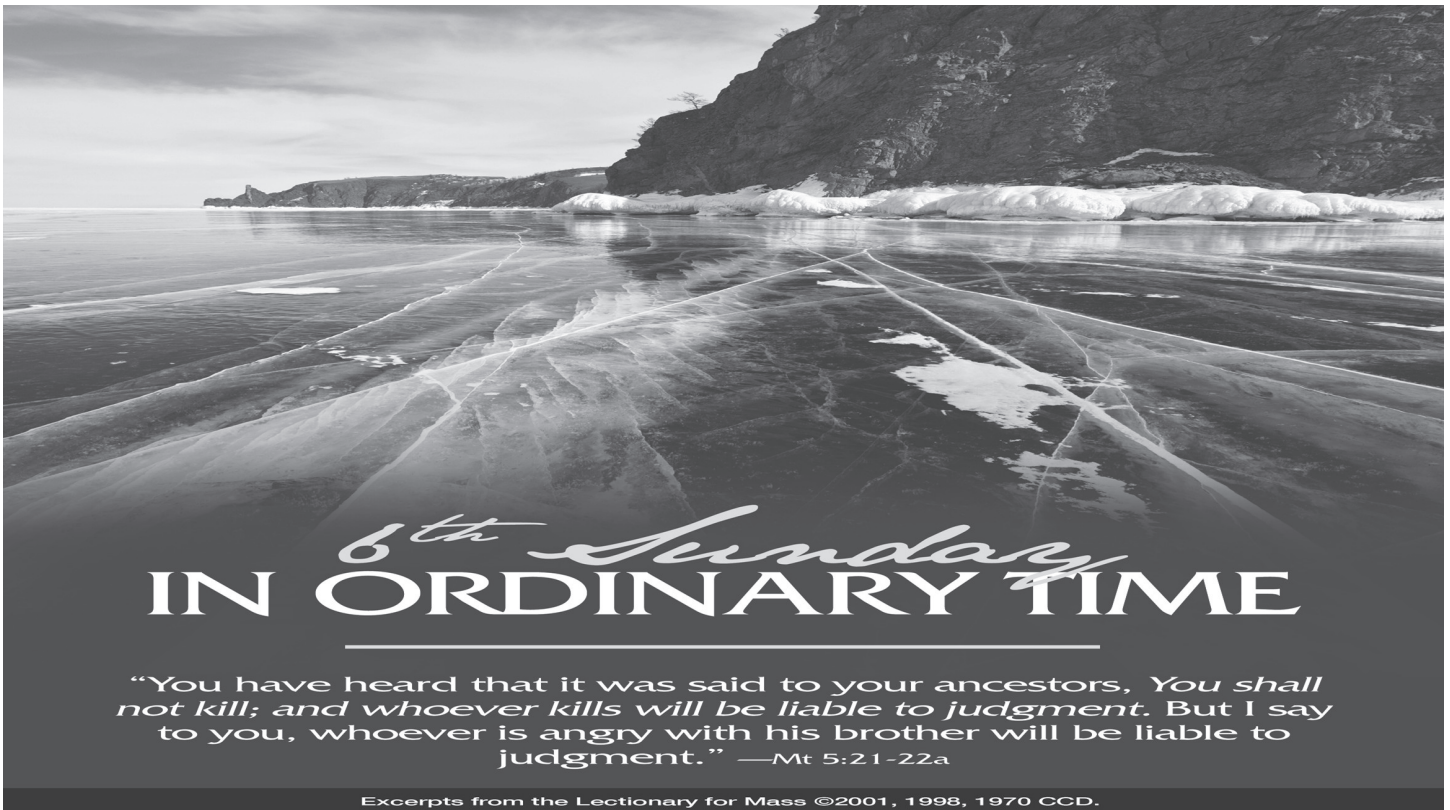
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus presents two paths for us today: we can break his commandments or obey them. And the result corresponds to our choice. If we decide not to follow God's guidelines, we will not enjoy the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. But if we choose otherwise, eternity will look much brighter for us!

Of course, it's easy to know in our minds what the right choice is. But putting this into practice is another matter. The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of commitment. He says more than do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. He says more than do not lie. Rather, do not even swear.

Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will in fact make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary--whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.

### **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

Please continue to pray for the Confirmation students as they prepare for Confirmation in a few months. All the other students are also working hard in their classes. Parents, please continue to help your students practice their prayers everyday.



### Sharing The Gospel

God's rules stop you from hurting yourself and the people around you. God knows that if you really love him, you will want to follow his rules. You will trust him. You will want to be thoughtful and kind. You will want to love people the way God does.

### Prayer

God, help me to follow your rules with my whole heart.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself cheerfully helping your parents dust and vacuum your house.

### Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.



## Bishop Grimes 50th Anniversary Dinner and Auction

The Bishop Grimes 50th Anniversary Dinner & Auction Celebration is Saturday, April 29. Enjoy delicious food, beverages, and exciting live & silent auctions! \$40 per person or \$375 table of 10. All proceeds benefit the Bishop Grimes Scholarship Fund. Purchase your tickets by contacting Michele Belge (315) 314-7157 ext. 4 or [mbelge@syrdiocese.org](mailto:mbelge@syrdiocese.org).

### Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2016 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, email us at [nbergeson@syrdio.org](mailto:nbergeson@syrdio.org), fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention "Nancy".

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Baked Fish Dinners

We begin our Famous Baked Fish Dinners on Friday, March 3 and continue March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7. Dinners are served from 4:00 to 7:00PM. Our menu is Fish w/2 sides, (fries, cole slaw, mac & cheese, baked beans) roll and dessert Adults \$8.00, Child 5-12 \$4.00. Sides extra are \$1.50, fish sandwich w/side \$5.00, toasted cheese sandwich \$2.00, New England clam chowder \$1.50 soda \$1.00. \*\*We will have our 50/50 raffle during the dinner. \*\*Girl Scout Cookies will be sold again this year. Boxes are \$4:00 & \$5:00. \*\*Stations of the Cross will be each Friday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 at SJB/HT beginning at 7:00PM.



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"But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the Ten Commandments to a deeper level.

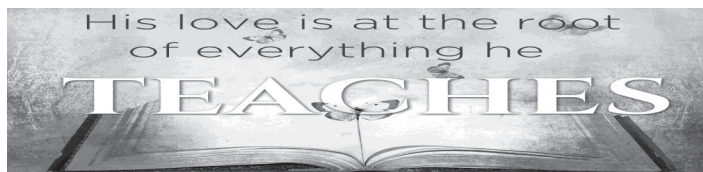
Instead of focusing merely on external actions, like murder or adultery, Jesus wants us to examine what is in our hearts, like anger or lust. These internal dispositions are the root cause of the outward sins. Jesus is teaching us to take responsibility for our attitudes as well as our actions.

Some may say that we cannot control our internal thoughts and feelings, or that it's unrealistic to expect us to eliminate anger and lust from our inner selves. But, as Saint Thérèse of Lisieux put it, Christ would not command the impossible. So it must be possible to purify our hearts and control our thoughts. But we don't have to do this on our own power. Jesus expects great things of us, but he doesn't expect us to do them alone! Through the presence of his Spirit in our hearts, we have divine assistance to accomplish this task.

When we pray to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, he responds by filling our hearts with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit-wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. When these wonderful things are present within us, the bad things have nowhere to settle. Thus we can be transformed into people who don't just live the commandments, but who love them as well.

## The Franciscan Place At Destiny USA

Schedule for Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017  
Distribution of ashes during the 12:15 and 4:00 Masses, which will be held on the 6th level (Skydeck level, please use elevator by Burlington). Also, distribution of ashes with a short prayer service in The Franciscan Place Chapel at the following times:  
10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 & 5:30  
**Stations of the Cross during Lent**  
Mondays following the 12:15 Mass  
Tuesdays following the 4:15 Mass



### Mass Schedule for

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

Sat. - Feb. 11, 2017 - Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Feb. 12, 2017 - Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Sam Longo - Mr. & Mrs. Peter Starowicz

Ernest Bottino - Tish DiSalvo

Maria Rosano - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Feb. 13, 2017

12:00 Noon - Daniel Fronczek - Edward & Karin Airel

Tues. - Feb. 14, 2017 - Sts. Cyril, Monk

& Methodius, bishop

12:00 Noon - For the homeless & hungry of our community

Wed. - Feb. 15, 2017

Thurs. - Feb. 16, 2017

Fri. - Feb. 17, 2017 - The Seven Holy Founders

of the Servite Order

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 Noon - All Souls

Sat. - Feb 18, 2017 - Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Patricia Gray - Bill & Sue Slack

Albert Bleskoski - Bob & Fran Brimfield

Patrick Desimone - John & Diane Desimone

Raffaele DeMichele - Maria DeMichele & Family

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Feb 19, 2017 - Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 10:30 am



**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 Drenzo, Marilyn 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, 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.**



Saturday, Feb. 18th & Sunday, Feb. 19th

#### LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Pat Campagna

9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo

#### EUCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ G. Larkin, T. Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo, P. Serio, F. Sanzone, L. Sanzone, R. Copani

9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, RI Elderbroom, J. Mott, E. Warren, Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, L. Argiro



Sun. Feb. 12 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Feb. 19 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Feb. 26 Group 2 Money Counters

Fri. Feb. 17 Group 3 Altar Cleaning

Fri. Feb. 24 Group 4 Altar Cleaning

Sat. Feb. 18 BUNKO 5:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. Feb. 22 Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

#### SJBA Class Reunion 1977-1978

St. John the Baptist Academy High School Reunion, classes of 1977 and 1978: Join us on Saturday, August 5, 2017 for 4:00 p.m. mass at St. John the Baptist followed immediately afterwards by a tour of the school. A tour of the old convent will be made available before mass. Dinner will be later at The Franklin Grille 605 North Salina Street at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please see the St John the Baptist 1977-78 Reunion site on Facebook.



#### Bunko Date - Sat. Feb. 18

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. Feb. 15. 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. Feb. 18**

#### Sunday Collection Feb. 4th and Feb. 5th

Regular collection .....	\$3,632.11
Loose collection .....	\$468.00
Fuel collection.....	\$571.00



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