

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 19, 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.

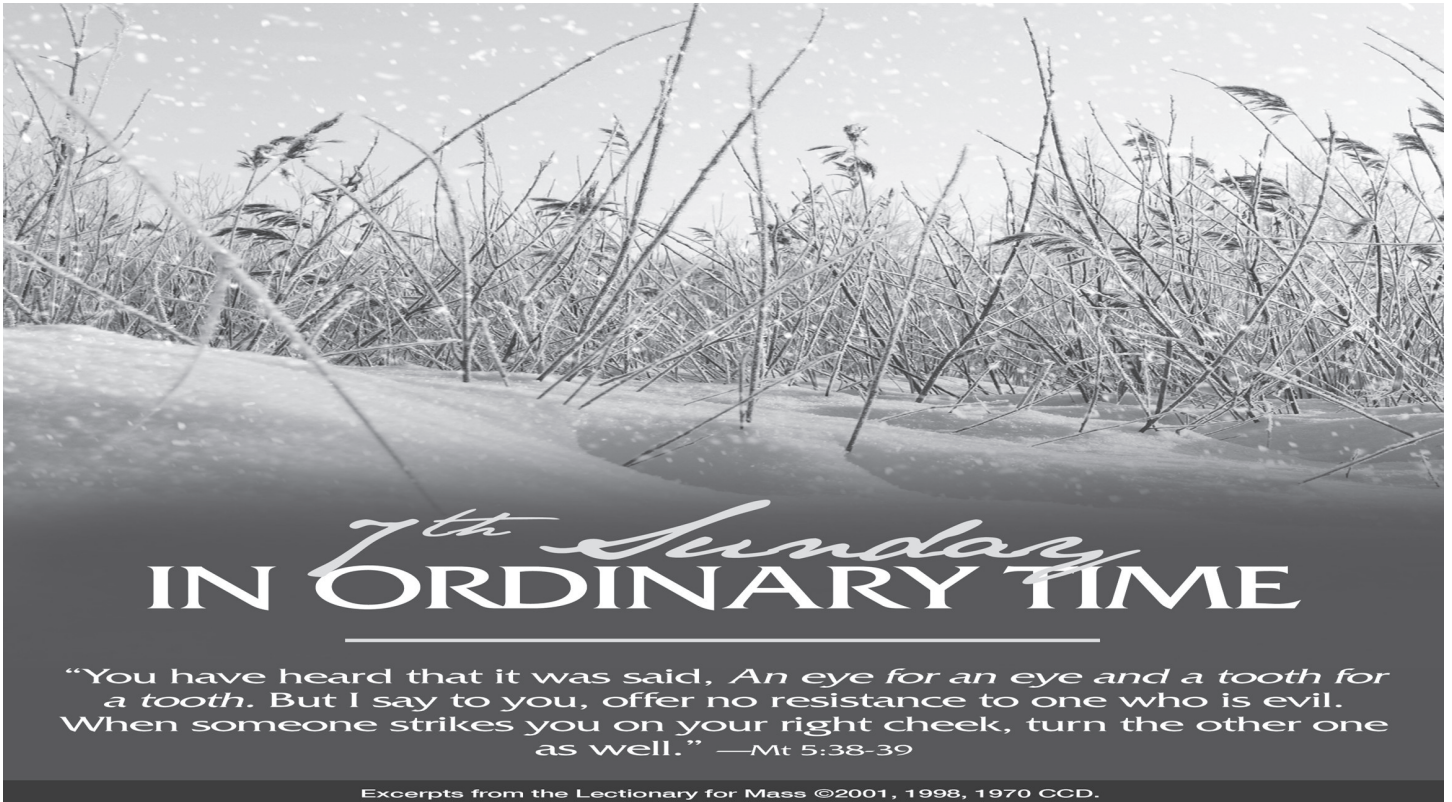
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

*"You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well."* —Mt 5:38-39

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### Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." These instructions don't come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that--although it may not change the heart of our "enemies"--will nonetheless change OUR hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then WE are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: "I chose to do this," instead of "I am being forced to do this."

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.

### 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

After you let God's love fill your heart you will act different. If someone at school is mean to you, you won't get even. You will pray for them instead, with love in your heart. If your parents ask you to make your bed, you will do it cheerfully. With God's help you can do a lot of good.

### Prayer

God, help me to love other people the way you do.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself praying for someone who hurt you.

### Mission for the Week

Pick up your toys and help with the dishes, without waiting to be asked.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be family to others.



### Courtesy Announcement Transfiguration Church

Mardi Gras - Polish Dinner with live music and beads. Sunday, Feb. 26 fro 12:00-3:00PM in the Church Hall 740 Teall Ave. Polish Food Platter; serving: pierogi, golabki, kielbasa, vegetable, rye bread, jelly doughnuts and refreshments. Adults \$13.00, children 6-12 \$5.00, under 6 free.



### Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2016 taxes, please contact the rectory during of-ice 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



### Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow."

At first glance, we might think this instruction refers only to money or possessions. Jesus would surely want us to be generous with our finances, and in the spirit of today's Gospel, to give without seeking to receive. However, the principle also applies to our time and our talents.

Most likely, some of the people God has placed in our lives are "asking" for our time: children in need of care; elderly parents; neighbors or friends experiencing sickness, etcetera. Often, the needs of others do not coincide perfectly with our own plans. Rather, serving our families and communities frequently requires a change in our normal program of life. When such interruptions occur, do we share our time and attention freely, handing over our "cloak" as well without a grumble or a grudge?

And what about the use of our God-given talents? We have all been blessed in different ways with gifts that can strengthen our communities. When our abilities could be useful to others, are we willing to share them without seeking recompense? Gifts of organization or artistry, culinary or mechanical skills, musical or ministerial talents...what we have received can be a blessing to those in our parish, our workplace, our neighborhood, and our family. Rather than being stingy with the treasures God has given us, may we be willing to follow the Lord's command to go the extra mile.



### 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  
\*\*\*"All Faiths Food Pantry"\*\*\***



## Rectory Closed/Noon Mass

In observance of Presidents' Day Monday, Feb. 20, the rectory will be closed and there is **No Noon Mass**.

### Mass Schedule for

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

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

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

Albert Bleskoski - Bob & Fran Brimfield

Patrick Desimone - John & Diane Desimone

Raffaele DeMichele - Marie DeMichele & Family

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

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

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - For The People

**OLP/SP 10:30 am**

**Mon. - Feb. 20, 2017 - Presidents' Day**

**12:00 Noon** - No Noon Mass

**Tues. - Feb. 21, 2017 - St. Peter Damian,**

**bishop & doctor of the Church**

**12:00 Noon** - All souls

**Wed. - Feb. 22, 2017 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

**Thurs. - Feb. 23, 2017 - St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr**

**Fri. - Feb. 24, 2017**

**11:30 am** - Confession

**12:00 Noon** - Frances Aiello

**Sat. - Feb 25, 2017 - Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - For The People

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - Feb 26, 2017 - Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 8:00 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Teresa Greenfield - The Family

Sharon L. Guinta - Mr. & Mrs. J. Fleischer

**OLP/SP 10:30 am**



**Remember:** Christopher Aldrich, Antonietta Briggs,

Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Cam-

polo, Mike Cannavino, Robert Capria, Paul Collins,

Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo,

Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Drenzo, Marilyn Fer-

retti, 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 Set-

zer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Sis-

ter Theresa Thayer IHM, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone,

Shelly Visco and Pat Wall.

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



## From Bishop Cunningham

As March 17, 2017, the Feast of St. Patrick falls on a Friday during Lent, Bishop Cunningham **grants a dispensation from abstinence**. At the same time, Bishop Cunningham reminds all priests that they should instruct their faithful of the need for fasting and abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain on the other Fridays of Lent.



**Saturday, Feb. 25th & Sunday, Feb. 26th**

### LECTORS:

**4:00PM** ~ Sue Retschle

**9:00AM** ~ Fran Brimfield

### ALTAR SERVERS:

**4:00PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

**9:00AM** ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith, Grace Piazza

### EUCCHARIST:

**4:00PM** ~ J. LaVergne, M.E. Caruso, R. Bartorillo,

T. Bartorillo, G. Larkin, M.A. Bergamo

**9:00AM** ~ M.E. Cusano, J. Mott, P. Schramm, C. Horton,

M. Piazza, R. Warren, Michael Dykeman



**Sun. Feb. 19** Group 1 Money Counters

**Sun. Feb. 26** Group 2 Money Counters

**Fri. Feb. 24** Group 4 Altar Cleaning

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

## Presidents Day Blessing

Dear God,  
we ask today for your blessing on our president.  
Enlighten his mind,  
so that he makes wise decisions  
that affect us and the world.  
Enkindle in his soul a thirst for justice,  
not only based upon a party platform,  
but upon the eternal truths you have revealed to us.  
Inspire him to look upon the most vulnerable of us,  
and treat the unborn, the poor,  
and those seen as worthless,  
as deserving every right and dignity  
given to men and women created in your image.  
Amen.



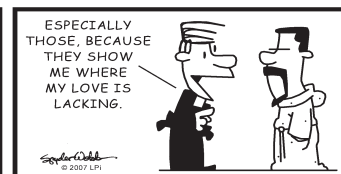
## Sunday Collection Feb. 11th and Feb. 12th

Regular collection .....\$3,012.95

Loose collection ..... \$475.00

Poor collection..... \$197.00

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