

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 5, 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.

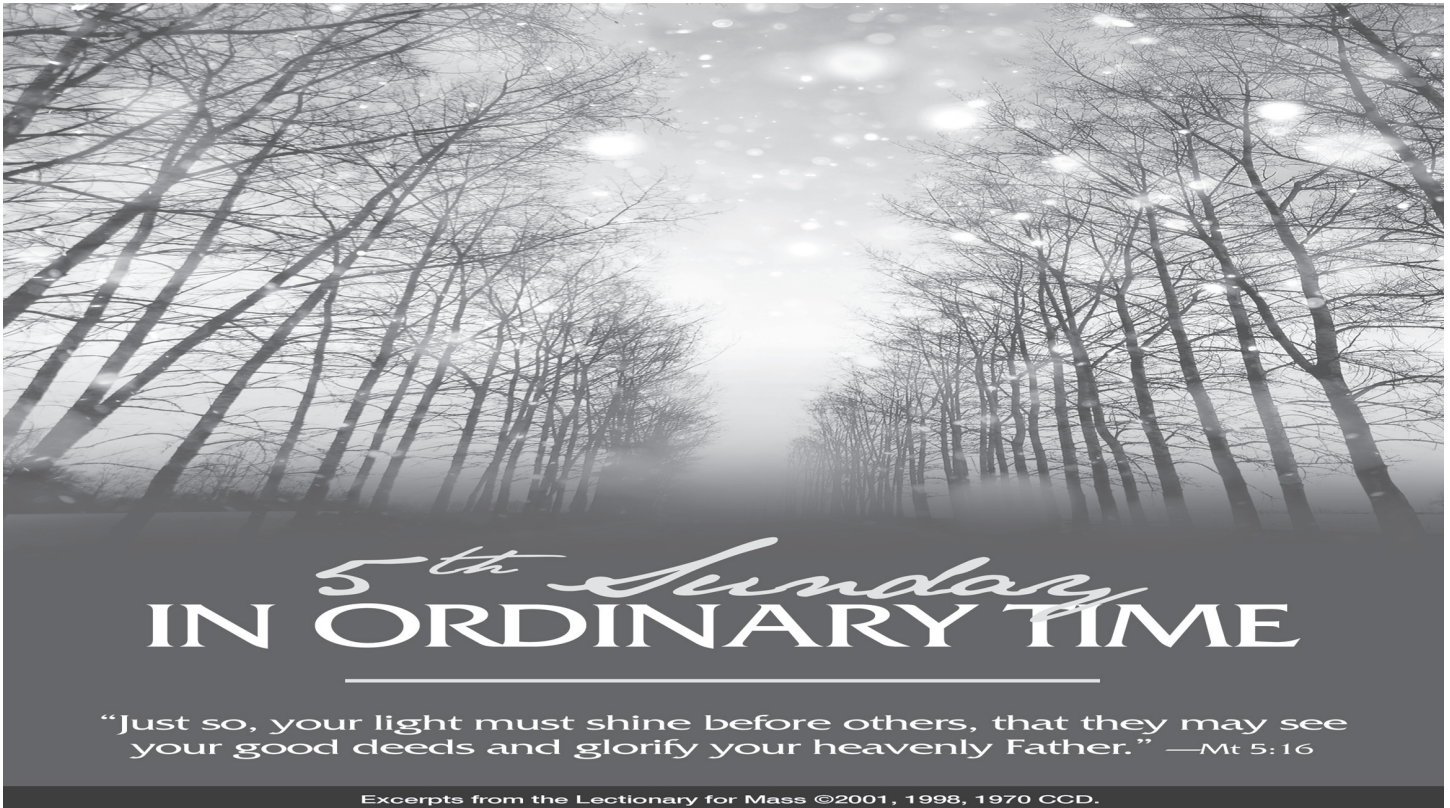
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." —Mt 5:16

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### Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"You are the light of the world." Speaking to his followers, Jesus tells them of the influence they are meant to have. Like the seasoning that gives food its flavor, they are to be "the salt of the earth" and like a lamp on a lampstand that "gives light to all in the house." Clearly, their influence on the people around them is meant to be positive and substantial. But what is the source of this irreplaceable influence?

Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus declares that HE is "the light of the world" (cf. Jn 8:12). So when he tells his disciples that "your light must shine before others," he is speaking about the light that comes from following him, from believing in him, from living their lives for him and with him. The light of Christ brightens the world, showing us the truth and meaning of our existence. And to the extent that we have that light in our hearts, it naturally spreads out to impact those around us.

So, today we must ask ourselves whether or not we are shining the way we are meant to as Christians. Do we brighten up our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our parishes? Are people encouraged, inspired, edified, and supported by our presence? Do we bring the kind of flavor that enriches life with a taste of the authentic truth, beauty, and goodness that comes from God alone? Or have we become a bit bland, like salt that "loses its taste" or light that is hidden "under a bushel basket"? It's important to be on guard against any tendency to let our faith be reduced to a mere routine or ritual. Rather, when we nurture our faith to be a living force that defines us and our actions, it will be a source of joy and renewal not only for us, but for the whole world.

### 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

When you love God, and you follow his example, it will show. You will be loving, patient, and kind.

You will be honest and always do your best. You will work hard and share what you have. When you live for God, you make the world a better place.

## Prayer

God, help me to make a difference in the world because I love you.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself patiently helping a younger child play ball.

## Mission for the Week

Do a taste-test with boiled eggs. Eat one bit plain. Eat the rest seasoned with salt. The salt makes a big difference. Your love for God should make a big difference in the world, too.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

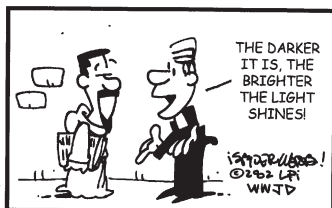
Today's Gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."



## Sunday Collection Jan. 28th and Jan. 29th

Regular collection .....\$4,659.01  
Loose collection ..... \$308.00  
Fuel collection ..... \$85.00

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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.**

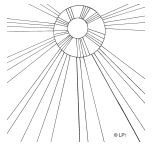
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## Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world." Being Christian is not supposed to be boring! On the contrary, Jesus gave us the mission to bring flavor to the world, and to brighten things up when they seem dark and dismal. What a misunderstanding it is to think that following Christ would ever mean abandoning "the good life" or becoming dull servants of a rigid master. No, we are meant to be like the salt that brings a delicious meal to perfection. We are called to be the light that enables energy and activity. An authentic Christian is filled with life in the truest sense, filled with the One who is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6).



Joy and gratitude are really meant to be at the heart of the Christian experience. Our loving Father has given us the gift of salvation and the hope of heaven as free gifts. Because Christ has conquered sin and death, we can exult with Easter joy all year long! This is the good news we proclaim. It's not news that's meant to be whispered in a private corner. Jesus tells us to be a like a city set on a mountain, and a lamp radiating light from a lampstand. We have a mission to invigorate the world with the hope, the happiness, and the fulfillment found in Christ.

Jesus said that we are in fact salt and light. The question is only whether we will "lose our taste." That of course is up to us. If we let our faith in the good news fade, we are bound to grow dull. But when we remain rooted in Christ, we will truly be able to let our light shine.



**What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?**

Holy water is a sacramental; a reminder of the life of the church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. By blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church, we are reminded of our own baptism and our call to conversion. Much as we are baptized and then journey through life, we bless ourselves and move through the church, symbolizing again the guiding presence of the Lord, which comes to us through baptism. Remember, the church is sacramental, that is, God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn, the church, through sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

We especially use holy water during Easter when the priest sprinkles the people. It serves to remind us that we are indeed on a journey of faith that makes us one with Christ. So blessing ourselves not only reminds us that we are baptized into a community of faith, but also helps us renew our own baptismal promises to reject sin and to believe in God. It is the heart of Christian belief to turn from sin and toward God. Holy water and baptism make it a visible sign for all of us to follow.

## Mass Schedule for

### St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Sat. - Feb. 4, 2017 - Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - Ada Laffan - Peter Manozzi

Mary Manozzi - Frank & Peter

Joseph Storot - Cheryl & Brianna Cacchione

Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - Feb. 5, 2017 - Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

**OLP/SP 10:30 am**

**Mon. - Feb. 6, 2017 - St. Paul Miki & companions, martyrs**

**12:00 Noon** - Dorothy Wellspeak - Frances Lawless

**Tues. - Feb. 7, 2017**

**12:00 Noon** - Alfred Mastriano, Sr. - John & Diana Desimone

**Wed. - Feb. 8, 2017 - Sts. Jerome Emiliani,**

**& Josephine Bakhita, virgin**

**Thurs. - Feb. 9, 2017**

**Fri. - Feb. 10, 2017 - St. Scholastica, virgin**

**11:30 am** - Confession

**12:00 Noon** - All Souls

**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**

**OLP/SP 8:00 am**

**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**



**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.**



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of  
Michael Aiello and James Caprilozzi  
Requested by the Family**

**Saturday, Feb. 11th & Sunday, Feb. 12th**

### LECTORS:

**4:00PM** ~ Annette Marchbanks

**9:00AM** ~ Patrick Minnoe

### ALTAR SERVERS:

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

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

### EUCCHARIST:

**4:00PM** ~ J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin,

M.A. Bergamo, F. Sanzone, L. Sanzone

**9:00AM** ~ F. Brimfield, J. Mott, P. Schramm, M. Piazza,

M.E. Cusano, E. Warren, Michael Dykeman



**Sun. Feb. 5** Group 3 Money Counters

**Sun. Feb. 12** Group 4 Money Counters

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

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

**Fri. Feb. 10** Group 2 Altar Cleaning

**Fri. Feb. 17** Group 3 Altar Cleaning

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

**Wed. Feb. 22** Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM

SJB/HT Parish Center

### Origins of Black History Month

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.



In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The 2013 theme, At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington, marks the 150th and 50th anniversaries of two pivotal events in African-American history.



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