

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 26, 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.

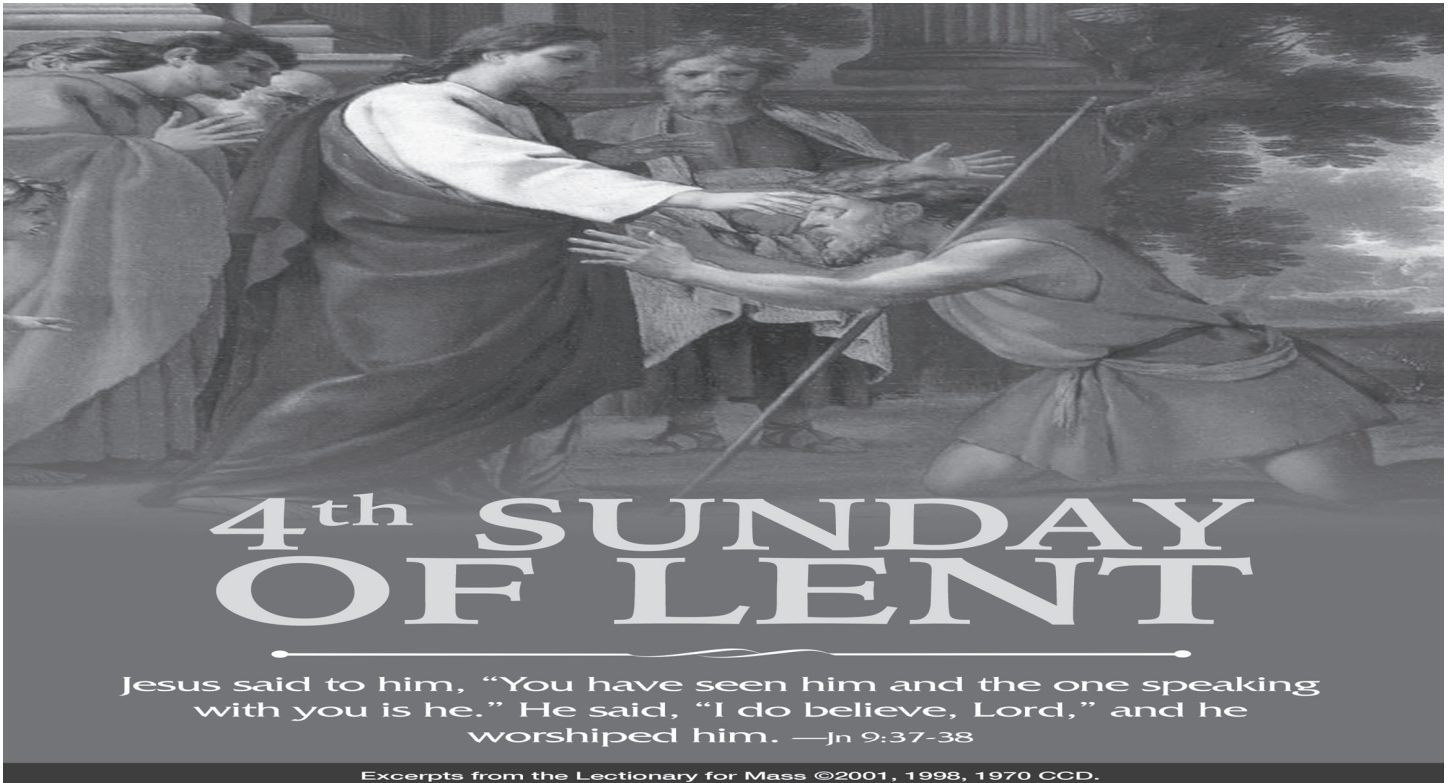
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. —Jn 9:37-38

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Fourth Sunday Of Lent

"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." The prevailing theology of Jesus' time led people to believe that any kind of disability was a punishment from God. So Jesus' disciples assumed that the man born blind suffered that affliction because of someone's sin: either his parents' or his own. But Jesus sets the record straight. Not only did he reject the idea that the blindness was a punishment for sin; he also went so far as to suggest that this very trial was an opportunity for God's glory to be revealed.

And sure enough, it was. Jesus worked a miracle of healing for the man who followed his directions and "came back able to see." So it was that the "works of God" became "visible" through a man who was blind! But, ironically, not everyone had the eyes to see the miracle. The Gospel tells us that "there was a division among them" as they debated whether this remarkable healing was really an act of God.

Jesus stated that he came "so that those who do not see might see." And so, who are we? Are we blinded by our own expectations of how God is supposed to work? Are we so caught up in our own vision of what we wish would happen that we fail to appreciate what is actually unfolding before our very eyes? It is so easy to perceive trials, disabilities, sickness, and misfortune as a curse or the result of being abandoned by God. But today's Gospel suggests another reality. In the midst of these very difficulties, God wants to reveal himself, to show his love and mercy. It may not always be in the exact way we expect, but without a doubt, even in these challenging realms, God is always at work.

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

22 students were confirmed by Bishop Cunningham on Thursday, March 23rd, here at St John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. The students represented St John the Baptist/Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Pompei/St Peters and St Daniel's parishes. The ceremony was beautiful and reverent. Bishop Cunningham's homily was inspiring. All 3 parishes were well represented. The 1st year Confirmation students from Our Lady of Pompei/St Peters put on a reception after Mass in our Parish Center, where the candidates and their guests were able to meet & speak with Bishop Cunningham. Thank you to all who helped make this day so special, especially our Confirmation Teachers who worked with our students to prepare them for this Sacrament.



Jesus

Sharing The Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping the blind man believe in you.

Something to Draw

With your eyes closed, try to draw a picture of Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's Gospel: "God wash and see."



The month of March we laid to rest from our parish community, **Antoinette Pugliese, Carol Chamberlain, Pat Wall and Mary Schanlon.**

Baptized this month we welcomed **Eva Marie Lawler and Gionna Lynn Palamino, Angelina Marie Spoto, Lucas Tuttle, Michael Vincent Giocondo and Brooklyn Selene Tuttle** to our parish community.

4th Sunday of Lent

Can we see the goodness around us?



Today we have the story of a man born blind. In Jesus' time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.

How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved?

This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Sunday Collection March 18th and March 19th

Regular collection	\$2,769.25
Loose collection	\$531.76
Fuel Collection	\$91.00

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. — Jn 9:35-38

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**Mass Schedule for
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity**

Sat. - March 25, 2017 - Fourth Sunday Of Lent

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - March 26, 2017 - Fourth Sunday Of Lent

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Elenor Korthas - Rosemary

Peter Cellini - The Family

Maria Grazia Vigliotti - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

Pietro Paola & Filomena Tomaino -

Mr. & Mrs. Anotonio Mazza

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - March 27, 2017

12:00 Noon - Gerard Syrocki - Ron Haag & Family

Tues. - March 28, 2017

12:00 Noon - Mary Scanlon - Joe & Penny Zella

Wed. - March 29, 2017

Thurs. - March 30, 2017

Fri. - March 31, 2017

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 Noon - All Souls

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross SJB/HT

Sat. - April 1, 2017 - Fifth Sunday Of Lent

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Joseph Gangemi - Mary, Ellen & Michael

Francis Cooney - Fran & Judy Cooney

Steve Taddeo - Peg & Mary Taddeo

Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - April 2, 2017 - Fifth Sunday Of Lent

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 Drenzo, 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 1st & Sunday, April 2nd

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Pat Campagna

9:00AM ~ John Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ R. Copani, M.A. Bergamo, J. LaVergne,

G. Larkin, M.E. Cusano, P. Serio, R. Bartorillo

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton, K. Fekete, P. Schramm,

E. Warren, Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman



Sun. Mar. 26 Group 2 money Counters

Fri. Mar. 31 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Friday Baked Fish Dinners 4:00-7:00PM

Mar. 31, Apr. 7. SJB/HT Parish Center

Girl Scout Cookies sold during Fish Dinners!!

Easter Flowers

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.

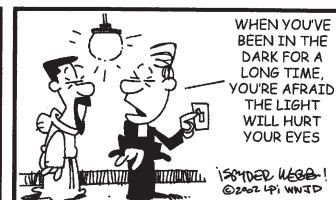
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In Memory of: _____

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