

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 27, 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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The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them." We might be tempted to think that Jesus more or less raised himself. As the Son of God, it might appear on first glance that earthly parents would be a mere formality for this particular child. But it wasn't so. Mary and Joseph had real influence, and real authority, over their son.

Although Jesus apparently understood from a tender age how he related to God ("Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"), he also knew that he owed appropriate respect to his parents. This is why he stayed in their home in Nazareth and was obedient to them. And because of this obedience, clearly Mary and Joseph must have been deeply influential in his life. Their direction, their teachings, their example, and their rules would all have shaped Jesus in his humanity. It was thanks in no small part to the matriarch and patriarch of the Holy Family that Jesus "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

We should be advancing in these ways too! And those of us who are parents are likewise called to direct and guide our children to develop as Jesus did, not only forming our sons and daughters to succeed in the eyes of men, but also leading them on the path of "favor before God." The Holy Family serves as a beautiful model for us in this regard. They help us learn how to submit our lives to the loving leadership of our heavenly Father. But more than this, Mary and Joseph also serve as intercessors who, like any faithful family member or friend, want to pray with us and for us. Let us turn, then, to the intercession of the Holy Family asking that our families may be holy too.

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.



Thank You

Thank You to all who came to Breakfast with Santa. The morning was a great success. Thank You to all the hard working and dedicated volunteers. And, a big Thank You to Santa himself who took time from his busy schedule to visit with our families.

Saturday, Jan. 2nd and Sunday, Jan. 3rd

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ John Normoyle
9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski
11:00AM ~ Fran Brimfield



ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano
9:00AM ~ Luis & Aleda Guerrero and Grace Piazza
11:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Mary Elizabeth Cusano

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ L. Weir, M.A. Bergamo, R. Copani, J. LaVergne, G. Larkin, M. E. Cusano, P. Serio
9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton, P. Schramm, M. Piazza, R. Warren, L. Argiro, K. Argiro
11:00AM ~ R. Ramos, F. Brimfield, M.E. Cusano, R. Flores, M. Flores



Faith Formation News

The children did a beautiful job in the Christmas Play. It was wonderful experience for them, and we hope the parishioners enjoyed it as much as the children did. I'd like to say a special thank you to all the volunteers that helped, especially Missy Batuk, who did the costumes, and our drummer, Quon, from Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School.

There will be no classes this weekend. Classes will resume on January 3. Reminder to all second grade parents: First Reconciliation will be January 24 at 10am.

Sharing The Gospel

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to feel at home in my church like Jesus did.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself learning about God with your teacher.

Mission for the Week

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Today's Gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

An Important Note From Fr. Dan

Dear Parishioner,

The following letter was sent to all registered parishioners of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Parish. Because it involves such an important announcement, we thought it was important to include it, in its entirety, in the bulletin. If you have not yet had a chance to read it, please make sure you do.

Time sure does fly by when you are having fun. It is almost a year since I assumed the position of Temporary Administrator of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. It has been a year of getting acquainted with one another, learning from each other, and adjusting expectations. It has also been for me, and I hope for you, a year of profound Grace. I have been given the gift of meeting the many remarkable parishioners of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity and have been reminded once again how blessed the Northside Catholic Community is.

There is still much work to be done to facilitate a closer relationship between the three parishes in our Pastoral Care Area. The goal is to help strengthen all three parish communities by mutual support and cooperation. One of the areas where we have been asked to plan for the future is the coordination of Sunday Mass schedules. We have been asked to adjust Mass times so that two priests (or in an emergency situation, one priest) could cover all of the weekend Masses. Those discussions are on going and involve the clergy and lay leadership from all three parishes. It will most likely take several more months before final decisions are reached. However, in the meantime, we will have to make an adjustment to the Sunday Mass schedule here at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. The diocese has asked that any Mass that is consistently attended by a congregation that is less than half the seating capacity of a church building be combined with another Mass. The idea is not just to free up the priests to help at other Masses and/or other parishes, but to develop strong communities of worship with liturgical celebrations that are vibrant and Spirit filled. It is hard to accomplish that in a nearly empty Church.

For a long while now, the attendance at our 11:00AM Mass on Sunday has been averaging 50-60 people. In a Church the size of ours, it is very difficult to build a sense of community and to feel united as one in our worship with a congregation that size. I have brought this to the Parish Council for advice and, having reflected upon all this and recognizing the difficulty in securing long term Priestly assistance for Sunday Mass, the Council and I agree that the time has come to make a change in the Mass schedule. **Therefore, beginning Sunday, January 17, 2016 (the first Sunday after the Christmas season ends) the weekend Mass schedule at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity will be 4:00PM on Saturday and 9:00AM on Sunday.** It is my hope that this schedule will remain in place until some until some decision can be made regarding the coordination of the Mass schedules between the three parishes.

I know that this is not going to be easy for some people to accept; please know that this decision was not made lightly. It is the result of much prayer, reflection and discussion.

I sincerely hope and pray that these Holy Days of Advent are filled with hope and joy for all in our parish as we joyfully anticipate the coming of Our Savior.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Dan

New Year Eve and Day Mass
Thursday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve;
4:00PM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters
5:30PM St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity
Lector: Chet Wisniewski



Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 New Year's Day;
9:00AM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters
12:00 Noon St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity
Lector: Sue Retschle

The rectory will be closed at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, December 31st and closed on Friday, January 1st.



- Sun. Dec. 27** Group 2 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 3** Group 3 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 10** Group 4 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 17** Group 1 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 24** Group 2 Money Counters
- Sun. Jan. 31** Group 3 Money Counters

- Mon. Jan. 4** Parish Council Meeting Rectory 7:00PM
- Thurs. Jan. 14** Parish Life Committee Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center
- Thurs. Jan. 21** TNT Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center
- Wed. Jan. 27** Catholic Golden Agers Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Sunday Collection Dec. 19th & 20th

Regular Envelope collection	\$3,517.75
Loose collection	\$767.00
Religious Education collection	\$227.25
Poor collection	\$70.00
Christmas Flower Collection	\$1,990.00



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.



World Marriage Day Celebration

The 30th Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 7, 2016 at 2:30PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, downtown. The Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and witness the renewal of marriage vows of all couples in attendance. He will specially honor those couples celebrating their 25th (silver anniversary), 50th (golden anniversary), and those celebrating an anniversary beyond their 50th year. Contact SJB/HT rectory to register and for more information by the end of December.

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"******

The month of December we laid to rest;
Josephine Ciero and June Greene from our parish family.



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