

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 13, 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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## Third Sunday Of Advent

"I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals." So said John the Baptist in reference to Jesus. Tax collectors, soldiers, and countless other people gathered to hear John preach. There was an excitement in the air as they were all "filled with expectation." For generations upon generations they had been waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah--the Christ. And now, John the Baptist had appeared with such a striking message and such a powerful presence that "all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ."

But he wasn't. John's mission was to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. In the process, however, people began to think that John was the main attraction. He set the record straight though, when he emphasized that "one mightier than I is coming." And then he made the remark about not being worthy to do even the most humble act of service--loosening sandal straps--for the Lord.

Imagine what the people must have been thinking. They all found John to be such a remarkable man, and yet he declared that he wasn't worthy? If this great prophet was so humble, how much more should they humble themselves in preparation for the coming of the Messiah? And shouldn't we do the same?

As we meditate upon the coming of Christ this Advent season, we would do well to make our approach towards Christmas with humble hearts. What have we done to deserve this incredible gift of a Savior? Are we worthy of his incarnation and his saving death? The fact is that nothing we could ever do would possibly earn our redemption. May we be humble enough to acknowledge that our salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

## 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.

Saturday, Dec. 19th and Sunday, Dec. 20th

**LECTORS:**

4:00PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy

11:00AM ~ TBA



**ALTAR SERVERS:**

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Noah & Lucas Smith and Grace Piazza

11:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Mary Elizabeth Cusano

**EUCCHARIST:**

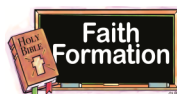
4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, G. Larkin, P. Serio, L. Weir, M.A. Bergamo

9:00AM ~ L. Argiro, K. Argiro, K. Fekete, Michael Dykeman, Michele Dykeman

11:00AM ~ R. Flores, M. Flores, R. Ramos, F. Brimfield, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone

**Faith Formation News**

Happy Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to you! On Dec. 8, Pope Francis launched the year of mercy, putting "forgiveness before judgment." Kerry Weber, editor of America Magazine, wrote an incredibly informative article for the Washington Post about exactly what the Year of Mercy is and how you can participate in it. You can find it online at: [www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2015/12/08/pope-francis-has-just-launched-a-year-of-mercy-heres-what-to-expect/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2015/12/08/pope-francis-has-just-launched-a-year-of-mercy-heres-what-to-expect/)



Reminder that there will be no classes after the 9:00 Masses on Dec. 20 and 27. The Confirmation class will be attending Assumption's Live Nativity on December 20 at 2:00, the dress rehearsal on Dec. 22 at 6:00 and the play on Christmas Eve. All students participating in the play will be required to attend the dress rehearsal on Dec 22 at 6:00 and will need to be at the church no later than 3:30 on Christmas Eve.

Last call for the Faith Formation Family Cookie Exchange. If you are interested in attending, please see me, email me at [cat-mac@verizon.net](mailto:cat-mac@verizon.net) or call me at 478-0916. Thank you!



**Sharing The Gospel**

How can you show you love God? Instead of keeping all of your clothes and food, share some with people who don't have any. Be happy and thankful for all God has given you. When you love God

more than money, you'll be happy to share.

**Prayer**

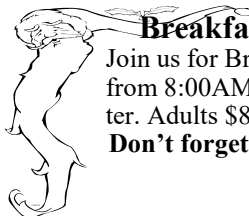
Dear God, help me to share happily with others.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself sharing a snack with a classmate who has none.

**Mission for the Week**

The next time you go grocery shopping with your parents, ask if you can pick out some foods to share with the poor. As a family, talk about how thankful you are for the many ways God takes care of you.



**Breakfast With Santa Sunday, Dec. 13**

Join us for Breakfast With Santa on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 8:00AM - 12:00 noon in the SJB/HT Parish Center. Adults \$8.00, Children (5-12) \$4.00, under 5 free.

**Don't forget to bring your camera for pictures with SANTA!**

Last Sunday I was blessed to be one of over seventy recipients to be presented and awarded the Immaculata Medallion for parish service.

I am proud and honored to have received this award as a member of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Parish. If I may reflect on an old saying "There's no "I" in team", but I have found my "I's" in our parish family.

God's Love, Jerry



**Advent Penance Service**

The Northside Penance Service is 3:00PM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters on Sunday, December 13th.



**Snow Birds**

Parishioners who will be traveling to warmer destinations for the winter please contact the rectory regarding your contribution envelopes. We will stop the mailing until you return. But, you need to let us know please. Call the rectory during our business hours or slip us note in the collection basket with information. Have a safe and happy winter.



**Giving Tree**

Thursday, December 17th is the last day to drop off the gifts from the Giving Tree. You may leave them at the rectory during our office hours.



**Christmas Concert St. Daniel School Gym**

Christmas music and songs on Thursday, December 17th at 6:30PM in the school gym. This is a free event. Sponsored by the Wisdom People (St. Daniel Senior Citizen Group) featuring The Lyncourt Community Band and The Harmony Katz, an all men's barbershop chorus. For more information call John L. Denega at 432-1005 or St. Daniel Rectory at 454-4946. Refreshments will be sold.



**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.



**A Family Perspective  
Family Life Education**

Today's Gospel tells us to share! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give necessities to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.



**Your Help Is Needed!  
Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve Dec. 24;**  
4:00PM at St. John/Holy Trinity and Pompei/St. Peter  
9:00PM at St. John/Holy Trinity  
12:00 Midnight Pompei/St. Peter

**Christmas Day Dec. 25;**  
9:00AM Pompei/St. Peter  
10:00AM St. John/Holy Trinity  
10:30AM Pompei/St. Peter

**Ministers Needed**

**Ministers, please let the rectory know if you will be able to participate as an Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister or Lector. At this time, no Masses are covered. Thank You.**

I am able to serve at the following Mass:

Christmas Eve 4:00PM \_\_\_ 9:00PM \_\_\_

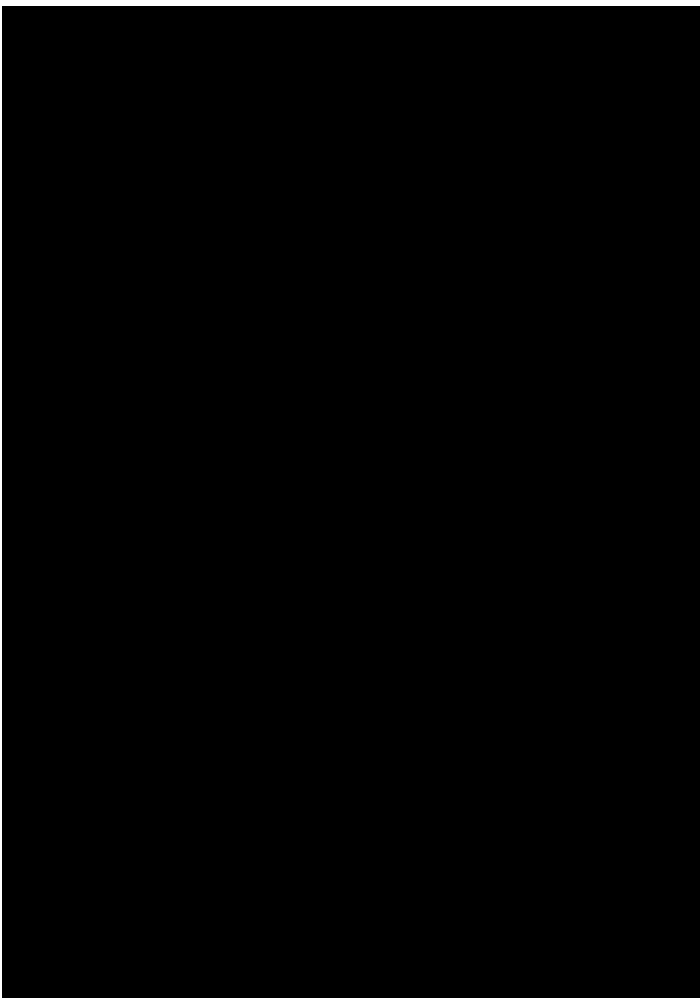
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As Altar Server \_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_ Lector **FILLED**

Christmas Day 10:00AM \_\_\_

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

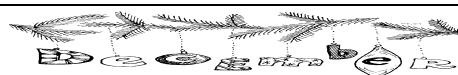
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**Serving Our Country** Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Ben Saucier, Rob Smith and Bryan M. Oakes.**



**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.



- Fri. Dec. 18** Group 1 Altar Cleaning
- Sun. Dec. 13** Group 4 Money Counters
- Sun. Dec. 20** Group 1 Money Counters
- Sun. Dec. 27** Group 2 Money Counters
- Sun. Dec. 13** Breakfast with Santa 8:00AM-12:00 Noon  
SJB/HT Parish Center  
Advent Penance Service 3:00PM  
Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters
- Thurs. Dec. 17** TNT Neighborhood Meeting  
Cancelled this month, back in January  
**The Rectory will be closed on  
Thursday, December 24  
Friday, December 25**

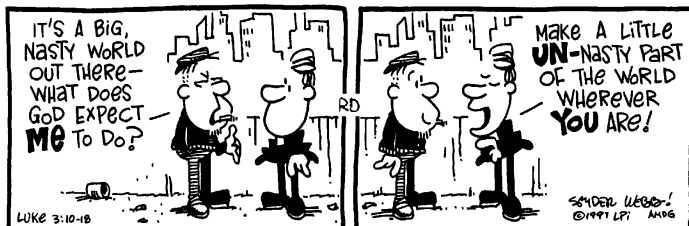
**Sunday Collection Nov. 28th & 29th**

Regular Envelope collection .....	\$4,573.05
Loose collection .....	\$625.50
Fuel collection .....	\$670.00
Poor collection .....	\$104.50

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." — Lk 3:15-16a

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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