

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 28, 2016

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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Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

3rd Sunday Of Lent

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Who wants to repent? Who wants to change habits, make sacrifices, or chart a more challenging course? Repentance isn't the easy road. Few of us are naturally drawn towards it. Perhaps that's why Jesus had to speak with such boldness in today's Gospel. Repent, or perish. Change, or suffer and die. Not what we like to hear. Not what we like to do. But we would be foolish not to listen.

The entire Gospel message is certainly one of mercy and compassion. Jesus was the first to show forgiveness to sinners, and he always called others to do the same. He suffered and died so that WE wouldn't have to suffer eternal death. But the fact remains that we can still CHOOSE to "perish." We can choose to stay rooted in our favorite sins and to cling tightly to the comfortable vices that stifle a virtuous life. When we won't let go of them, then we don't truly repent. But Jesus urges us to change so that we can enjoy the eternal benefits of his mercy. He doesn't want us to perish! As we hear in today's psalm, "He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion." Repenting--turning back to God--puts us in the right position for this spiritual coronation.

Lent is a time especially built for repentance. It is a season that calls us not only to recognize where we need to change, but to actually set those changes into motion. Lent isn't just a pious liturgical ritual. These forty days are a response to Christ's stern warning that we need to repent in order to save our souls. Let's not pretend to be exempt from the message. Lent is meant for ALL of us.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Temporary Administrator Father Daniel Caruso

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Religious Education Catherine Mackey

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.

Saturday, March 5th and Sunday, March 6th

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 ~ G. Larkin, J. LaVergne, R. Bartorillo, L. Weir,
T. Bartorillo, M.A. Bergamo, M.E. Cusano,

9:00AM ~ F. Brimfield, J. Mott, P. Schramm, J. Barraco,
Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, K. Fekete,



Faith Formation News

Reminder that February 28 (this Sunday) will be our Lenten retreat & workshop from 10-12:30. All students in grades 2-Confirmation should be in attendance. The Pre-K/Kindergarten class will not attend. We will be focusing on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, as we tie that into the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Sharing The Gospel

I sin. You sin. Everybody sins. God knows that we cannot be perfect like God. But God wants you to love him and talk to him. God wants you to be sorry for your sins, learn from your mistakes, and grow closer to him every day.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to grow closer to you with every day you give me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself walking next to Jesus in your school.

Mission for the Week

When you get into trouble, ask God to help you change so that you do not do it again.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

Sunday Collection Feb. 20th & 21st

Regular Envelope collection	\$4,004.01
Loose collection	\$265.00
Fuel collection	\$147.00
Poor collection	\$98.00
Religious Education collection	\$249.01

5RD SUNDAY OF LENT



3rd Sunday of Lent

A few years ago a man named Bill was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. Bill was a good man, very kind and generous with his time and his talents. And although he didn't have a lot of money (he was a teacher by profession) he was always ready to help out in any way that he could. As a middle-aged man, Bill was fairly healthy otherwise, and his diagnosis came as a shock to his family and friends. Most of us would ask, "Why should such a cruel thing happen to such a kind man?"



This is the very question Jesus confronts in the Gospel this weekend when he deals with tragic events in his time. A tower collapses and eighteen people are killed. Is this punishment because they were the most evil people in Jerusalem? Some Galileans are slaughtered while offering sacrifice. Have they somehow offended God, and so are now being called to account for their wickedness? Jesus says that the evil that befell them makes them no guiltier than anyone else. And, by implication, makes the rest of us no less guilty!

Our sense of justice likes to have the punishment fit the crime. We expect that there will be specific consequences for individual actions, each wrongful act punished on its own merits. But the problem of evil is much greater than personal sinfulness. While we each have responsibility for our individual sins, we also carry the weight of human sinfulness. As Catholics, we call that original sin, but whatever title it is given, it is the recognition that there is at work in the world a greater sin than that which each of us may be personally guilty of. It is the sin of our race. Bill did not get cancer because he was a bad man. But illness, war, hatred, and every other evil are the things from which we seek deliverance. It is good that God is patient with us, like the gardener with the fig tree.



New Book Club Starting

Also, we are starting a Book Club here at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. Our first book will be **The Name of God is Mercy**, by Pope Francis. We plan on meeting every 5-6 weeks to discuss our reading and we will be gathering in the rectory. Please join us for learning, fellowship, and fun. If you are interested, please contact Catherine Mackey at catmac@verizon.net or 478-0916. Date and time of our first meeting will be March 29 at 6:30 in the rectory. Please let me know if you'd like to join us.

Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2015 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, email us at nbergeson@syradio.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: _____

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Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Feb. 27, 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Feb. 28, 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Feb. 29, 2016

12:00 Noon - Mary Crowley Detor - Claire Hayden

Tues. - Mar. 1, 2016

12:00 Noon - Special Intentions we silently ask for

Wed. - Mar. 2, 2016

Thurs. - Mar. 3, 2016

Fri. - Mar. 4, 2016

9:00 am - Mass OLP/SP followed by Stations

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 Noon - Robert Nicholas - Wife, Celine

7:00 pm Benediction and Stations

Sat. - Mar. 5, 2016 - 4th Sunday of Lent

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Anthony Matarazzo III - Mother, Yolanda

Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

Joan Dominic - Her Daughters

Alfred Mastriano - Gloria & Children

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Mar. 6, 2016 - 4th Sunday of Lent

OLP/SP 8:00 am

9:00 am - Teresa Greenfield - The Family

Alfred Mastriano, Sr. - Wife, Gloria

Anne Paris - The Family

Pasquale & Margherita DelVecchio -

Anna DelVecchio & Family

OLP/SP 10:30 am



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, Paul Collins, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Drenzo, Norma Foody, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Jim Gouchie, Gladys Graham, Jeanne Hammond, Alan "Butch" Hierholzer, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Carolyn Longo, Joanne Loughney, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, 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, Celia Tortora, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco, Pat Wall and Eileen Weir.



Holy Week Schedule

March 24, Holy Thursday;

9:00AM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters - morning prayer

7:30PM St. Johns/Holy Trinity Mass of the Lords Supper

St. Johns/Holy Trinity will remain open until

11:00PM for visitation.

March 25, Good Friday;

12:00 Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters Passion of the Lord

3:00PM St. Johns/Holy Trinity Passion of the Lord

7:00PM Stations St. Johns/Holy Trinity

March 26, At St. Johns/Holy Trinity

Blessing of the Easter Foods 12:00 Noon

Easter Vigil; 8:00PM At Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters

March 27, Easter Sunday;

8:00AM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters

9:00AM St. Johns/Holy Trinity

10:30AM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters



Lenten Baked Fish Dinners

Fridays 4:00-7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

March 4, 11, 18

Adults \$8.00/Children (5-12) \$4.00

Dinner includes two sides, roll & dessert

Fries, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans

Additional sides \$1.50

Fish Sandwich w/side \$5.00

Toasted Cheese Sandwich \$2.00

New England Clam Chowder \$1.50 bowl

Soda \$1.00



Sun. Feb. 28 Group 3 Money Counters

Fri. Mar. 4, 11, 18 Baked Fish Dinners

4:00-7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate in memory of your loved one(s) for the Easter Flowers at SJB/HT please fill out the slip below. All requests must be in by Monday, March 21, 2016 to be submitted into the Easter week bulletin. Checks should be made payable to St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. You may put your request into a separate envelope marked "Flowers" and put it into the collection basket or mailed. Do Not include this slip in your weekly contribution envelopes please.

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