

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 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.

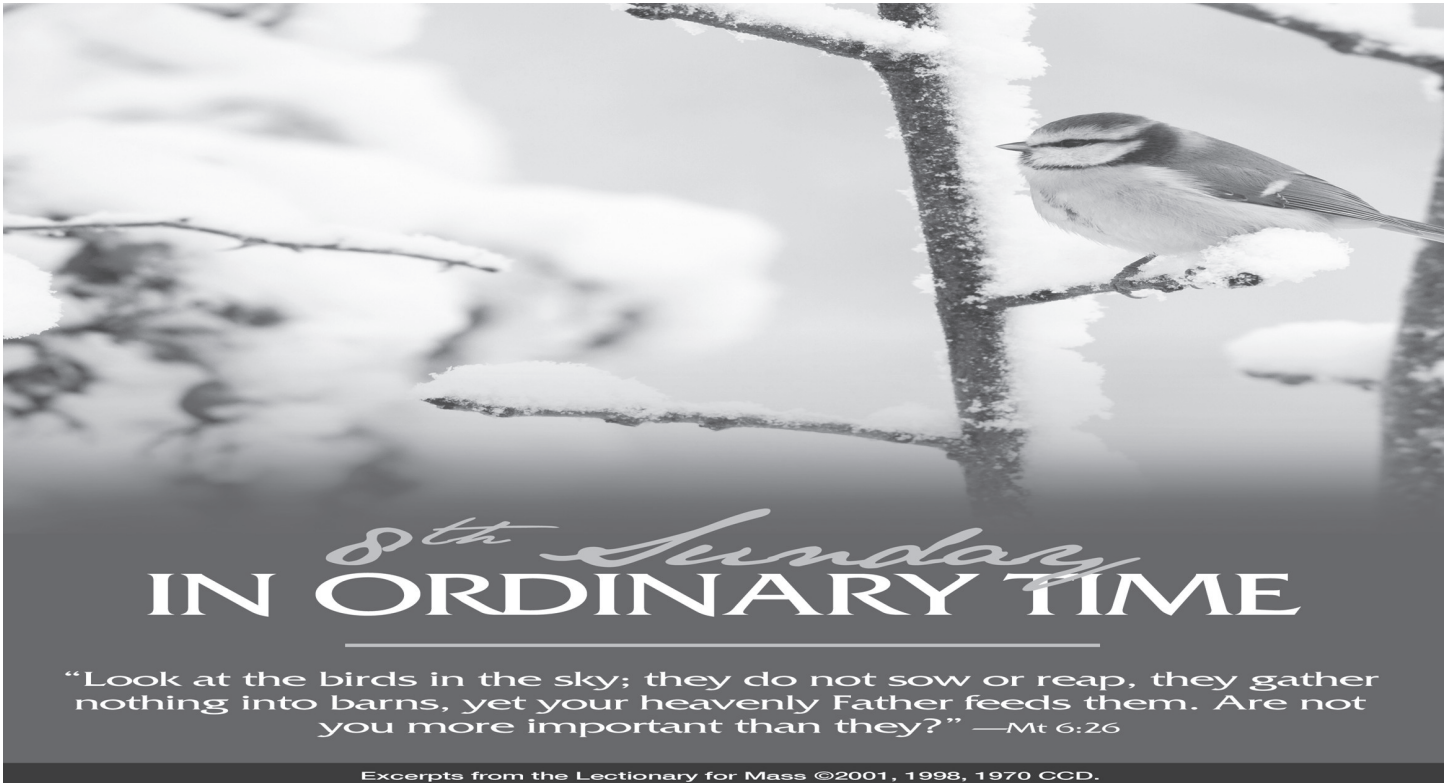
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## 8th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?" —Mt 6:26

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

### **Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

"Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?" No, indeed we can't. But evidence does suggest that worrying can subtract time from our life span! Clearly, we are not meant to worry. It's not healthy and it's not useful. But for many of us, it's quite difficult not to be anxious and concerned about matters that are important to us. So what is the secret to letting go of this unnecessary anxiety?

Jesus gives us an answer in today's Gospel. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." In other words, our focus should be on being faithful followers of God. When we put our trust in the providence of the One who "clothes the grass of the field," and stop trying to rely on our own (meager) powers, then things will be taken care of: "Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all."

Part of the secret here, of course, is coming to accept God's will for us, even when it doesn't perfectly match what we may have been envisioning. There is a kind of surrender involved that puts God's plan first. Instead of getting worked up that things aren't going our way, this kind of reliance upon God enables us to relax and accept the way things are going. The great spiritual writer, Jean-Pierre de Caussade, put it well in his work, *Abandonment to Divine Providence*, when he said, "To escape the distress caused by regret for the past or fear about the future, this is the rule to follow: leave the past to the infinite mercy of God, the future to His good Providence, give the present wholly to His love by being faithful to His grace." God takes care of the birds, the flowers, even the grass! He will also take care of us.

### **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.



## Assumption Church Fried Fish Dinner

Ash Wednesday, March 1 from Noon—7:00PM, use Catawba Street entrance. Fish dinner \$10.00, sandwich \$7.00. More information at [Assumption.org](http://Assumption.org).

### 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

God wants you to have clothes to wear. He wants you to have food to eat, too. But God does not want you to waste time worrying about your food or clothes. Put God's work first in your mind. Learn what God wants you to do. Be kind. Be helpful. God will take care of you.

### Prayer

God, help me to trust that you will give me what I need.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of three flowers and birds that God takes care of.

### Mission for the Week

Spend time together with your family reading a Bible story book.

### A Family Perspective

#### Family Life Education

Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas and we pay a price of neglecting those closest to us. Too late we reach the point of asking "Was it worth it?" We really can't serve two masters.



**This is the last Contribution Statement reminder for the bulletins. Please call the rectory if you need a statement.**

### Contribution Statements

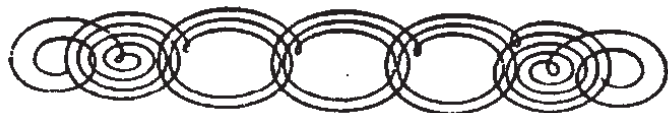
If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2016 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, email us at [nbergeson@syrdio.org](mailto:nbergeson@syrdio.org), fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your 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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### Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

Sunday schoolchildren were asked about Lent and prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. They were asked if any of them knew what fasting was. After a very long wait, one student raised his hand and said, "It is what I do when my Mom is mad at me. I run really fast!" Out of the mouth of babes!



Laughter is good. However, the Lenten devotions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are very serious practices for us as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

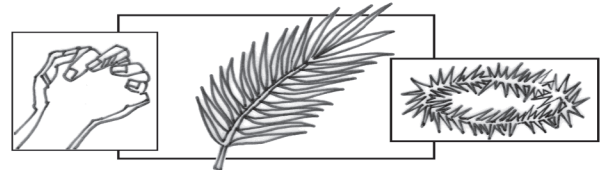
As our catechumens prepare for the Easter sacraments, we are called by the Church to model what it means to be a Catholic Christians. We are called, especially during this Lenten season, to pray, fast, and give from the wealth we have to those who need our assistance.

This season is not merely a season of obligation to act more intently as God calls us to act; it is a season of opportunity to practice the foundation of our faith more attentively: prayer, fasting, almsgiving.



### 40 Days For Life March 1-April 9

During Lent we are uniting with 340 cities for 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. Come pray with us for an hour at our prayer vigil, anytime between 7:00am-7:00pm in front of the Syracuse Planned Parenthood abortion center at 1120 E. Genesee St. For more information, contact: Jeanie Owens 315-956-7772, Shannon Guy 315-664-5067 or go to [40daysforlife.com/syracuse](http://40daysforlife.com/syracuse).

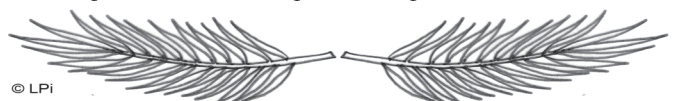


### Penitential Disciplines of Lent

"The Christian faithful, during Lent, are clearly conscious of the need to turn the mind towards those realities which really count, which require Gospel commitment and integrity of life which, through self denial of those things which are superfluous, are translated into good works and solidarity with the poor and needy" (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, #125).

In addition to choosing their own penitential practices, Catholics are also asked to observe the practices of fast and abstinence during the 40 days of Lent. The Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations are as follows:

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.)
3. Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means eating only one full, meatless meal. Two other smaller, meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



## Mass Schedule for

### St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Feb. 25, 2017 - Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Feb. 26, 2017 - Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Teresa Greenfield - The Family

Sharon L. Guinta - Mr. & Mrs. J. Fleischer

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Feb. 27, 2017

12:00 Noon - In Thanksgiving

Tues. - Feb. 28, 2017

12:00 Noon - The less fortunate among us

Wed. - March 1, 2017 - Ash Wednesday

9:00 pm - OLP/SP

12:15 pm - OLP/SP

5:30 pm - SJB/HT

Thurs. - March 2, 2017

Fri. - March 3, 2017 - St. Katharine Drexel, virgin

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 Noon - All Souls

Sat. - March 4, 2017 - First Sunday Of Lent

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

Robert Nicholas - Wife, Celine

Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

Alfred Mastriano, Sr. - John & Diane Desimone

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - March 5, 2017 - First 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, 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.

**The month of February we laid to rest from our Parish Family; Madeline Kazasian.**



## Ash Wednesday, March 1

Ashes will be distributed;  
OLP/SP 9:00AM and 12:15PM  
SJB/HT 5:30PM



Saturday, March 4th & Sunday, March 5th

### LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ Mary Barraco

### ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

### EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, M.E. Caruso, R. Bartorillo,

T. Bartorillo, G. Larkin, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone

9:00AM ~ M.E. Cusano, L. Argiro, R. Elderbroom, K. Fekete,

Michele Dykeman, E. Warren, Michael Dykeman

## March

Sun. Feb. 26 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Mar. 5 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Mar. 12 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Mar. 19 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Mar. 26 Group 2 money Counters

Fri. Mar. 3 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Mar. 10 Group 2 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Mar. 17 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Mar. 24 Group 4 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Mar. 31 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Mon. Mar. 6 Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM

SJB/HT Rectory

Thurs. Mar. 16 TNT Neighborhood Watch 7:00PM

SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. Mar. 22 Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM

SJB/HT Parish Center

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

Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7. SJB/HT Parish Center

### Travel Rome, Florence, Padua And Venice Pilgrimage

September 28-October 6 with Fr. Peter Tassini and Fr. Charles Vavonese. All inclusive, airfare from Syracuse, daily Mass, private Mass at St. Peter's, exceptionally knowledgeable guides, excellent centrally located choice hotels, all meals except lunch, all admissions, all tips, taxes and all land transportation and fuel surcharge. For more information contact: Fr. Charles Vavonese (315) 470-1491, Fr. Peter Tassini (315) 437-8318 or email to: [pilgrimage@syrдио.org](mailto:pilgrimage@syrдио.org).



### Sunday Collection Feb. 18th and Feb. 19th

Regular collection .....\$3,429.00

Loose collection ..... \$485.00

Religious Education collection..... \$207.00

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