

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 15, 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.

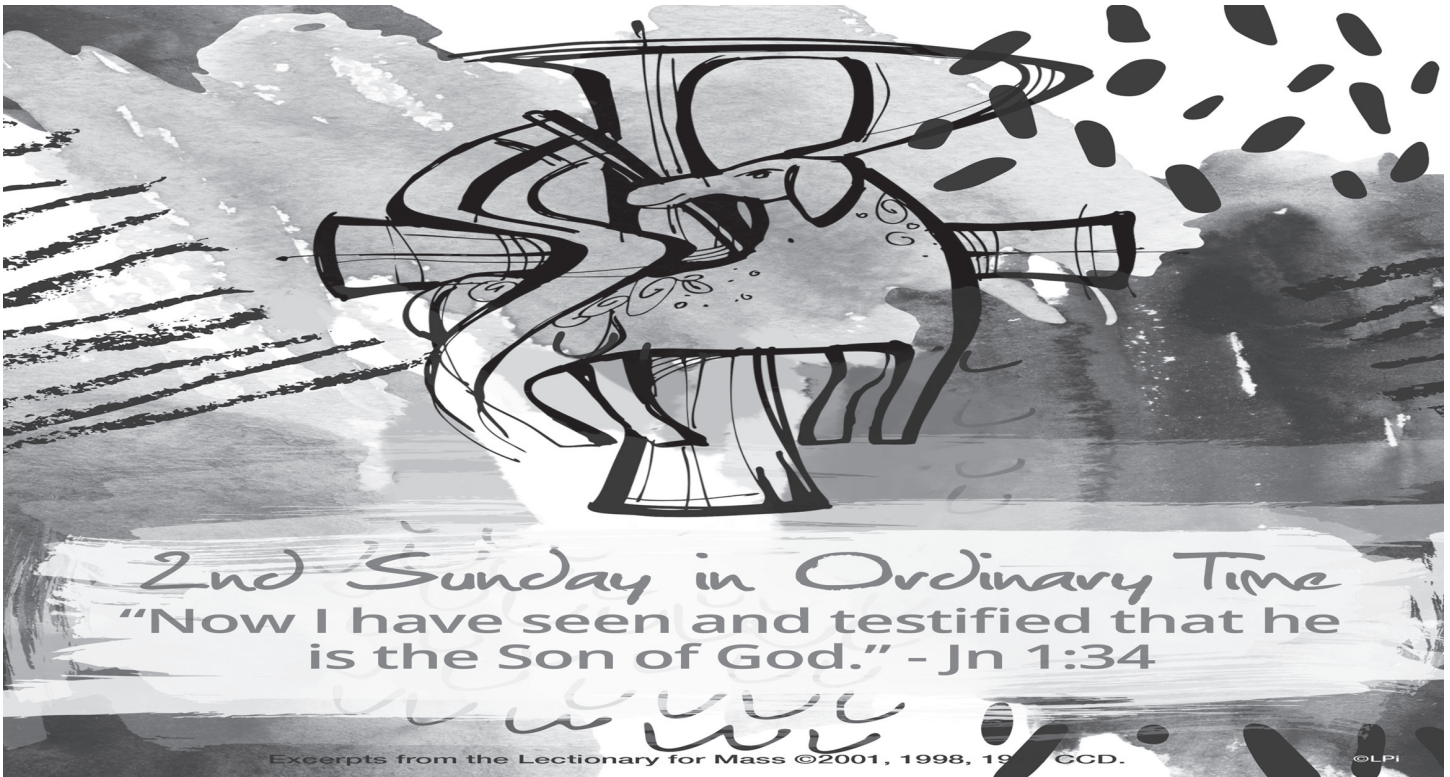
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." John the Baptist had an important message to impart. He was called by God to prepare the people of Israel to recognize Jesus' true identity. In a sense, he helped establish credibility for Christ by confirming that he was in fact the Messiah. Jesus didn't just have to claim it on his own; John also "testified" to the fact. We, of course, also benefit from the witness of John the Baptist recorded for us in the Gospels. And we have additional witnesses from the rest of the people throughout the Gospels who knew and recognized Jesus as the Son of God. But we also have the benefit of two thousand years of Church history! We have countless testimonies of saints and believers throughout the centuries who have known Jesus in their own lives and acted accordingly.

This raises two questions. First, are we willing to believe these testimonies from those who have gone before us? Consider how much credence we give to the experiences and the stories of our forefathers and foremothers in the faith--whether they are blood relatives or members of the larger communion of saints. Sometimes these personal accounts of coming to know the Lord are much more powerful than any "proof" or intellectual proposal about Christianity. They do require a degree of faith and trust, but they nonetheless provide us with real evidence about the impact of being close to Christ.

Secondly, let us consider whether or not we are willing to give testimony to who Christ is to us? It's one thing to believe in Jesus; it's another thing to share that faith with others. But like John the Baptist, we are called to share the truth so that others may come to believe.

## 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.

## Sharing The Gospel

Imagine how excited John the Baptist must have felt after he baptized Jesus. He knew without a doubt that Jesus was God's Son. The very next day John told the crowds that Jesus would take away the sins of the world. God's people had eaten a Passover lamb every year to remember how God saved them from death in Egypt. Jesus was the Lamb of God. He frees you from your old sins and offers you new life with God.



### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to take away my sins.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a lamb.

### Mission for the Week

Read the story about the very first Passover, when God saved the Hebrews from the Angel of Death (Exodus 12).



## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not talking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

## 2017-2018 Le Moyne College C.Y.O. Scholarship

For many years, Le Moyne College and the Catholic Youth Organizations have worked together to offer eight \$4000.00 scholarships (\$1000/year). The C.Y.O. Scholarships will be conferred again this year to eight deserving students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse and awarded to prospective Le Moyne students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have performed outstanding service to their school, community and parish. Completed application packets must be returned to the Regional Chairperson no later than February 1, 2017. The packet is available in SJB/HT Rectory office. Please contact the office if interested in this scholarship.



## 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.**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Faith Formation News

The Confirmation students will be working hard to finish up their service projects, school work & retreat in preparation for Confirmation in a few months. Please pray for them.



THERE IS NO CLASS THIS WEEK IN OBSERVATION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY.



## Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This was an unusual greeting, to say the least. John the Baptist's underlying message, however, would have been crystal clear to the audience who heard it. The Jews were used to the idea of sacrificing a lamb in a ritual of atonement. Now, John was declaring that this man walking towards him, Jesus, was in fact the new lamb, the sacrificial offering that would atone for the sins not just of one person, but of all people. The sins of the whole world are forgiven in Christ.

The whole world, of course, means everybody. No one is excluded from the gift of salvation. Sadly, not all people accept the gift, but it is available to them nonetheless.

Today we might ask ourselves where we stand on this spectrum. Do we believe that Jesus' death has saved us? Do we believe that our sins are washed away through the sacrifice of this most spotless victim? To take it a step further, do we accept that God can forgive even the sins of our enemies, of those who have hurt and mistreated us? Can we forgive them too, as God has done through his Son, or do we fall short in this regard?

When we struggle to forgive someone, we can pray for the grace to love that person as Jesus has loved us. Today, may we put to death our grudges and resentments in imitation of the Lamb who sacrificed his life on our behalf.

## The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Each year from January 18-25, many Christian denominations will celebrate a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This week used to be called Christian Unity Octave. The word "octave," meaning eight days, denotes a Christian week. Since the early part of the last century, the week has been taken up by many Christians the world over. It is a week in which we all pray for unity of not only our faith and works, but furthermore a week to pray that we all may be one in our solidarity. This year's theme will be "Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord" (cf. 1 Pt 2:9).



How might this parish celebrate this important week? After all, we are praying for unity, which is what Jesus wanted. Remembering in our daily prayers solidarity among all people is certainly a starting point, but sometimes our actions are our prayers. Volunteer to help within this community the many organizations to help the less fortunate who need food, clothing, adequate shelter and health support.

For more information about this week, visit [www.geii.org](http://www.geii.org).



## Rectory Closed

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the rectory will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16. There is NO NOON MASS on Mon. Jan. 16th.



## Mass Schedule for

### St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Jan. 14, 2017 - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Jan. 15, 2017 - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 9:00 am - George & Veronica Wittwer - The Family

Ralph Smith - The Smith Family

Guisepina & Antonio Luisi - The Luisi Family

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Jan. 16, 2017 - The Baptism of the Lord

12:00 Noon - No Noon Mass

Tues. - Jan. 17, 2017 - St. Anthony, abbot

12:00 Noon - All Souls

Wed. - Jan. 18, 2017

Thurs. - Jan. 19, 2017

Fri. - Jan. 20, 2017 - Sts. Fabian, pope & Martar,

Sebastian, martyr

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 Noon -

Sat. - Jan. 21, 2017 - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Helen Kwasigroch - Rose Mary Connors

Marty Gleason - Rose Mary Connors

Patricia Caiello - Bill & Sue Slack

Guisepi Migliore - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rudy

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Jan. 22, 2017 - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 10:30 am



**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, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Sister Theresa Thayer IHM, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco and Pat Wall.

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



## Coffee and Donuts

Sunday, January 15 after the 9:00AM Mass join us for coffee & donuts & socializing in the SJB/HT Parish Center.



Saturday, Jan. 21st & Sunday, Jan. 22nd

### LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski

### ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo

### EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ R. Bartorillo, T. Bartorillo, G. Larkin, J. LaVergne, M.E. Caruso, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone

9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, J. Mott, R. Elderbroom, P. Schramm, Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, E. Warren



Sun. Jan. 15 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 22 Group 1 Money Counters

Fri. Jan. 20 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

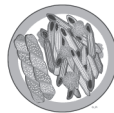
Fri. Jan. 27 Group 4 Altar Cleaners

Sun. Jan. 15 Coffee & Donuts SJB/HT Parish Center

After the 9:00AM Mass

Wed. Jan. 25 Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM

SJB/HT Parish Center



## Courtesy Announcement

St. Daniel Church 3004 Court St

Pasta Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 3:30-6:30PM.

Macaroni w/sausage & meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and drink \$9.00 adult, \$8.00 senior citizens, \$5.00 kids 5-

12, 5 & under free. Take out available.

## Amaus Dental Services Volunteer Opportunity Join

our family of volunteers at Amaus Dental Services in

downtown Syracuse, a ministry of the Cathedral Parish.

We are dedicated to providing free dental care to the underserved in our community. Our modern facility

has recently expanded and we need to increase our staff.

Many positions require no experience! Join us for a training

session to be held in late January. Interested in hearing

more? Email Kathleen today at [amausdental@gmail.com](mailto:amausdental@gmail.com).



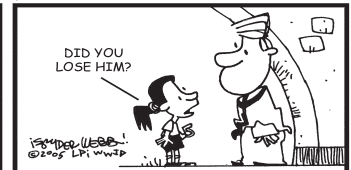
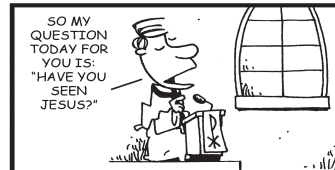
## Sunday Collection Jan. 7th and Jan. 8th

Regular collection .....\$3,227.25

Loose collection .....\$360.60

Fuel collection.....\$661.00

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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