

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 22, 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.

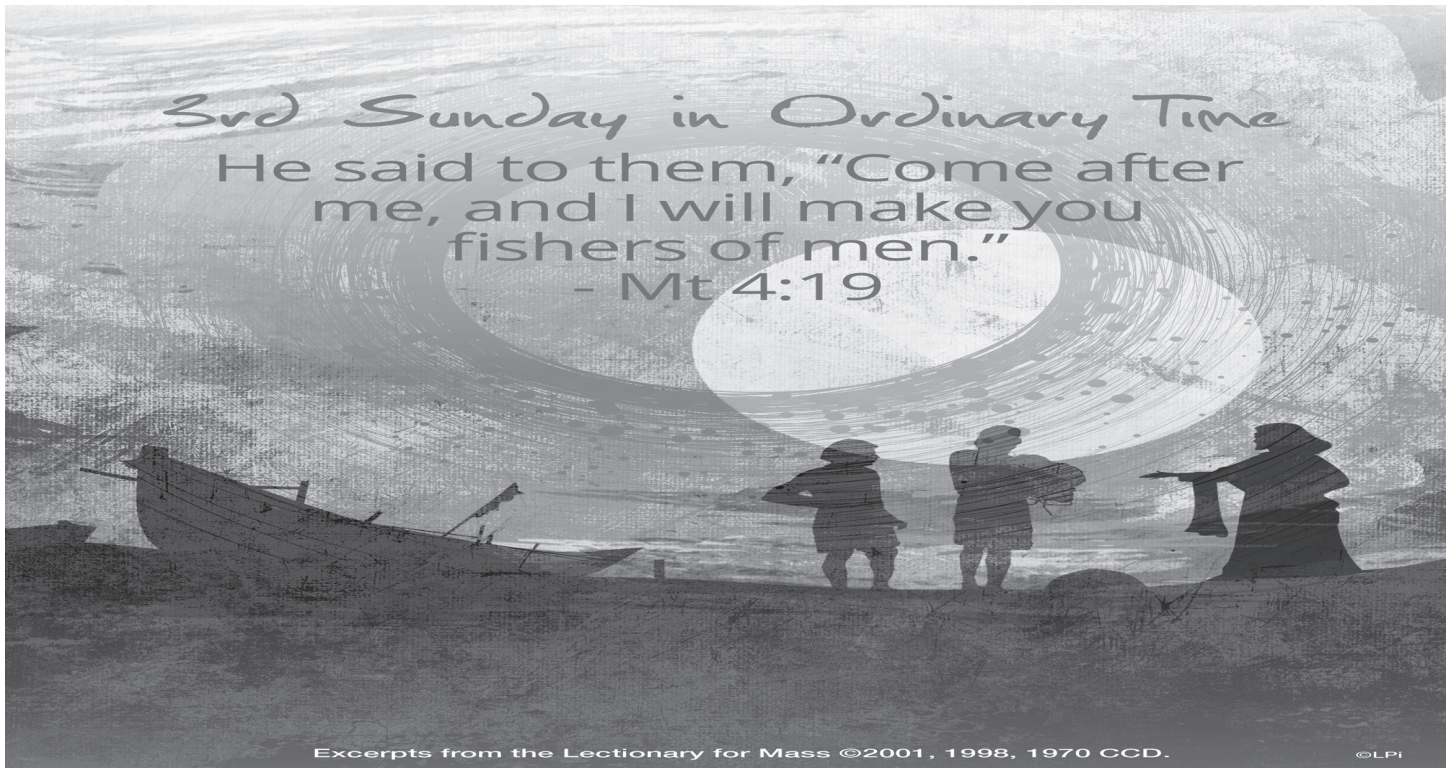
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." Peter, Andrew, James, and John's lives would never be the same. They were going about their usual business--fishing on the Sea of Galilee--when Jesus approached them and said, "Come after me." And that's just what they did. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Such a quick response to such a radical request!

What compelled these men to leave their livelihood to follow the Lord? His promise to them was that he would make them "fishers of men." Perhaps they thought that promise sounded fabulous. But it seems more likely that it was Christ himself who drew the men. There must have been something utterly attractive about him, and completely trustworthy. Otherwise, it seems unbelievable that these men would have been so quick to respond to his call.

This compelling man is the same Christ who calls us. We hear his voice in a different way, of course, through the Church and through the Bible, through his Spirit in our hearts, but it is nonetheless the same Jesus of Nazareth who asks us to follow him. Have we allowed ourselves to be drawn by his voice? Are we open to a real encounter with the Lord who changes lives?

If our relationship with Jesus does not transform us, if it does not change us into different, better people moment by moment and day by day, then chances are that we are not truly encountering him. He is too powerful to be inconsequential. It might take some courage and commitment to come into authentic contact with the Lord, but when we do, our lives will never be the same.

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.



Volunteers Needed

Again we put the word out that we are in need of volunteers in all areas of the parish. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Serving and Ushers just within the Church itself. Volunteers needed for all of our Parish Life events are always welcomed. One area in need of volunteers is for servers at funerals. This entails helping on the altar as a server. You are called at least 2 days in advance to the funeral Mass and most Masses begin by 10:00AM. Training is provided and there is always a pot of coffee and possible goodie available in the rectory after the Mass. Please call the rectory, 478-0916, with any interest, questions or concerns. Thank You.

Sharing The Gospel

Today's Gospel talks about people living in darkness. When you think about darkness, you may also think about stumbling, falling, or even being afraid. That's what your life could be like without God. You could stumble around trying to find love or happiness, but without God you will only fall. Jesus brings light into a dark, unhappy world. With Jesus, you no longer need to fall, and you don't need to be afraid. God loves you.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you that with Jesus I don't need to be afraid.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus bringing light and love into a dark world.

Mission for the Week

Sing the song, "This Little Light of Mine."



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

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.



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Faith Formation News

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS. 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.



Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." James and his brother John dropped everything to follow Christ. In leaving their boat, they also left their livelihood. In leaving their father, they said farewell to the comforts of home and family. They embarked on this unknown journey with Jesus, traveling "around all of Galilee," with neither stability nor security. All they had was trust. How remarkable this is! They had such great faith in this man who "called them" on the seashore. Clearly, their encounter with Christ was life-changing, even before they knew the full truth of who Jesus was.

We, on the other hand, already know. We have the benefit of being on the other side of Christ's life. We know about his miracles, his resurrection, and the whole history of Christian faith. In a sense, it should be easier for us to "leave our nets" than it was for the sets of brothers in today's Gospel. We have so many reasons to believe that Jesus was truly the Son of God. But yet how often do we resist the call to surrender our lives to Christ? How attached we are to our regular routines and our predictable plans. Yet, where would we be today if the apostles had tried to part-time it with the Lord? What if they had only followed him on the weekends? Would the Christian message have spread at all? So much was accomplished through the sincere faith of these humble fishermen. What could we accomplish if we trusted in Jesus as they did?



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, 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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Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Helen Kwasigroch - Rose Mary Connors
Marty Gleason - Rose Mary Connors
Guiseppa Migliore - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rudy
Patricia Caiello - Bill & Sue Slack

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

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

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 10:30 am

**Mon. - Jan. 23, 2017 - Sts. Vincent, deacon & martyr &
Marianne Cope, virgin**

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
12:00 Noon - No Mass**

**Tues. - Jan. 24, 2017 - St. Francis de Sales,
bishop & doctor of the Church**

12:00 Noon - No Mass

**Wed. - Jan. 25, 2017 - The Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle**

Thurs. - Jan. 26, 2017 - Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops

Fri. - Jan. 27, 2017 - St. Angela Merici, virgin

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 Noon - All Souls

Sat. - Jan. 28, 2017 - Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Jan. 29, 2017 - Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Donato & Gaitana Spina - The Luisi Family

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.**



Sunday Collection Jan. 14th and Jan. 15th

Regular collection	\$2,840.25
Loose collection	\$402.00
Fuel collection	\$92.00



Noon Mass Announcement

Monday, Jan. 23 and Tuesday, Jan. 24 there is no Noon Mass. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Again, with bad weather this time of year, we encourage those who attend Noon Mass to always call ahead, 478-0916.

Saturday, Jan. 28th & Sunday, Jan. 29th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ David Viggiano

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith, Grace Piazza

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano, M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin, R. Bartorillo, T. Bartorillo, P. Serio

9:00AM ~ F. Brimfield, J. Mott, C. Horton, R. Warren, L. Argiro, Michael Dykeman



Sun. Jan. 22 Group 1 Money Counters

Fri. Jan. 27 Group 4 Altar Cleaners

Wed. Jan. 25 Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center



St. Margaret's School Open House

Join us on January 29 from Noon - 2:00PM 201 Roxboro Rd. Mattydale 315-455-5791. Learn about our science lab, art, music and Gifted & Talented programs; all while touring the school and meeting our outstanding teachers.

GIANNA Center

The GIANNA Center of Syracuse provides prolife health care for women, including education in natural family planning, alternatives to the birth control pill for treating reproductive health problems, and pro-life alternatives to IVF (in vitro fertilization) for treating infertility. To learn more about GIANNA Syracuse, visit www.giannasyracuse.com and jpilcenterfor-women.com 127 Chapel Drive, Syracuse NY 315-488-3139.



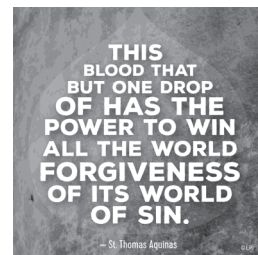
All Faiths Food Pantry Donations

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**



St. Thomas
Aquinas
Jan. 28, 2017
Priest
and
Doctor
of the Church



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