

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 24, 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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

Lk 4:18



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received." St. Luke began his Gospel by explaining why he wrote it. His intention was to provide a written account "of the events that have been fulfilled among us." But he didn't write simply to make a historical record; he wrote in order to bolster the confidence of the Christian community. He wanted to offer them a resource for realizing that what they had been taught was legitimate. This is why he investigated "everything accurately anew" and wrote it down "in an orderly sequence."

This passage helps us understand the relationship between sacred tradition and sacred Scripture. As Catholics, we believe that the Bible is an essential part of divine revelation that goes hand in hand with the teachings that were established by Jesus and passed on by his apostles. The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" tells us that the church "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence" (#82). Here, Luke emphasizes that what he writes is a confirmation of what was already being taught.

This fact should help us appreciate the gift of the Bible. This inspired collection of books exists to help us practice our faith and to bring us into a deeper understanding of the revealed word of God. Although the Bible is not the only source of revelation, it does help us to have what Luke calls "certainty" regarding our faith. We do hear Bible readings at Mass, but we would do well to read the Bible on our own as well. Let us not miss the opportunity to hear God's word speaking to us every day.

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.

For all who attend Noon Mass at SJB/HT; please, when the weather is bad call the rectory to see if Mass has been cancelled. We do attempt to make phone calls, but do not reach some people. And if staff is unable to get in and does not answer, that is a good indication that Mass has been cancelled as well. Safety of all is most important.



Presenting Gifts To The Altar

With the addition of Mass Intentions to our 4:00PM and 9:00AM Mass, we kindly ask that any family that wishes to participate in "Presenting the Gifts" to the altar, please check in with our ushers. As we have up to 4 Intentions per Mass now, please choose one family member to present. If no one does request to participate, our ushers will just ask any parishioner to participate.

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When parents bring their children for baptism, the first thing in the ceremony that the priest or deacon asks them is, "What name have you given to your child?" Parents select the names they bestow on their children for a host of reasons: family tradition, personal meaning, a connection to admired individuals, the beauty of how it sounds, or a name's particular meaning are but a few. Even if a child later on chooses to be known by some other name, most often it will be a variation of the original given by the parents. Elizabeth can become Betty or Liza; Robert turns into Bob; Jason shortens to Jase; and Caroline can be known as Carly.



Scripture scholars are divided on whether the person named at the beginning of Luke's Gospel is a particular individual, or whether he stands for all those who would hear the story of Jesus. His name, Theophilus, means one who loves God, so the name could be just as likely allegorical as actual. In any event, the story of Jesus that Luke organized and wrote is directed toward someone whose very name suggests a connection to the divine. The good news of Jesus is intended for one who loves God.

That does not mean to exclude every Tom, Dick, and Harry (or Barb, Jane, and Mary for that matter). No matter what our first name actually means, as a son or daughter of God in baptism, we are all "Theophilus," that is, lovers of God. The story of Jesus-the welcome he gives to the poor and the outcast, the Spirit that is poured out on him and on his followers, the journey to Jerusalem where the fulfillment of the Father's will is accomplished-is our story. And as we listen to the Gospel from Luke in the year ahead we can pray that we become ever more lovers of God, who calls us all by name.

Saturday, Jan. 30th and Sunday, Jan. 31st
LECTORS:
4:00PM ~ Sue Retschle
9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy

ALTAR SERVERS:
4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano
9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Grace Piazza, Noah & Lucas Smith

EUCCHARIST:
4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin, M.A. Bergamo, F. Sanzone, L. Sanzone
9:00AM ~ F. Brimfield, J. Mott, P. Schramm, M. Piazza, P. Walters, E. Warren, J. Barraco



Faith Formation News

This weekend will be First Reconciliation at 10am on Sunday. Reminder that there will be Confirmation class on Saturday, January 30 from 3-5 in the

Sharing The Gospel

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Isaiah, the prophet, writing about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



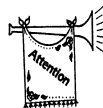
A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal expectations. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our expectations.

Attention Maine's Shoppers

Maine's cash and carry has a great give back program that St. John's/Holy Trinity is a part of. When you sign up you are given a card that you present at the check out that the cashier will scan. **5% of EACH PURCHASE** is then donated to St. John's/Holy Trinity quarterly. There is no cost to you and sign up is easy. You can ask for a form at the service desk at the store in North Syracuse, visit www.Mainesource.net and go to non-profits, then give back program, and you can fill out the form and submit it online or contact the rectory as we have forms available.



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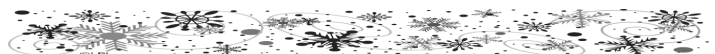
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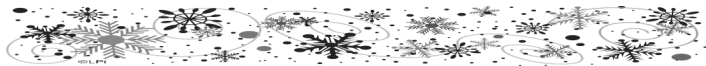
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January

Sun. Jan. 24 Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. Jan. 31 Group 3 Money Counters

Catholic Golden Agers meeting on Wed. Jan. 27th has been cancelled.



Altar Cleaning Schedule

Currently the schedule is being reworked. Ladies who are on the schedule will be contacted, if not already, and groups will be blended together. As soon as the group is set new schedules will be created.

Anyone who is interested in helping to care for the Altar please contact the rectory. Duties are light.

Sunday Collection Jan. 9th & 10th

Regular Envelope collection	\$2,737.25
Loose collection	\$386.00
Fuel collection	\$60.00
Poor collection	\$50.00

Le Moyne College C. Y. O. Scholarship

The C. Y. O. Scholarships will be conferred again this year to eight deserving students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse. The scholarships offered are eight \$4,000.00 scholarships (\$1,000 a year). Applications and information are available in the SJB/HT rectory. Completed applications must be in by February 15, 2016. You can call (315) 445-4300 if you have any immediate questions.



InterFaith Works of CNY and Women Transcending Boundaries

Invites you to help spread a message of harmony and tolerance by showcasing and celebrating Central New York's many faith traditions. This year's theme is "Opening Windows of Understanding" on Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00PM, Mosque of Jesus, Son of Mary (Masjid Isa Ibn Maryam), 501 Park St., Syracuse. This event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the ceremony.

World Interfaith Harmony Week was first proposed at the United Nations General Assembly by King Abdullah II of Jordan. It provides a platform for all interfaith and good will organizations to demonstrate their impact. The movement is strengthened by building ties among world religions, educating ourselves about each other, and helping our community appreciate the beauty and diversity of our faith traditions and our diverse cultures. Save the date, and join us for a memorable evening!

Courtesy Announcements

... **Transfiguration Church Hall 740 Teall Ave:** Mardi Gras - Polish Dinner, Sunday, Feb. 7 from 12:00 noon - 3:00PM. Adults \$13, Children (6-12) \$5 under 6 free.

... **Christ The King Retreat House 500 Brookford Rd. 446-2680:** Conversation Series with Mike Melara, CEO Catholic Charities speaks on "Responding to the needs of the most vulnerable." Thursday, Feb. 11 from 7:00-8:30PM. Free will offering.



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, Joan Dominic, Norma Foody, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, 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, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco, Pat Wall and Eileen Weir.



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