

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 29, 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.

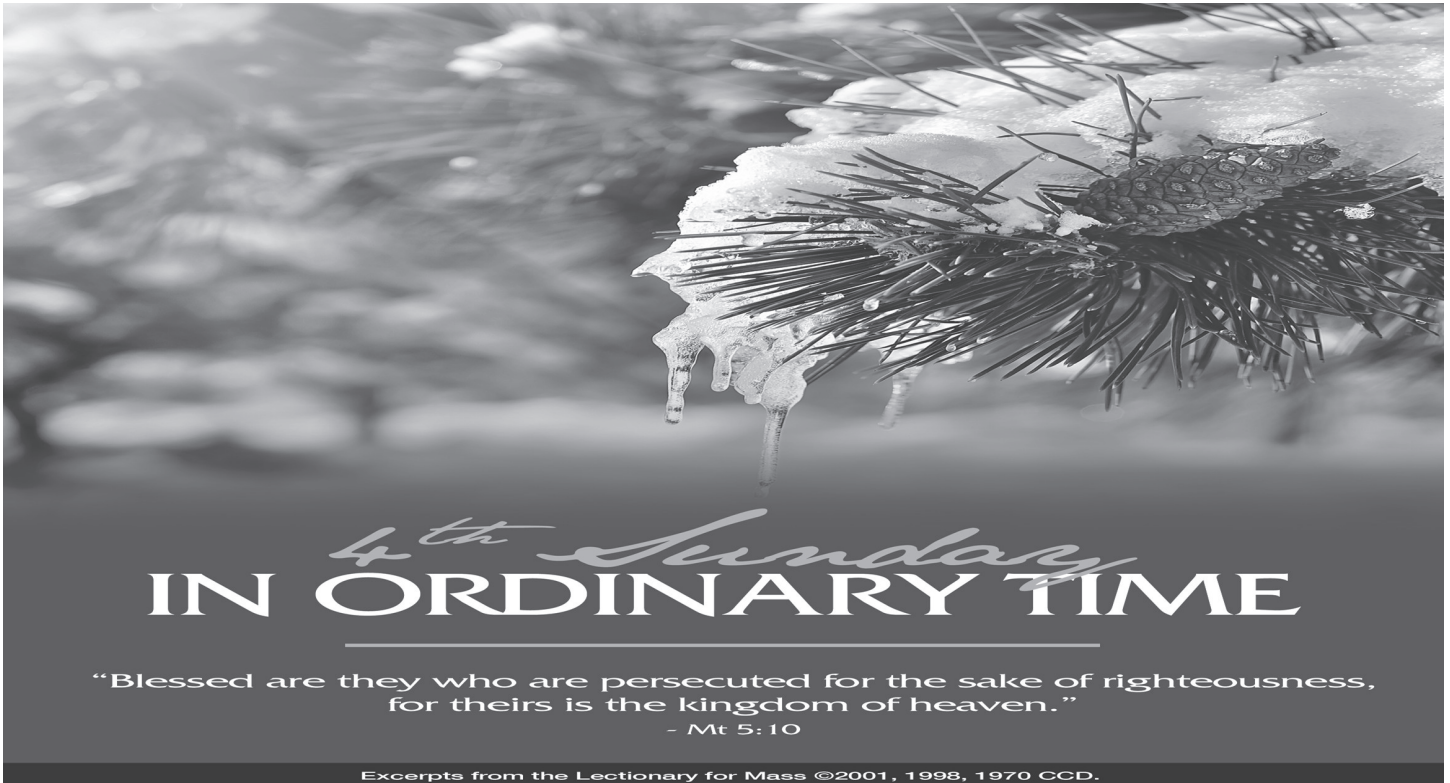
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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4th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

- Mt 5: 10

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

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Here, in a nutshell, is the Christian belief about the afterlife. We trust that heaven is open to believers who accept the gift of salvation and follow the way of the Lord, even (or especially) when that way is difficult!

The beatitudes in today's Gospel give us a program for following the path to heaven. These famous words offer a kind of twofold image. There are, on the one hand, the beatitudes about what we should do and be: poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, and peacemakers. Such qualities are reflections of the nature of God in whose image we are meant to live. When we embrace and reflect this image to the world, there is no doubt we are walking on the path of God's will.

Then, there are also the beatitudes about what we are called to endure: mourning, hunger for righteousness, persecutions and insults due to our belief in Jesus. These are the trials that often beset the life of a faithful Christian--admittedly more so in some ages and areas than in others. But Jesus makes it clear that even these trials and struggles are a sign that a Christian is on the right path, not that God has abandoned him or her, but that the reward of heaven lies around the corner.

One of the greatest consolations of our faith is that even when life does not unfold according to our own perfect designs, even when there is suffering to deal with, even when we do not have great success in the eyes of the world, we can maintain hope and peace as we await the "reward" of the just. The eternal happiness of heaven will be worth every ounce of temporary trial here on earth.

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.

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.



New Area Code And What To Do

Central New York is finally getting a second area code. In March 2017, telephone companies will start giving out phone numbers in area code 680, which will cover the same 18-county region as 315. For most of us, that means one big change: Beginning at 12:01 a.m. Feb. 11, 2017, we will have to dial an area code for every phone call we make, even local calls within area code 315. If you don't dial the full 10-digit number, including area code, you'll get a recording telling you to hang up and try again. For now, you can get away with dialing either seven digits or 10 for local calls. But it's time to start thinking about what you have to do to prepare.

Here are the key dates to remember:

Feb. 11, 2017: Mandatory 10-digit dialing begins. All local calls must be dialed with 10 digits (area code plus seven-digit number) as of this date. If you dial a local call with just seven digits, you will not get through.

March 11, 2017: This is the earliest date for phone numbers in area code 680 to go into service. The new area code will be assigned to new phone numbers. Nobody with an existing 315 number will have to switch area codes.

You can still call 911. You'll still dial just 911 to reach emergency responders. The same goes for other N11 services such as 411, 211, 511 and 811.

Calling rates won't change. Nothing about your phone bill should change as a result of the additional area code. You will continue to pay the same rates for the same kinds of calls.

Some calls will require 11 digits. Most mobile phones and digital landline phones will complete calls if you dial just 10 digits. But on traditional landline phones, you will have to dial 1 plus the 10-digit number to call outside of your own area code.

Start updating your contact list now. Chances are, you have a contact list in your phone that allows you to simply tap a name rather than dial that person's number. If you entered your Central New York contacts without the area code, you'll have to add 315 to the numbers. Once 10-digit dialing kicks in, your calls won't go through without the area code.

Reprogram any automatic dialing equipment you may have. Do you have a home alarm system that automatically dials a local call center when it trips? Do you have dial-up internet service that connects your modem to a local phone exchange? Make sure equipment such as this is reprogrammed to dial the 10-digit number including area code.

Help your kids get ready. Teach kids and anyone else who needs help how to dial 10 digits.

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Presentation Of The Lord

Thursday, February 2



"The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him." Simeon surprised Mary and Joseph with his declaration that their baby was the long-awaited Messiah. They of course knew the truth about their son's identity and mission. But to hear someone else announce it was the amazing part. The Gospel tells us that the Holy Spirit was upon Simeon; thus he had a kind of divine revelation about the baby Jesus. God spoke through him to confirm the holy secret that Mary and Joseph already kept in their hearts. Anna too spoke about the child as "the redemption of Jerusalem," thus adding another mystical assurance that Jesus was in fact the Savior.

These events that took place during the Presentation in the Temple can remind us about the important role of the members of the believing community. Like Simeon and Anna, we are meant to encourage one another, and to announce the Gospel to others with courage and conviction. When we are rooted in prayer, and attuned to the Holy Spirit, we too can be effective instruments of God's power. Then, amazing things can happen! We become the channels through which God's truth is proclaimed, and through which his love and healing, comfort and compassion, are given to other people.

Indeed, when we are "righteous and devout" like Simeon, and dedicated to prayer like Anna, we prepare ourselves to become Christ's coworkers in the world.



Bishop Ludden High School

Announcing a "Ladies Day Extravaganza" open house style event to support the Bishop Ludden Jr./Sr. Class After the Gala party. The extravaganza features many of your favorite home party vendors in one easy stop! Join us Saturday, February 4th, 2017 and browse vendors from 10:00AM - 2:00PM at Bishop Ludden. Admission is only \$5.00, and includes a chance to win select door prizes. Vendors include 31, LulaRoe, Pampered Chef, Young Living Essential Oils, Mary Kay, Creative Memories, Seacret Skin Care, Papparazi Jewelry, Dove Chocolates and several others. Join us and visit www.bishopludden.org for any additional details, or call Bishop Ludden at 315-468-2591.



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. 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

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Donato & Gaetana Spina -

The Luisi Family

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Jan. 30, 2017

12:00 Noon - All Souls

Tues. - Jan. 31, 2017 - St. John Bosco, priest

12:00 Noon - All those who work to end violence

Wed. - Feb. 1, 2017

Thurs. - Feb. 2, 2017 - The Presentation Of The Lord

Fri. - Feb. 3, 2017 - Sts. Blaise, bishop & martyr,

Ansgar, bishop

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 Noon - Frank Lane - Daughter

Albert Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney

Sat. - Feb 4, 2017 - Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Ada Laffan - Peter Manozzi

Mary Manozzi - Frank & Peter

Joseph Storot - Cheryl & Brianna Cacchione

Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Feb 5, 2017 - Fifth 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 Dizenzo, 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.**



The month of January we laid to rest from our Parish Family; Albert Bleskoski, Mary Cotter Shyne, James Cotter Koplík, Gloria Suhey

Baptized into our parish family; Luke Joseph Penn.

Saturday, Feb. 4th & Sunday, Feb. 5th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ John Normoyle

9:00AM ~ John Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ F. Sanzone, L. Sanzone, G. Larkin, R. Bartorillo,

T. Bartorillo, P. Serio, L. Weir

9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, M. Piazza, R. Warren, R. Elderbroom,

Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, L. Argiro

Sharing The Gospel

God sees the loving things you do. When you show kindness to others, especially when they don't deserve it, your kindness will come back to you. When you see others fighting, and you help them get along, you show that you are God's child. When you are gentle, not bossy, you make God smile. Even when it is hard, keep on doing what's right. One day in heaven God will reward you for the good choices you make.



Prayer

Dear God, help me love other people the way you want me to.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping a child who was mean to you.

Mission for the Week

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.



Sun. Feb. 5	Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. Feb. 12	Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Feb. 19	Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Feb. 26	Group 2 Money Counters
Fri. Feb. 3	Group 1 Altar Cleaning
Fri. Feb. 10	Group 2 Altar Cleaning
Fri. Feb. 17	Group 3 Altar Cleaning
Fri. Feb. 24	Group 4 Altar Cleaning
Wed. Feb. 22	Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Sunday Collection Jan. 21st and Jan. 22nd

Regular collection	\$2,916.05
Loose collection	\$427.00
Restoration collection	\$338.00

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