

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 8, 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.

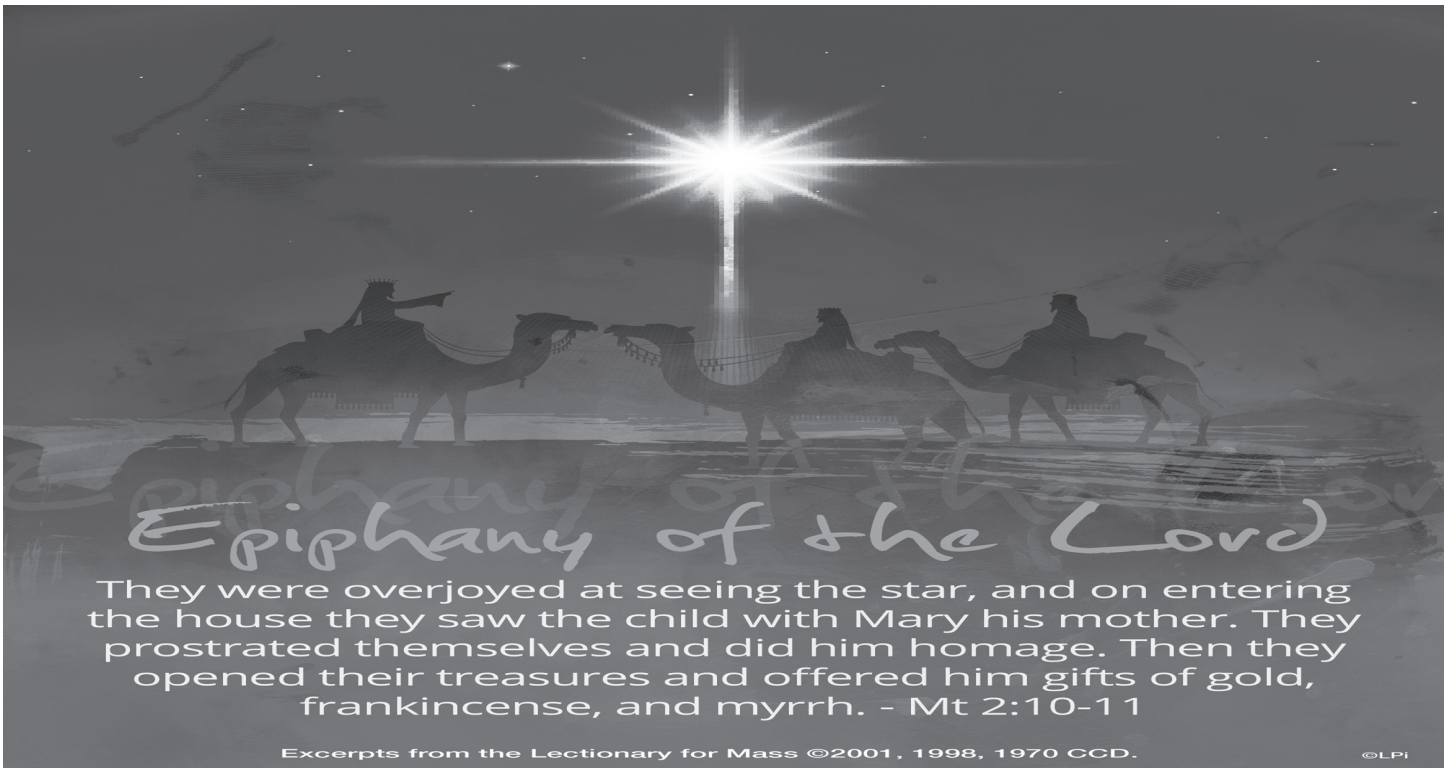
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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The Epiphany Of The Lord

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." In our day and age, the star of Christmas has become a kind of decorative symbol that adorns manger scenes and Christmas trees. It suggests something good and bright and holy, a visual indicator that the "Light of the world" has appeared. But today, on the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that originally, this star was not just a pretty symbolic ornament. This star was a sign from God that intervened in the operations of the physical universe. The Magi understood that this star was sent from God to indicate where his Son would be born.

Of course it should not surprise us in this season of all seasons that God should choose to order the universe according to his purposes. Jesus has just been born of a virgin! God has just taken on human flesh. These events in themselves are extraordinary divine interventions--miracles that defy the standard operation of things. Why shouldn't God choose to send a luminous star where he wants it, when he wants it? Why shouldn't he reveal his plan through the things that he created in the first place?

The beauty of today's feast is found, in part, in the fact that the Magi were able to recognize this sign from God. They waited for it, they saw it, and they rejoiced in it: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." We too should be overjoyed in this season of God's special revelation to us. We may need the eyes to recognize it, but truly we have waited for a Savior, we have seen his appearance at Christmas, and now it is time to celebrate! God is at work in our physical world. He has come here, now to save us. This is cause for rejoicing!

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Administrator Father Daniel Caruso

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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

When Jesus was born, angels sang. I'll bet you never thought stars could sing for Jesus, too. But the stars in the sky sang in their own way, just by moving and twinkling in the sky. The Savior was born. Jesus was the King that God's people had been waiting for. Magi who had been watching the sky saw a star much brighter than the rest. They followed that star until they found Jesus, and they worshipped their new king.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the stars move and twinkle in a special way, so that the Magi could find Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the Magi following the brightest star.

Mission for the Week

Ask your family if you can visit a planetarium, or look through a special telescope, so you can see the stars God made.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Today's Gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

Baptism of the Lord

"I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus didn't need to be washed clean of any sin, and John the Baptist knew it. But nonetheless, Jesus was humble enough to be baptized like the rest of us. This humility is at the heart of Jesus' mission on earth. As Saint Paul says, Jesus "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...he humbled himself" (Phil 2:7-8). He did not need to become human, to be born of a woman into a poor family, or to suffer and die on the cross. Rather, Jesus freely chose to do all of these things out of love for us. And in the process, he gave us a model to follow.



By being baptized, Jesus emphasized the importance of participating in this sacred action. And later in his ministry, he confirmed the significance of baptism when he instructed his apostles to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19).

Through baptism, we become disciples of Jesus. As baptized Christians, we are both called and equipped to be Christ's followers, his pupils, and his friends. Today, we might ask ourselves if we are embracing this calling wholeheartedly. Do we follow Jesus' example of love for God and neighbor? Do we study his word and live by his teaching? Do we nurture our relationship with him, as we would with any friend? Jesus humbled himself for our sake. Let us show our gratitude by being his faithful disciples today and every day.



Faith Formation News

Welcome back to all of our students. I hope everyone had a great Christmas & New Year. The Confirmation students will be working hard to finish up their service projects and school work in preparation for Confirmation in a few months. Please pray for them. THERE IS NO CLASS NEXT WEEK, 1/15 IN OBSERVATION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY.



Epiphany of the Lord

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."

The Magi were men of great faith. Their worldly position and power could have made them scoff at the sight of this humble infant. Their treasury of wealth could have blinded them to the true value of this child king. But instead these men placed themselves at the feet of Jesus in a gesture of complete submission. Then, as a sign of their devotion, they "opened their treasures" and offered this baby costly and precious gifts. Only a deep and sincere faith could justify such a surprising scene.

Real faith often runs contrary to worldly wisdom. Without the firm belief that Jesus was the Messiah, it would seem absurd to travel all those miles and part with all that gold, much less to bow down in the presence of a poor child. But the eyes of faith can see much more than the eyes of the world alone. The Magi understood that all the prestige and possessions of the earth are nothing in comparison to the kingdom of heaven. They wanted to use their worldly wealth to give glory to the King of Kings, rather than for their own glory.

Taking the Three Kings as models, we can examine our own lives. Are we willing to "travel" for our faith, leaving our comfort zone for the sake of the Gospel? Are we willing to share our "wealth" to glorify God? Are we willing to submit our desires and plans to the authority of Christ? As we begin the journey of this New Year, let us resolve to follow in the faithful footsteps of the Magi.

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.

Name: _____

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Rectory Closed

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



Coffee and Donuts

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



Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Jan. 7, 2017 - Vigil - The Epiphany Of The Lord

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - John Testone - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morga
Peter Paratore - Bill & Sue Slack
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children
Pietro Paolo & Filomena Tomaino - Antonio & Antonia Mazza
OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Jan. 8, 2017 - The Epiphany Of The Lord

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People
OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Jan. 9, 2017 - The Baptism of the Lord

12:00 Noon - Mary DiFulvio - The Family

Tues. - Jan. 10, 2017

12:00 Noon - All Religious, men and women

Wed. - Jan. 11, 2017

Thurs. - Jan. 12, 2017

Fri. - Jan. 13, 2017 - St. Hilary,

bishop & doctor of the Church

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Terry Connors - Rose Mary Connors

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

OLP/SP 8:00 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - George & Veronica Wittwer - The Family
Ralph Smith - The Smith Family
Guiseppina & Antonio Luisi - 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 Direnzo, 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.**



Saturday, Jan. 14 & Sunday, Jan. 15

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Sue Retschle

9:00AM ~ Lisa Primerano

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ L. Sanzone, M.A. Bergamo, R. Copani, J. LaVergne, G. Larkin, M.E. Cusano, P. Serio

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton, P. Schramm, M. Piazza, R. Warren, L. Argiro, F. Brimfield

JANUARY

Sun. Jan. 8 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 15 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 22 Group 1 Money Counters

Fri. Jan. 13 Group 2 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Jan. 20 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Jan. 27 Group 4 Altar Cleaners

Mon. Jan. 9 Parish Council Meeting
SJB/HT Rectory 7:00PM

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

The Sanctuary Lamp

will burn in memory of
Giuseppe Migliore
requested by
The Family



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.

Sunday Collection Dec. 24th and Dec. 25th

Regular collection\$2,680.25
Loose collection\$1,350.00
Christmas collection\$2,648.00
Poor collection..... \$90.00

Dec. 31st and Jan. 1

Regular collection\$3,200.25
Loose collection \$443.00
Solemnity Of Mary \$816.61
Poor collection..... \$196.00
Flowers for the Altar\$1,089.00

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