

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

406 Court Street Syracuse, NY 13208

Office (315) 478-0916 Fax 423-8096 Convent 422-2998

March 12, 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.

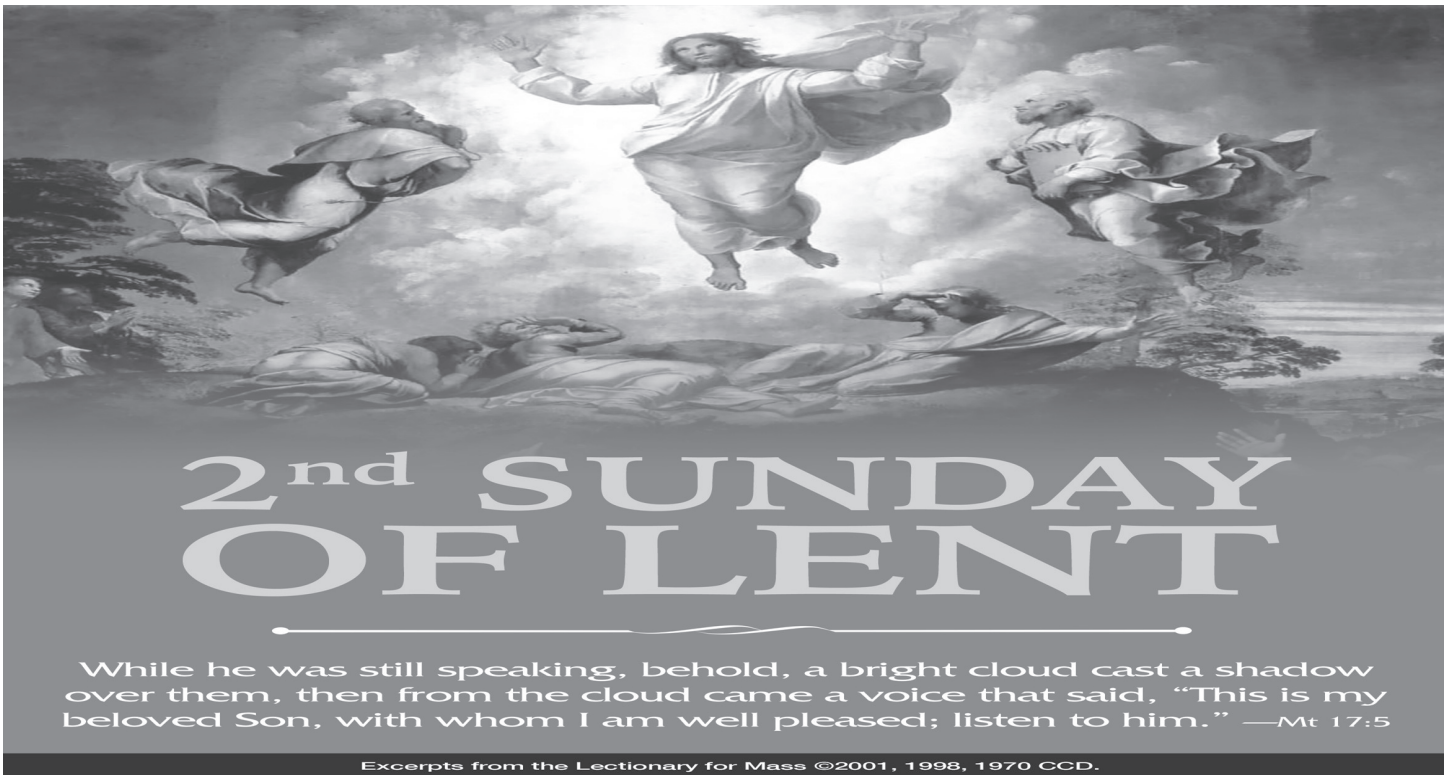
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

E-mail - [nbergeson@syrdio.org](mailto:nbergeson@syrdio.org)

Web Site - [www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com](http://www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." —Mt 17:5

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

### Second Sunday Of Lent

"When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Peter, James, and John already knew Jesus. They had been following him, learning from him, watching him for quite some time. But what took place before their eyes at the Transfiguration was unlike anything they had yet witnessed. This was not just a miracle or a message: this was a supernatural vision. When Jesus' face suddenly "shone like the sun" and two ancient prophets appeared and spoke, and a heavenly voice announced the true identity of their friend and teacher, these three disciples nearly fainted in fear. It must have been too glorious, too strange, too astonishing to handle.

But Jesus "came and touched them" to rouse them from their prostration. He told them, "Rise, and do not be afraid." What a beautiful moment. The Lord realized that his friends were overwhelmed. He had compassion on their meager ability to comprehend what was really going on. He allowed them to participate in this moment of revelation to help them understand who he was, but he still understood who THEY were--imperfect human beings who could not be expected to completely understand the ways of God.

Sometimes we might long to witness a kind of Transfiguration moment. It can be tempting to think that if we had access to such a supernatural revelation, our faith would be strengthened and our lives would change. But Jesus knows us best. He knows what we can handle and he knows the perfect way to reveal himself. For most of us, most of the time, this means coming to know Jesus in the more ordinary ways of prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments. Let's be sure we are ready to find Jesus there.

### **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.



Dear Parishioners,  
 As we continue our journey through Lent, I ask that we all remember that we have entered a great season of prayer and self-denial. Sometimes we forget what is asked of us. Because of this, I would like to remind everybody of the norms governing Lenten days of fast and abstinence. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. On these days, Catholics 14 years of age or older are obliged to abstain from eating meat. This year, because St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, falls on a Friday, Bishop Cunningham has granted a dispensation from abstaining from meat for the Catholics of the Diocese of Syracuse on that one Friday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fast. On these days, Catholics from the ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal and two small meals. The combined amount of the small meals should not equal the quantity consumed at the full meal. I would hope that we would look at these norms as encouragement to incorporate the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving into the daily living of our lives.

We will be praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7:00PM. The Stations of the Cross are a traditional way of focusing on the road to Calvary that Christ walked for us. We, as His disciples in the world today, are invited to journey on that same road. Please consider joining the community as we offer these prayers asking the Lord to strengthen us as we carry our own crosses.

You will notice some changes at Mass during Lent. The priest is now robed in violet vestments, a sign of the penitential nature of this season. Many of the objects that usually adorn the sanctuary have been removed to reflect the austerity of Lent. We are called to simplify our lives. Please note that the acclamation before the Gospel has changed. "Alleluia", that wonderful word of rejoicing, will not be sung again until Easter. All these changes should help us to remember how we are called to live during this holy season. Let us turn away from the distractions of this world, let us embrace the cross of Christ, let us repent of our sinfulness, and let us die to self that we may truly share in the glory of the Resurrection at Easter.

You all remain in my prayers during these holy days of Lent. Please continue to pray for me and for all who minister at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.

In Christ's peace,  
 Fr. Caruso

### Faith Formation News

Please continue to pray for the Confirmation students as they prepare for Confirmation. All the other students are also working hard in their classes. Parents, please continue to help your students practice their prayers everyday.



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



### 2nd Sunday of Lent

Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. There they see Jesus "transfigured," his face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah.



What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son..." they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi. However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher. However, we live in the time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father.

Take this week and think about how, in your own way, can proclaim through your words and deeds the Jesus is your savior, your teacher, and rabbi.



### Sharing The Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus showed his closest friends - Peter, James, and John - what heaven would be like. Jesus' friends were amazed to see Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus. Moses and Elijah had gone to heaven hundreds of years before this day. Then Peter, James and John heard God's voice from the cloud. Jesus, their friend and teacher, was God's Son. They fell down in fear. You might, too, if you were there.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for showing Jesus' friends what heaven would be like.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of what you think heaven might look like.

### Mission for the Week

If you could see Jesus in heaven today, what would you talk about? What would you ask him?

### A Family Perspective

#### Family Life Education

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.



**Mass Schedule for  
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity**

**Sat. - March 11, 2017 - Second Sunday Of Lent**  
**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - For The People  
**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - March 12, 2017 - Second Sunday Of Lent**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Enrica Cellini - The Family  
 Michael Salanger - Mary Salanger  
 Pasquale & Margherita DelVecchio -  
 Anna DelVecchio & Family  
**OLP/SP 10:30 am**

**Mon. - March 13, 2017**  
**12:00 Noon** - Carol E. Chamberlain - Peter Steingraber

**Tues. - March 14, 2017**  
**12:00 Noon** - Mary Scanlon - Joe & Penny Zella

**Wed. - March 15, 2017**

**Thurs. - March 16, 2017**

**Fri. - March 17, 2017**  
**11:30 am** - Confession  
**12:00 Noon** - Pat Wall - Rosemary Lane  
**7:00 pm** - Stations of the Cross SJB/HT

**Sat. - March 18, 2017 - Third Sunday Of Lent**  
**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - Vincenzo Abbatiello - The Family  
 Teresa Romano - Josaphine Lazzaro  
 Albert Bleskoski - Peter & Maureen White  
 Donald Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney  
**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - March 19, 2017 - Second Sunday Of Lent**  
**OLP/SP 8:00 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - For The People  
**OLP/SP 10:30 am**

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



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

**Spring Ahead**

Did you remember to Spring Ahead? And to replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



**Saturday, March 18th & Sunday, March 19th**

**LECTORS:**

**4:00PM** ~ John Normoyle  
**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, M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin,  
 G. Mastriano, P. Serio, J. LaVergne  
**9:00AM** ~ J. Mott, P. Schramm, M.E. Cusano, R. Warren,  
 L. Argiro, C. Horton, F. Brimfield



**Sun. Mar. 12** Group 4 Money Counters  
**Sun. Mar. 19** Group 1 Money Counters  
**Sun. Mar. 26** Group 2 money Counters

**Fri. Mar. 17** Group 3 Altar Cleaners  
**Fri. Mar. 24** Group 4 Altar Cleaners  
**Fri. Mar. 31** Group 1 Altar Cleaners

**Thurs. Mar. 16** TNT Neighborhood Watch 7:00PM  
 SJB/HT Parish Center

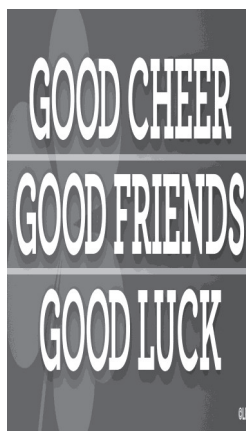
**Wed. Mar. 22** Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM  
 SJB/HT Parish Center

**Friday Baked Fish Dinners** 4:00-7:00PM

**Mar. 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7.** SJB/HT Parish Center  
 Girl Scout Cookies sold during Fish Dinners!!

**Sunday Collection March 4th and March 5th**

Regular collection .....	\$2,769.25
Loose collection .....	\$432.00
Fuel Collection .....	\$481.00
Poor Collection.....	\$158.00
Black and Indian Mission collection .....	\$133.00
Eastern Europe (Ash Wednesday).....	\$98.00



Holy Trinity Church/St. John the Baptist  
406 Court Street  
Syracuse, NY 13208

315-478-0916

Account # 06-0120