

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 20, 2016

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—9:00 am

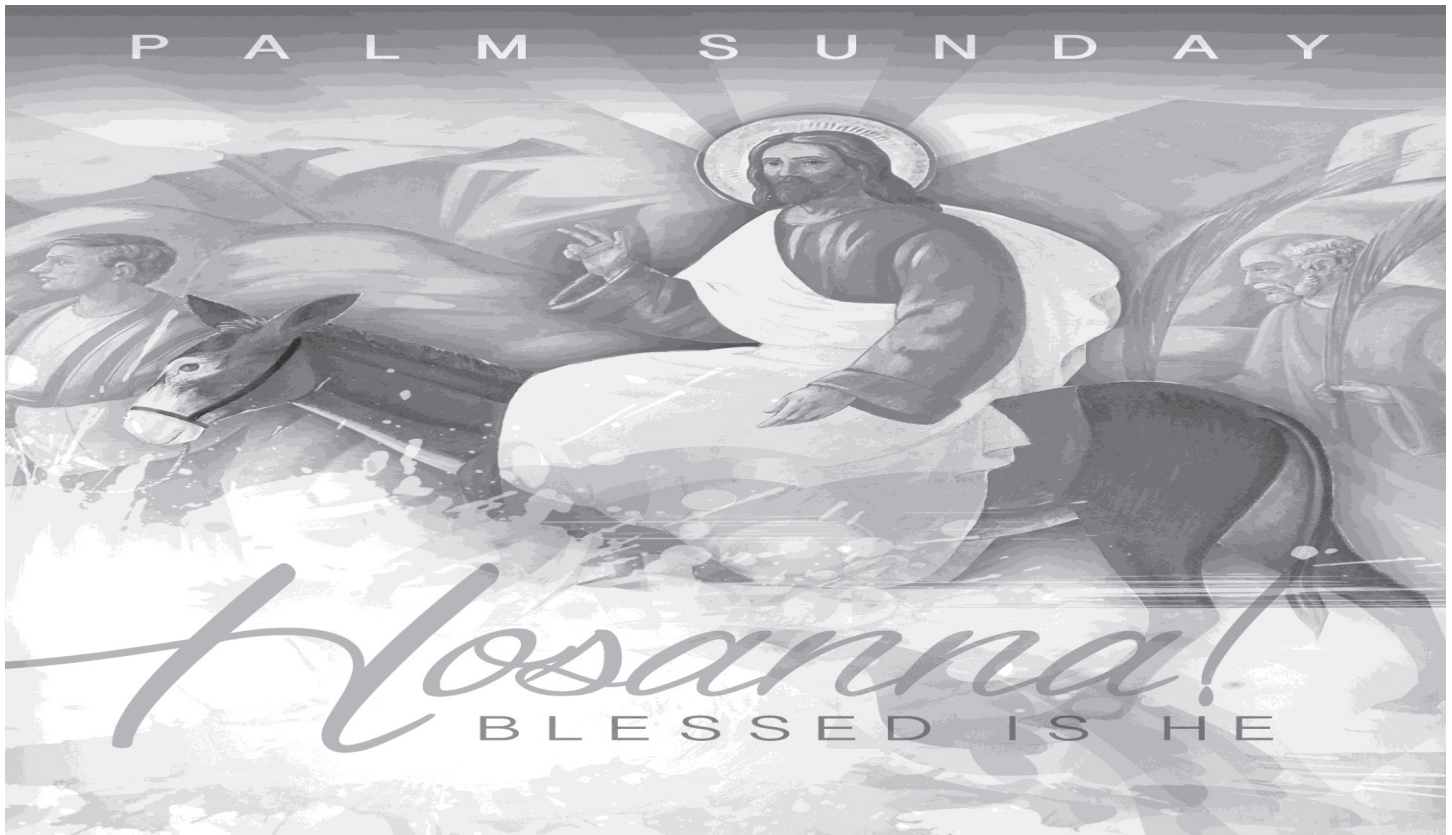
Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30am. Or by appointment.

Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Palm Sunday

"Pilate addressed them a third time, 'What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime.'" The Palm Sunday Gospel readings present a sad picture of grown-ups who succumb to peer pressure. Three times, Pilate proclaimed that Jesus was not guilty. But yet, he gave in to the mounting pressure from the crowd, whose "voices prevailed... and he handed Jesus over to them." Also, during the opening Gospel at the procession of palms, we see the adoring crowds hailing Jesus as "the king who comes in the name of the Lord," but only too soon the chorus changes as the voice of the crowd cries out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" What happened to Jesus' loyal supporters? How did the mob mentality overtake them all? Then too, we have Peter, who in comfortable company with Jesus and his friends promised eternal faithfulness. But when others began asking uncomfortable questions, he caved: "Woman, I do not know him."

These three scenarios give us a chance to reflect on our own faithfulness as we journey into Holy Week. Like Pilate, do we know the truth but abandon it when it becomes unpopular? Public opinion these days declares much Church teaching to have fallen out of favor--will we renege like Pilate or stand fast to the faith? The fickle crowds demonstrate another kind of weakness, where instead of thinking for themselves, people just followed those around them. Are we guilty of this kind of passive intellectual laziness? How about Peter's problem: do we change our story based on current company, or do we live as consistent Christian witnesses in the world? This week, may we have the courage to accompany Jesus all the way to the cross, no matter what anyone else may do.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Temporary Administrator Father Daniel Caruso

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Religious Education Catherine Mackey

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,

This weekend we begin the most important week of the Church's year. It is full of wonderful celebrations as we reflect upon the central mysteries of our Faith. Too often we may choose not to attend these services because they are not "days of obligation." Perhaps we have never been to some of them and hesitate to go because we are not sure what takes place. I assure you that you will not be disappointed in the beauty and prayerfulness of our Holy Week celebrations. This year our celebrations have added significance as the parish communities of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity join together in prayer during these wondrous days. The parish staffs have worked very hard to prepare for these sacred days. If we all celebrate this week in its true spirit, I am sure we will all grow in holiness.



Today, Passion (Palm) Sunday, we begin by celebrating the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where He is welcomed by the crowds. However, by the time the Passion is proclaimed, these crowds have turned on Him and seek to have Him crucified. Perhaps there is a lesson there for all of us, who may at one moment acknowledge Christ's kingship and at the next moment seek to crucify Him in our sinfulness.

The "heart" of the Church's liturgical year, The Sacred Triduum ("The Three Days"), begins on Holy Thursday with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On that day we commemorate two lasting gifts of the Lord to His Church, The Sacred Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. **The Mass of the Lord's Supper that evening will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity at 7:30.** At that Mass we will have a service of commitment for all who are engaged in ministry at our two parishes. The Gospel that evening is the account of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. After the homily, I will wash the feet of twelve parishioners as a reminder to all of us of the connection between Eucharist and service. The Mass ends with the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church will be open until 11:00 PM so that people can come and pray in the presence of our Blessed Lord. We are invited to reflect on how on that first Holy Thursday, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples to stay awake with Him as He prayed.

Good Friday is the only day of the year when Mass is not offered. The Good Friday service is the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. It consists of the Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and a Communion Service (using the Eucharist consecrated the night before). It is one of the starkest, simplest, and most moving services in the Church year. **The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated at noon at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and at 3:00 at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. On Good Friday evening we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.**

The only Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil. The Church waits anxiously to celebrate Christ's glorious victory over sin and death. St. Ambrose called the Easter Vigil the "Mother of all Vigils." It is a beautiful celebration that includes the lighting and blessing of the new fire, the blessing of the Easter water, the Sacrament of Confirmation, and the renewal of Baptismal promises. It is the grandest of the Church's celebrations. **The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.** This year we will be welcoming two new members into the fullness of the Faith at this Mass. How wonderful it would be if a large number of our parish family gathered to celebrate this most important night.

As we prepare once again to celebrate these sacred days, I encourage you to join us in prayer. We continue to seek to grow as a community of Faith. What better way to do this than to celebrate, as a family, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior?

You will be in my prayers during Holy Week; please keep me in yours.



In Christ,
Fr. Caruso

The Rectory Office will be closed the morning only on Thursday, March 24, Holy Thursday. We will attend Morning Prayers and breakfast at OLP/SP at 9:00AM. Office will be opened at 11:30AM.

Faith Formation News

There are no classes this Sunday, March 20th and next Sunday, March 27th.



The Confirmation kids have to be at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, downtown, on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:50PM.

The First Communion kids are to be at church by 7:15PM for the Holy Thursday mass this Thursday, March 24th.

Sun. Mar. 20 Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. Mar. 27 Group 3 Money Counters



Wed. Mar. 23 Catholic Golden Agers Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center
Tues. Mar. 29 Book Club Meeting 6:30PM SJB/HT Rectory

Saturday, March 26th & Easter Sunday, March 27th
LECTORS:

8:00PM ~ Easter Vigil Mass at OLP/SP
9:00AM ~ Fran Brimfield

ALTAR SERVERS:

8:00PM ~ Easter Vigil Mass at OLP/SP
9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith, Grace Piazza

EUCCHARIST:

8:00PM ~ Easter Vigil Mass at OLP/SP
9:00AM ~ TBA

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

Sat. - Mar. 19, 2016 - Vigil - Palm Sunday
SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Steve Taddeo - Wife, Peg
 Alfred Mastriano, Sr. - Diana & John DeSimone
 Donald Bleskoski - Ed & Carol McGuire
 Michael Salanger - Mary Salanger

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Mar. 20, 2016 - Palm Sunday
OLP/SP 8:00 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - Salvatore Noto - Joe & Missy Campanino
 The Deceased members of the Loperfido Family - The Family
 Louis & Enrica Cellini - Mary Cellini
 Peter Cellini - Mary Cellini

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Mar. 21, 2016
12:00 Noon - Marylou Preske - Bill & Sue Slack

Tues. - Mar. 22, 2016
12:00 Noon - Ira Johnson - The Family

Wed. - Mar. 23, 2016

Thurs. - Mar. 24, 2016 - Holy Thursday
9:00 am - Morning Prayers OLP/SP
7:30 pm - Mass SJB/HT
Church open for visitation till 11:00 pm

Fri. - Mar. 25, 2016 - Good Friday The Passion of our Lord
12:00 Noon - Mass OLP/SP
3:00 pm - Mass SJB/HT
7:00 pm Stations

Sat. - Mar. 26, 2016 - Vigil - Easter Sunday
12:00 Noon - Blessing of Easter Food SJB/HT
OLP/SP 8:00 pm

Sun. - Mar. 27, 2016 - Palm Sunday
OLP/SP 8:00 am
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, 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, Norma Foody, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Jim Gouchie, 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, 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.



Holy Week Schedule

March 24, Holy Thursday;
9:00AM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters - morning prayer
7:30PM St. Johns/Holy Trinity Mass of the Lords Supper
St. Johns/Holy Trinity will remain open until 11:00PM for visitation.

March 25, Good Friday;
12:00 Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters Passion of the Lord
3:00PM St. Johns/Holy Trinity Passion of the Lord
7:00PM Stations St. Johns/Holy Trinity

March 26, At St. Johns/Holy Trinity
Blessing of the Easter Foods 12:00 Noon
Easter Vigil; 8:00PM At Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters

March 27, Easter Sunday;
8:00AM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters
9:00AM St. Johns/Holy Trinity
10:30AM Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters



Liturgical Ministers For Holy Week

Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers, please look for the sign up sheets in the sacristy for Holy Week. Your help, as always, is very appreciated.

Sign-Up sheets for Holy Thursday visitation at SJB/HT also can be found in the sacristy. Visitation is directly after the Mass of the Lords Supper until 11:00PM. Time can be whenever you are available, but sheets will be for half hour visits.



Sunday Collection Mar. 12th & 13th

Regular Envelope collection	\$3,756.10
Loose collection	\$421.67
Fuel collection	\$193.00
Restoration collection	\$445.00

Sharing The Gospel

The friends of Jesus made a special parade just for him. The people liked Jesus. He fed them. He healed them. They wanted to crown him king. They were sure that with Jesus in charge, they could live in peace. When you praise God, and when you put Jesus in charge of your life, you really can live with peace in your heart!



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be my king.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus as king in your house.

Mission for the Week

Make Jesus king of your life. Ask him to help you spend your time doing the things that would make him happy.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

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