

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 5, 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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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." —Mt 4:8-9

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

First Sunday Of Lent

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." And no surprise! That's an incredibly long time to fast. Undoubtedly Jesus' physical and emotional strength would have been extremely weak after enduring such a marathon of abstinence. And isn't it interesting that the "tempter" should choose to appear at this particular moment? When bread must have sounded better than ever, the devil comes and tests Jesus, saying, "Command that these stones become loaves of bread."

How hard it must have been to resist! Surely, Jesus could have caved in. He could have shown the devil his power--and had a bite to eat while he was at it--but he didn't. Instead, Jesus relied upon the word of God, and battled the devil by holding fast to the truth.

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

What an excellent model this provides for us. We too face temptation of various kinds and degrees. As the first reading from Genesis reminds us, the "cunning" serpent has been slithering around humanity from the beginning of time. Even when we have all that we need, the devil makes us want more, or want different, than what we have. Today's Gospel calls Satan "the tempter" for good reason. He tempts us to break God's law as Adam and Eve did when they ate from the tree "in the middle of the garden." But Jesus shows us the right response by battling the devil with the truth of God's word. Whatever temptations might beset us, there is power in clinging to the truths that we find in Scripture. In our moments of trial, may we have the strength to claim these truths as our own and, like Jesus, defeat the deceit of the devil.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

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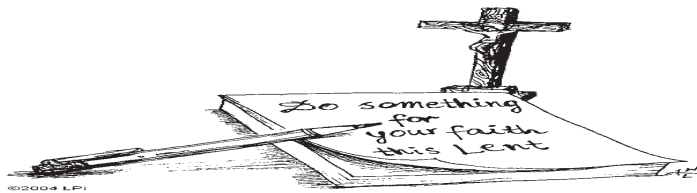
Religious Education Betty Warren

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.



1st Sunday of Lent

Today we start the path of forty days to Easter. We are in the season of Lent. Our readings today speak about the desert experience of Jesus. Moreover, in order to understand the analogy of "desert" we need to know the origins of sin and death.

Sin is described in Scripture as the desire for the "forbidden fruit." We are made in the image of God and God desires only good for his creation. When we desire that which is not good for us, we term that sin. And when we desire so much that we lose sight of God, we die to the idea of goodness.

Jesus is tempted by the devil to turn away from God and to desire the earthly pleasures of wealth and power. Jesus is God and so is able to turn away from that temptation; we are not God, however, and oftentimes we give in to that desire and therefore sin against the goodness of God.

Through these forty days of Lent, let us look closely at our lives to see where we need to be more faithful to that which is good in our lives and concentrate on how to increase the goodness that God has put in our hearts.

Attention! Courtesy Announcements

*Youth And Young Adult Ministry

Join us at Dinosaur BBQ in Syracuse at 7pm on Thursday, March 16th, for BBQ, drinks and fellowship with our guest speaker Craig Rheume!

*2017 Lenten Resources

Online Resources for Lent: visit syrdio.org during the Lenten season for daily inspiration, events, and more! While you are there, click on EVENTS to view Lenten happenings, including parish fish fries and opportunities for confession. If you have yet to sign up to receive emails from the diocese, you can do so by clicking the SIGN UP tab on our homepage, or by visiting [Facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse). We will be sending a weekly Lenten email that includes events, inspiration, written reflections, videos, giveaways, and more!

*From Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of Onondaga County is committed to working for the benefit of the most vulnerable members of our community. We draw hope from the knowledge that many in our Catholic community trust in the lessons of the Gospels, including Matthew 25: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." We are reaching out to you to ask for your financial support of our Refugee Services Program which is in great need right now. Our Catholic community has a great tradition of welcoming the stranger and, with your support, we can continue to aid people who are fleeing danger and dream of a better future for themselves and their families. Donations can be made online at www.ccoc.us/giving or mailed directly to Catholic Charities of Onondaga County, 1654 West Onondaga Street, Syr. NY 13204. Please be sure to include "Refugee Services" in the memo. Thank you for your on-going dedication to the most vulnerable among us.



Spring Ahead

Day Light Savings begins midnight **Sunday, March 12**. Set your clocks ahead one hour and put new batteries in smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

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.



Sharing The Gospel

After Jesus' baptism, Jesus went 40 days without eating. Imagine how weak, hungry, tired and cranky you could be if you went that long without eating. That was the moment the devil chose to try to trick Jesus into using God's power selfishly. But Jesus was still strong. Jesus had been praying those 40 days, getting ready to save you and the whole world from the devil's tricks. Jesus would never give in to his enemy.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to save me from the devil's tricks.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus praying to God.

Mission for the Week

One really good way to fight the devil's tricks is to pray often.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2017 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

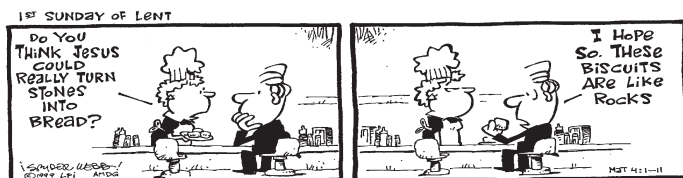


You Can Help!

Upstate Cord Blood Bank

Be a life saver - tell your doctor you'd like to donate your baby's umbilical cord blood to the brand new **Upstate Cord Blood Bank at Upstate University Hospital (Community Campus)**. It's free, fast and painless. It will help save lives and treat disease. Contact the Cord Blood Bank at (315) 492-2600 or 1-800-492-2600.

Cord Blood Saves Lives.



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

Sat. - March 4, 2017 - First Sunday Of Lent
SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Anthony Matarazzo III - Mother, Yolanda
 Robert Nicholas - Wife, Celine
 Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children
 Alfred Mastriano, Sr. - John & Diane Desimone

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - March 5, 2017 - First Sunday Of Lent
SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People
OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - March 6, 2017
12:00 Noon - Dorothy Wellspeak -
 Sherri Ann & Tyler Johnson

Tues. - March 7, 2017 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs
12:00 Noon - All Souls

Wed. - March 8, 2017 - St. John of God, religious

Thurs. - March 9, 2017 - St. Frances of Rome, religious

Fri. - March 10, 2017
11:30 am - Confession
12:00 Noon - Josephine Corso - Daughter & Family
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross SJB/HT

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
OLP/SP 8:00 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - Enrica Cellini - The Family
 Pasquale & Margherita DelVecchio -
 Anna Delvecchio & Family
 Michael Salanger - Mary Salanger
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 Drenzo, 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.

**Saturday, March 11th & Sunday, March 12th
LECTORS:**

4:00PM ~ Owen Donovan
9:00AM ~ Fran Brimfield

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

EUCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ M.A. Bergamo, R. Copani, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone, J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin
9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, R. Elderbroom, Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, E. Warren, F. Brimfield, M. Piazza



Sun. Mar. 5 Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. Mar. 12 Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Mar. 19 Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Mar. 26 Group 2 money Counters

Fri. Mar. 10 Group 2 Altar Cleaners
Fri. Mar. 17 Group 3 Altar Cleaners
Fri. Mar. 24 Group 4 Altar Cleaners
Fri. Mar. 31 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Mon. Mar. 6 Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM
 SJB/HT Rectory

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. 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7. SJB/HT Parish Center

The Sanctuary Lamp
 will burn in memory of
Michael Aiello and James Caprilozzi
 Requested by The Family
 and **Hannah P. Markert**
 Requested by The Family



Sunday Collection Feb. 25th and Feb. 26th

Regular collection\$2,685.35
 Loose collection \$437.00



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