

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 3, 2017

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—5:30 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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First Sunday Of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of "the Lord of the house."

During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely when he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it doesn't happen in our lifetime, each and every one of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hour—namely, the hour of our death.

So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing him we don't cower in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ.

To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God's loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas.

During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

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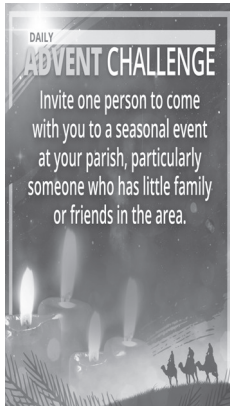
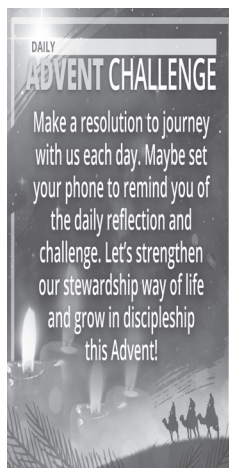
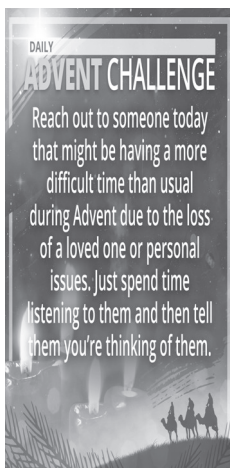
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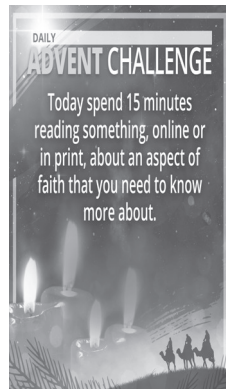
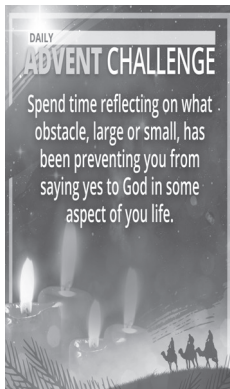
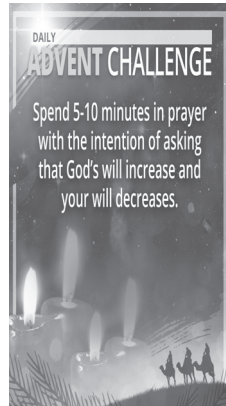
Cantor Jonathan Howell

Cantor Ryan Boyle

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.



The following are suggested Advent Challenges provided through our bulletin publishing company. Designed for each day of the week starting Sunday, Dec. 3rd. How many can you try and accomplish? One, two, all? This is not a test, even one is an accomplishment. This is a great family journey through Advent. Each week a new set will be challenged to you.



Message From Fr. Caruso

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we begin our observance of Advent, one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. For me, much of its beauty comes from the fact that it approaches the next few weeks in such a different way than the world around us does. The world "out there" is already decorated for Christmas; in fact, much of the world is already celebrating Christmas. We, however, as disciples of Jesus have just begun to prepare. While the secular world is being overwhelmed with the commercialism of the "shopping season", we are called to prayerfully prepare for the coming of Christ.

Because society jumps right into Christmas after Thanksgiving, we are often in danger of losing sight of the true nature of the Advent season. This is a time of joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ, not just as a babe in Bethlehem, but also for His coming at the end of time. I realize that we all have to take some time to prepare for the physical celebration of Christmas, but I also hope and pray that we all take time to spiritually prepare during the holy season of Advent. Without this spiritual preparation, all the shopping, wrapping, baking, decorating, etc., is ultimately worthless because it is not a reflection of the joy we should have at the coming of the Prince of Peace; a joy that only comes from prayer.

To help all of us with the discipline of prayer this Advent, we are once again making available copies of the Magnificat Advent Companion. This is a wonderful booklet that offers a brief reflection for each day of this season of joyful anticipation and preparation. I hope each of us makes use of this resource.

As we begin our Advent journey, I assure you of my continued prayers for all of you; please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Caruso



Giving Tree

SJB/HT Giving Tree is up with suggestion tags for gifts and gift cards to various locations.

Again this year we will collect for Catholic Charities. They have so many children that will benefit from your generous contributions. Please select a tag and return your gift under the tree, but please, do not wrap it. The final day for collecting is Sunday, December 17th. Thank you.

Bunko Date - Sat. Dec. 9th

Anyone interested in playing Bunko with our group that meets approximately every 2 months in the SJB/HT Parish Center on Saturdays 6:30PM, please contact Betty Warren by Wed. Dec. 6th for details. Phone is 420-6357 or email at warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.



PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it is important to the set up of the game.

Next Bunko night is Sat. Dec. 9th



Sunday Collection Nov. 25th & Nov. 26th

Regular collection	\$2,378.25
Loose collection	\$459.00

Christmas Flowers For The Altar

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please fill out the form below and send it in to the rectory separate from your weekly collection donations please. You can put them in the collection basket marked "Flowers" or mail them back to the rectory. Donations should be in by Sunday, Dec. 17th.



Donor _____

Phone _____ Donation _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Saturday, Dec. 9th & Sunday, Dec. 10th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ T. Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo, J. LaVergne,
G. Larkin, M.E. Cusano, P. Serio

9:00AM ~ E. Warren, Michael Dykeman, Michele Dykeman,
C. Horton, P. Schramm, J. Mott, M. E. Cusano

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Dec. 2, 2017 - First Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - Dec. 3, 2017 - First Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Anna Warn - Mr. & Mrs. Norman Jaquin
James Battaglia - Bill & Barb Lang
Robert Fanizzi - The Felcore Family
Salvatore Fornito - ShirleyFornito & Children

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Dec. 4, 2017 - St. John Damascene,

priest & doctor of the Church

12:00 Noon - Elizabeth King - Veronica Greene

Noel Warner - The Warner Family

Tues. - Dec. 5, 2017

12:00 Noon - James King - Veronica Greene

Wed. - Dec. 6, 2017 - St. Nicholas, bishop

Thurs. - Dec. 7, 2017 - St. Ambrose,

bishop & doctor of the Church

**OLP/SP 5:30 - Vigil - The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Fri. - Dec. 8, 2017 - The Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Of Obligation

OLP/SP - 9:00 am

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon SJB/HT - For The People

5:30 pm SJB/HT - For The People

Sat. - Dec. 9, 2017 - Second Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Steve Taddeo - Peg & Mary Taddeo
Roseanne Pennacchia - Mary Taddeo
Frances Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

Sun. - Dec. 3, 2017 - Second Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For the People

OLP/SP 11:00 am



**To Our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,
Altar Servers and Ushers**

Your help serving Mass during the Holydays and Christmas Masses is very much appreciated. Please contact the rectory and let us know if you are able to help at any of the following Masses. Thank you.

Friday, Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary SJB/HT 12:00 Noon and 5:30pm.

Sunday, Dec. 24th Sunday Mass 9:00am

Sunday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass 9:00pm

Monday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass 9:00am

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 New Year Day Mass 11:00am

Breakfast With Santa

Join Santa on Sunday, December 17th from 8:00-11:00am in the SJB/HT Parish Center for pan-cakes, scrambled eggs, homefries, toast, choice of sausage or bacon, juice and coffee. Adults \$8.00, children (5-12) \$4.00, under 5 free with an adult purchase. Bring your cameras! Santa will have gifts for all children.



DECEMBER

Sun. Dec. 3 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Dec. 10 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Dec. 17 Group 4 Money Counters

Sat. Dec. 9 BUNKO 6:30pm SJB/HT Parish Center

Sun. Dec. 17 Breakfast With Santa 8:00-11:00am
SJB/HT Parish Center

Thurs. Dec. 21 Washington Square Association 7:00pm
Neighborhood Watch SJB/HT Parish Center



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

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory
Michael Aiello & James Caprilozzi
Requested by **The Family**



Remember: Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Drenzo, Marilyn Ferretti, Shirley Fornito, 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, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Peg Wulfert.



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