

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 10, 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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## Second Sunday Of Advent

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance-clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits-feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity-"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

### **SJB/HT Office & Church Staff**

**Pastor** Father Daniel Caruso

**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

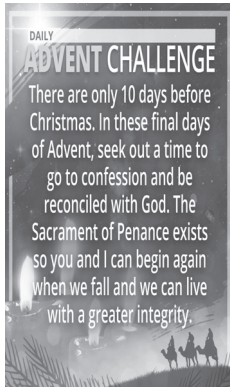
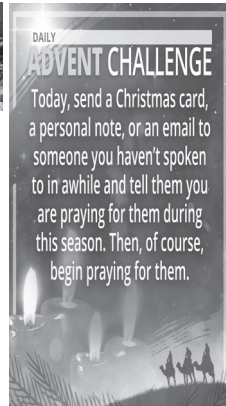
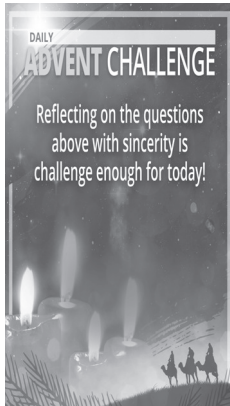
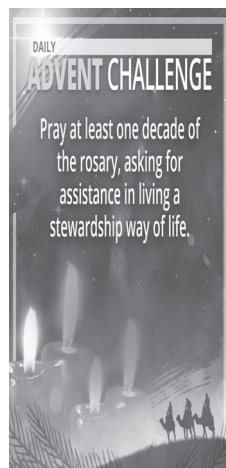
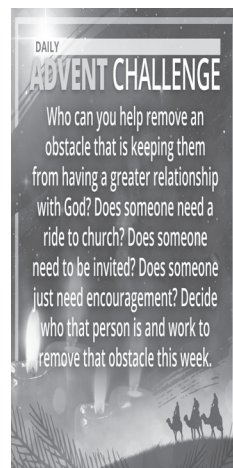
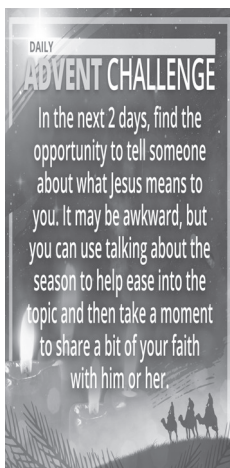
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**Music Director/Organist** James Stanley

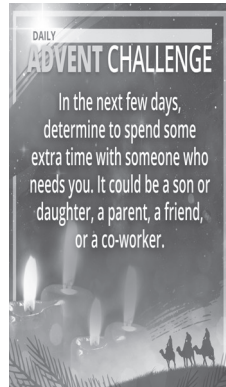
**Cantor** Jonathan Howell

**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.**



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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## Message From Fr. Caruso

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Cunningham will once again be awarding the Immaculata Award. His Excellency instituted this award several years ago in honor of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Syracuse. The award is given to a lay-person from each parish who generously and unselfishly volunteers time and service to their parish. I am pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Immaculata Award from St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity is MaryAnne Bergamo. She is involved in so many aspects of parish life. She serves on the parish Social Committee and is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She volunteers at most parish functions and is always ready to lend a helping hand when there is a need. She can always be found in the kitchen at the parish hall before, during, and after any parish event. When she sees the need exists, she doesn't wait to be asked; she steps forward to do what needs to be done, not asking for gratitude or recognition. Jesus calls us to be true servants. MaryAnne takes this call seriously and we are truly blest to have her in our parish. I am extremely pleased that the Bishop is recognizing the great contribution she makes to our community. Please offer a prayer of thanks for the gift that MaryAnne is to the parish.

It is my hope that all of us will take the opportunity this Advent to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This weekend, 2 of our young parishioners are receiving the sacrament for the first time. Their enthusiasm should be an example to all of us. On Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese will be celebrating The Light Is On For You Campaign. On that evening every Catholic Church in the Diocese will be open and a priest available to hear confessions from 4-7PM. This year, I will be hearing confessions at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. Also, we have scheduled confessions for Thursday and Friday, December 14 & 15 from 4:30 – 6:00 PM at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity as well as Tuesday – Friday, December 19-22 from 4:00 – 6:30 at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. Please plan on celebrating this wonderful gift from the Lord during this season of preparation.

I hope all is going well in your spiritual preparations this Advent. Please continue on your journey focused on the Lord Jesus. You all remain in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

In Christ

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.



## Sunday Collection Dec. 2nd & Dec. 3rd

Regular collection .....	\$3,605.25
Loose collection .....	\$286.00
Fuel collection .....	\$528.00
Poor collection .....	\$56.00



**Saturday, Dec. 16th & Sunday, Dec. 17th**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Owen Donovan

**9:00AM** ~ Fran Brimfield

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone, M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin,  
R. Copani, J. LaVergne, R. Bartorillo

**9:00AM** ~ M.E. Cusano, R. Warren, L. Argiro, K. Fekete,  
R. Elderbroom, Michael Dykeman, J. Mott

**Mass Schedule for**

**St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity**

**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. 10, 2017 - Second Sunday Of Advent**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - For The People

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - Dec. 11, 2017 - St. Damasus I, pope**

**12:00 Noon** - Alice Romano - Veronica Greene

**Tues. - Dec. 12, 2017 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**12:00 Noon** - Daniel Romano - Veronica Greene

**Wed. - Dec. 13, 2017 - St. Lucy, virgin & martyr**

**Thurs. - Dec. 14, 2017 - St. Anthony of the Cross,  
priest & doctor of the Church**

**Fri. - Dec. 15, 2017**

**11:30 am - Confessions**

**12:00 Noon** - Paul Collins - Rose Mary Connors

**Sat. - Dec. 16, 2017 - Third Sunday Of Advent**

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - For The People

**Sun. - Dec. 17, 2017 - Third Sunday Of Advent**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Katie Shatraw - The Family  
John Billion - Peter & Grayce Costantini  
Jennie Locapto - Niece, Jennie Petreloa  
Clemente Vigliotti - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

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



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

**While some Masses were filled in for Lectors, we are still in need of two. No Altar servers or Eucharistic Ministers have been filled for any Masses.** 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.

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

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

**Needed Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for all Masses. Sunday Dec. 24 - 9:00AM, 4:00PM & 9:00PM. Monday, Dec. 25 - 9:00AM. Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 - 11:00AM.**

**Breakfast With Santa**

Join Santa on Sunday, December 17th from 8:00-11:00am in the SJB/HT Parish Center for pancakes, 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.



**The Light Is On For You**

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter will be open from 4:00-7:00pm on Monday, December 18 for "The Light Is On For You" which is an opportunity and an invitation for you to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession, before the Christmas season begins. Confessions will also be heard at SJB/HT on Thurs., Dec. 14 & Fri., Dec. 15 from 4:30-6:00pm. At OLP/SP Tues., Dec. 19, Wed., Dec. 20, Thurs., Dec. 21 & Fri., Dec 21 4:00-6:00pm.

**DECEMBER**

**Sun. Dec. 10** Group 3 Money Counters

**Sun. Dec. 17** Group 4 Money Counters

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

**Mon. Dec. 18** OLP/SP Church The Light Is On For You  
4:00-7:00pm

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



**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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