

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 31, 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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The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that "the favor of God was upon him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Office Assistant Mary Olmsted

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.



Message From Fr. Caruso

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas Season, I want to thank everybody who worked so hard to make our celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so special. So many people contributed their time and talent to help us celebrate the birth of Christ. The music for our celebrations was outstanding and thanks are due to James Stanley our organist/music director, Kerry Howell, our pianist at the 4:00 Vigil, the instrumentalists, and our cantors. Thank you to our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans and Altar Servers who assisted at our Christmas Masses. Thank you to all who gave so generously of their time to prepare the Church for our Christmas celebrations. A special thank you to Jerry Mott who does so much for our parish throughout the year, but especially during this season! Finally, I want to thank all of you who joined us in worship on Christmas. Your prayerful presence is appreciated throughout the year.

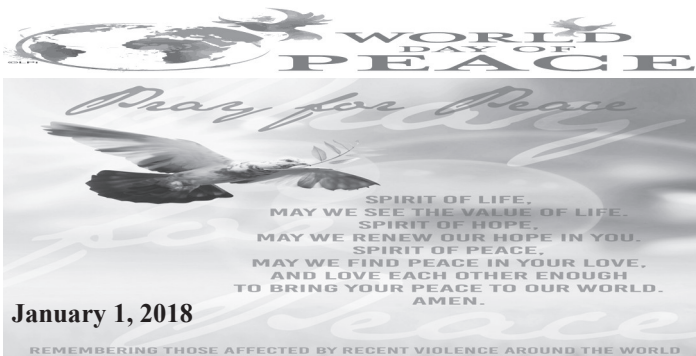
It is important to remember that Christmas is not over. The Christmas Season doesn't end until January 8th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Perhaps we find Christmas such a let down because all of our attentions are focused on the commercial aspects of the season. For too many of us, after the presents are opened on Christmas Day there is nothing else. However, in Faith we continue to celebrate. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the model for us as a family at home and also as a parish family. During this celebration of The Year of the Family, please stop and think about the qualities that must have been present in the Holy Family: Love/charity, patience, and forgiveness are a few that come to mind. Let us pray that these same attributes will mark our families, including our parish family.

Please remember that Monday, January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. While the Bishops of the United States have lifted the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity this year, what better way to start the new year than celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There will be a Mass at 9:00AM at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity & 11:00AM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.

Fr. Major, the staff and I wish to thank all those who sent cards, gifts, and goodies to the rectory for Christmas. They were all greatly appreciated.

My prayers remain with all of you for a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

In the Peace of the New Born King,
Fr. Caruso



Rectory Christmas Hours

The rectory will be closed Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

*Note - Mass Mon. Jan. 1, 2018
is 9:00AM in Church*

Thank You From Santa

First, Thank you all who donated to the Giving Tree with gifts and gift cards. Catholic Charities was able to help make Christmas wishes possible for many children.



Second, What a great Breakfast with Santa on the 17th! Thank you everyone who came out for breakfast. Santa was visited by over 30 children who loved him! A BIG Thank you to the Santa Breakfast Crew. It is a big task, and early morning, but so much fun.



National Migration Week

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2018 draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another. Bishop Cunningham will begin National Migration Week here in our Diocese by celebrating the 9:45 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on January 7, 2018. All are welcome and in a special way those who are migrants and refugees. Please come and join your brothers and sisters at this special celebration.

Sharing The Gospel

Love God and trust him with your life. Then you will want to do what God asks. Simeon listened to God. Anna served God for many years in the temple. Mary and Joseph did everything God asked them to do for Jesus. Everyone in the temple knew that Jesus was sent by God to be their Savior. They trusted God with Jesus' precious life.



Prayer

God, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask me to.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of God watching over you and your family.

Mission for the Week

Jesus belonged to God. Look up the word "belong" in the dictionary. Thank God that you are his child, too.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

The Gospel today shows Mary and Joseph were not "perfect" parents. If you have ever been "amazed" and "astonished" at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you "didn't understand" your children or felt "anxious" about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

Saturday, Jan. 6th & Sunday, Jan. 7th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ Lisa Primerano

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton, P. Schramm, M. Piazza,
R. Warren, Michael Dykeman, L. Argiro

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Dec. 30, 2017 - Vigil - The Holy Family
Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - Dec. 31, 2017 - The Holy Family
Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - John Billion - Ken & Marlene Bistrovich
Frances Militi - Linda Sokolowski & Stan

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Jan. 1, 2018 - The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother Of God

SJB/HT 9:00 am - (In Church) For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Tues. - Jan. 2, 2018 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church
12:00 Noon - For a safe and blessed New Year

Wed. - Jan. 3, 2018 - The Most Holy Name Of Jesus

Thurs. - Jan. 4, 2018 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

Fri. - Jan. 5, 2018 - St. John Neumann, bishop
11:30 am - Confessions
12:00 Noon - Jeanne (Bachman) Henson - Peter Steingraber

Sat. - Jan. 6, 2018 - Vigil - The Epiphany Of The Lord
OLP/SP 4:00 pm
SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Ralph Smith - The Smith Family
Jack Brown - Rose Mary
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children
Vincenzina Sicola - Mr. & Mrs. L. Sanzone

Sun. - Jan. 7, 2018 - The Epiphany Of The Lord
OLP/SP 7:30 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - Frances Militi - Pat Houston
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 Cangemi and Ben Saucier.**



Coffee And Donuts

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 in the SJB/HT Parish Center for coffee and donuts after the 9:00AM Mass. Gather and chat for a bit with friends and family and see how the New Year has started!



Sun. Dec. 31	Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Jan. 7	Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. Jan. 14	Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. Jan. 21	Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Jan. 28	Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 7 Coffee and Doughnuts
Following Mass SJB/HT Parish Center
Mon. Jan. 8 Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Rectory

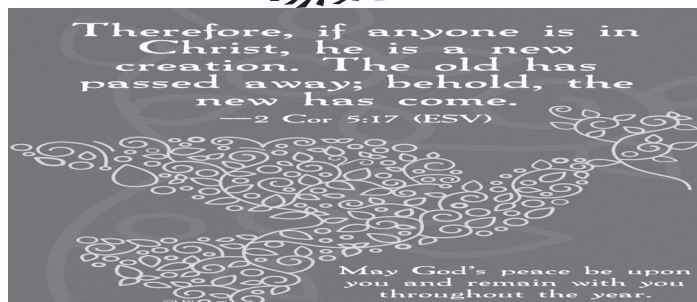
Sunday Collection Dec. 16th & 17th

Regular collection	\$2,921.01
Loose collection.....	\$392.00
Re. Ed. collection.....	\$209.00



Formation For Ministry Invitation

Are you being called to serve in ministry? The Formation for Ministry program prepares adult Catholics to serve as lay ecclesial ministers in their parishes. The program includes coursework, training, field work, and spiritual formation. Our next five-week session begins in January. If you feel God is calling you to serve, please contact the Diocesan Office of Formation for Ministry at 315-470-1491 or formation@syrдио.org for more information about our program. Courses can also be taken for adult faith formation.



Remember: Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Drenzo, Aaron Doty, Marilyn Ferretti, Shirley Fornito, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Gladys Graham, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Igar, 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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