

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 21, 2018

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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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALLED

Then he called them.
So they left their father
Zebedee in the boat along
with the hired men and
followed him. - Mk 1:20

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

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything-or anyone-else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives.

We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.

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.

Sharing The Gospel

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. You parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!



Prayer

Jesus, I thank you for inviting me to spend time with you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus smiling and waving to you.

Mission for the Week

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of "Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc." Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us We raise them to let them go.

Mother/Daughter Programs

The Syracuse Diocese Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry will present Mother/Daughter programs: "Beginning To Blossom", for 10-12 year old girls on February 25 and "Blossoming As A Teen" for 13-16 year old girls and their mothers on March 11 from 1:00-4:00PM at St. Mary Church, 46 North Main St. Cortland. The programs will explore God's special gift of fertility, chastity and the beauty and wonder of growing up and becoming a woman. Cost is #30.00 for mother and daughter, \$12.00 for additional daughter. Lunch is included. Reservations are required 9 days prior to each event.



Register online for the younger girls' program:

<https://motherdaughtertea10-12.eventbrite.com>.

Register online for the older girls' program:

<https://motherdaughtertea13-16.eventbrite.com>. For more information call Sharon Flanagan at 315-470-1417 or email:

sflanagan@syrdio.org The programs are open to the public.

Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2017 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, email us at nbergeson@syrdio.org, fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention "Nancy".

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.

Name: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Z: _____ Envelope Number: _____

Church Calendars

We would like to thank the Thomas J. Pirro, Jr. Funeral Home for the church calendars. There are still copies at the entrances/exits of the church.



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Jesus proclaims today the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Jesus challenges us to accept a change of heart, to start believing and thinking differently. The Gospel asks us to take the focus off ourselves and away from self-concern, and place it on our brothers and sisters, especially those most broken and in need, and on our environment. We are called to be stewards of all God has created. This means that we are also called to work on God's behalf ensuring that all that God created and all who God created is cared for and protected.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Robert Burns Celebration

Join the Ladies Douglas Lodge #126 in their Annual Robert Burns Celebration on Saturday, February 3 at SJB/HT Parish Center starting at 6:00PM. \$15.00 with reservation \$20.00 at door. RSVP coleyjinx@aol.com or Lori Weir at 315-766-7886. Reservations Required. To go options available, pants optional, must like haggis. Price includes, traditional Scottish dinner, address to a Haggis, toasts, musical and dance entertainment and raffles. All proceed will go towards the Daughters of Scotia 2018 Convention in Syracuse.

Saturday, Jan. 27th & Sunday, Jan. 28th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Jack Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone, G. Larkin, J. LaVergne,
R. Copani, R. Bartorillio, T. Bartorillio

9:00AM ~ Michael Dykeman, Michele Dykiman, K. Fekete,
P. Schramm, M. Piazza, R. Elderbroom, E. Warren

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Jan. 20, 2018 - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Clem, Adele & Midge - Pete & Fran

Giuseppe Miglore - The Family

Vincenzo Abbatiello - The Family

Giusepina & Antonio Luisi - Mr. & Mrs. L. Luisi

Sun. - Jan. 21, 2018 - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Clemente Vigliotti - Dominico Colantone

Patricia Wall - Jack & Patrick

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Jan. 22, 2018 - Day of prayer for the

Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:00 Noon - All Unborn Children

Tues. - Jan. 23, 2018 - St. Marianne Cope, virgin

& St. Vincent, deacon & martyr

12:00 Noon - Abused and neglected elderly

Wed. - Jan. 24, 2018 - St. Francis de Sales,

bishop & doctor of the Church

Thurs. - Jan. 25, 2018 - The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle

Fri. - Jan. 26, 2018 - Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Children with any handicap in their life

Sat. - Jan. 27, 2018 - Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - George & Veronica Wittwer - The Family

Vicenzina Sicola - Mr. & Mrs. Gaspare Noto

Donato & Gaetana Spina - Mr. & Mrs. L. Luisi

Sun. - Jan. 28, 2018 - Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

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.**



Sun. Jan. 21 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 28 Group 1 Money Counters

Thurs. Jan. 18

Washington Square Association

Neighborhood Watch

SJB/HT Parish Center 7:00PM

Day Of Prayer For The Legal Protection Of Unborn Children



Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

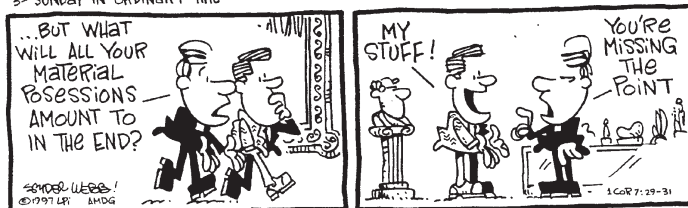
Good and gracious God,
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts,
we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collection Jan. 13th & 14th

Regular collection	\$2,420.00
Loose collection.....	\$223.00
Fuel collection.....	\$440.00

Remember: Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Mary Elizabeth Cusano, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Drenzo, Aaron Doty, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Shirley Fornito, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Gladys Graham, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, 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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