

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 7, 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

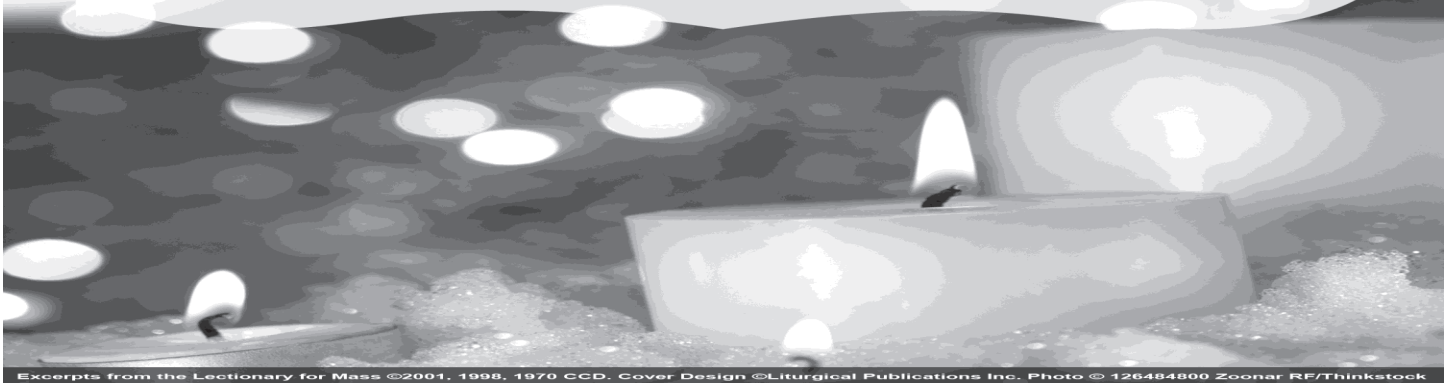
Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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# Epiphany of the Lord

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11*



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## The Epiphany Of The Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophesy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

### 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

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.



## Prayer

God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the people who help you learn more about Jesus.

## Mission for the Week

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.



## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

The Magi in today's Gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Do not let it be the tabloid starts. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children

## PACE CNY

A Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly is a non-profit, managed long term care program with an array of homecare and community-based services created to help people over the age of 55 in Onondaga County live safely at home. PACE CNY is a part of the Lorretto family of Care. If you are interested in information about this program call Ginny Turley, Director of Marketing & Intake at 315-413-4579.



## 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](mailto:formation@syrдио.org) for more information about our program. Courses can also be taken for adult faith formation.

## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Jesus came for everyone. No one has an exclusive claim on Christ and his birth not only transcends time and space but earthly boundaries as well. Every human being is a child of God. Jews and Gentiles alike are all coheirs, partners and members of the same body. This insight or epiphany is what we celebrate today. It also expresses our hope that one day every nation on earth will recognize and adore Jesus Christ. Jesus' message of peace, justice, reconciliation and love are meant for everyone to hear and understand.



## Message From Fr. Caruso

Dear Parishioners,

While the world around us has moved on to the next holiday, our celebration of Christmas continues. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast commemorates the manifestation of God through Christ to the whole world, symbolized by the arrival of the Magi from the east. The Magi were led to Christ by following the light of the Star of Bethlehem. May others in this world that is so often filled with the darkness of doubt, despair and sin be led to Christ by the light of our example.



This Monday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the end of the Christmas season. Many thanks to all those who made our celebration of this joyous season so special.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's peace,  
Fr. Caruso

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

*It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." — Mk 1:9-11*

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## Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

My mother-in-law was the best gift-giver I ever knew. One could say my parents spoiled me growing up, but there was something about her gifts to me that made me feel overwhelmed. I guess it was that after several years I still was surprised that she would think enough of me to get me something no one else would. She was able to make me feel special every time. Of course, I believe she honored me in this way because I accepted her greatest gift to me, her daughter.

Sadly, my mother-in-law did not live long in this world. She passed away over a decade ago due to an aggressive cancer. Some of her material gifts to me remain, while others are long gone. But the memories and the effect of those gifts remain because it was never all about the gifts themselves. It was about relationship. It was about her and me. It was about love.

What we offer Jesus is never about the gift itself. It is about the motivation behind the action and the effect that action has on the body of Christ. Many of the gifts we give today to God and his people will fade away like the mist of the early morning, but the effects of those actions will last forever. It is about relationship. It is about God and us. It is about love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**Saturday, Jan. 13th & Sunday, Jan. 14th**  
**LECTORS:**  
**5:30PM** ~ Cathy Schotthoefer  
**9:00AM** ~ Chet Wisniewski

**ALTAR SERVERS:**  
**5:30PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano  
**9:00AM** ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis GuerreroNoah & Lucas Smith

**EUCCHARIST:**  
**5:30PM** ~ R. Bartorillio, T. Bartorillio, M.E. Cusano, J. LaVergne, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone  
**9:00AM** ~ K. Fekete, R. Elderbroom, Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, E. Warren, M.E. Cusano, J. Mott

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

**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  
 Vincenzina Sicola - Mr. & Mrs. L. Sanzone  
 Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

**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**

**Mon. - Jan. 8, 2018 - The Baptism Of The Lord**  
**12:00 Noon** - Don Cox - The Family

**Tues. - Jan. 9, 2018**  
**12:00 Noon** - All Souls

**Wed. - Jan. 10, 2018**

**Thurs. - Jan. 11, 2018**

**Fri. - Jan. 12, 2018**  
**11:30 am - Confessions**  
**12:00 Noon** - Lois Ensbly - Ed & Karin Airel

**Sat. - Jan. 13, 2018 - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**  
**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - For The People

**Sun. - Jan. 14, 2018 - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**OLP/SP 7:30 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Francis A. Cooney - Fran & Judy Cooney  
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
 will burn for **Nancy Whitbeck** Requested by **The Family**

**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. 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
- Thurs. Jan. 18** Washington Square Association  
Neighborhood Watch  
SJB/HT Parish Center 7:00PM

**Sunday Collection Dec. 23rd & 24th**

Regular collection .....	\$2,533.01
Loose collection.....	\$445.00
Poor Collection.....	\$150.00
Fuel collection.....	\$85.00
Re. Ed. collection.....	\$79.00

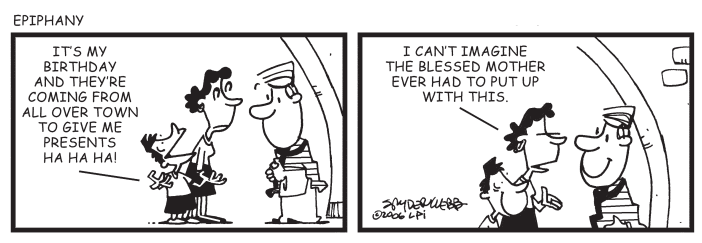
**Sunday Collection Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th**

Regular collection .....	\$648.00
Christmas collection.....	\$2,495.25
Loose collection .....	\$1,259.25

**Sunday Collection Dec. 30th & 31st**

Regular collection .....	\$2,192.00
Loose collection .....	\$305.00
Poor collection.....	\$117.00
Solemnity of Mary collection.....	\$158.00
Total Flowers For The Altar collection .....	\$951.00

**Remember:** Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Direnzo, Aaron Doty, 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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