

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 25, 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.

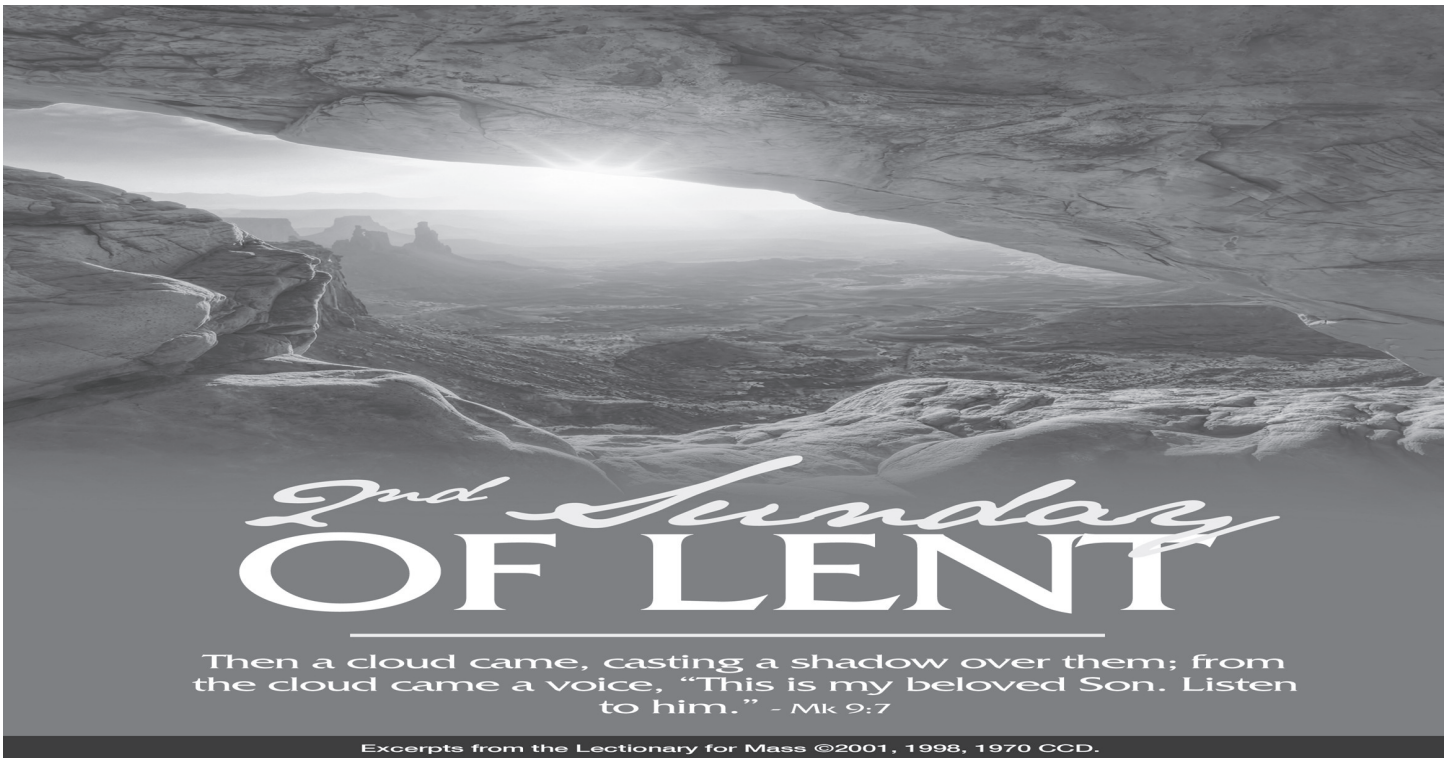
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## 2nd Sunday OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mk 9:7

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### Second Sunday In Lent

How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether.

Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah's revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor.

A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

#### **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.

## Dear Parishioners,

I pray that this Holy Season of Lent is going well for all of us at St. John the Baptist Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. I realize that there are a lot of demands on our time and that our lives are filled with many distractions. It is often difficult to take the extra time to allow our souls to be nourished and our faith to be strengthened. Very often we need to build the structures in our daily lives to help us to stay focused on what is most important. I would like to offer a few suggestions for helping to work on the discipline of prayer in our lives this Lenten season.



At the beginning of Lent we made available copies of the Magnificat Lenten Companion. This is a powerful resource that offers a brief reflection for each day of Lent. I encourage you to make the commitment to read this booklet each day. If you didn't take one home yet, there are still copies available at both parishes.

Daily Mass is another excellent way to help us to focus on our spiritual life. I know it is not always easy to make it to daily Mass, but the sacrifice we make can be part of the Lenten journey. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the "source and summit" of our Faith. What a wonderful gift to give God (and ourselves) if we could attend daily Mass at least once a week during Lent. Daily Mass is celebrated at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at Noon. Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter has daily Mass Tuesday – Thursday at 9:00AM and Friday at 12:15 during Lent.

The Stations of the Cross are an important part of our traditional Lenten experience. Many of us have gotten away from reflecting on the difficult road that Jesus walked for us. It is important for us to remember because we are asked to follow in His footsteps. At Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter, The Stations of the Cross will follow the 12:15 Mass; at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity they will be prayed at 7:00PM in the Church followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Finally, a reminder that a "mini-retreat" will take place on this Sunday, February 25th at 3:00 PM in the Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church. Our time together that afternoon (it will be approximately 1 hour) will consist of Exposition and Benediction, communal prayer, and a talk on Discipleship & the Cross. I hope many of you will be able to join us as we support one another in prayer!

Please know that you are all in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Caruso



## Lenten Sacrifice

There are **All Faith Food Pantry** envelopes at the entrances of the Church if you would like to make a sacrifice this Lenten Season. New families continue to sign up at the pantry and more and more food is needed. Any monetary donation is appreciated as well as any non-perishable food item donation.



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

The hope of being transformed or transfigured into the image of God awaits all of God's children. We walk through this life knowing that our eternal destiny is to be like God and live eternally in his presence. How does this truth about who we can become change the way we live today? Does it even matter to us that we are called to a higher purpose that is often quite different than the one we fabricate for ourselves here on earth? A transformed, eternal life is God's desire for all of his daughters and sons. Knowing this helps us put suffering in perspective and walk peacefully with hope in our hearts.



## Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

I have had the honor of coaching all three of my kids in soccer. When you are a coach of a team of little ones, along with the fundamentals of the game and good sportsmanship, you want to teach the value of teamwork. If they can learn about how a team functions and why working together matters, that lesson can benefit them for many years to come.

The Body of Christ is a type of team. We are all called upon to use our talents and gifts in such a way that they complement those of others. We are stronger and capable of so much more together than when we are apart.

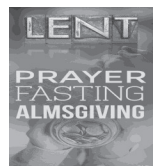
Our stewardship isn't just about our personal call of God to cultivate our gifts and give them back with increase to Him. It is about how our stewardship way of life builds up the Body of Christ. The Body cannot function as God intended it to if parts of it are not fully giving of themselves. In community, we have the power to change the world around us because we bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear it and witness it by our actions.

This Lent, consider how you fit into the Body of Christ. How can your gifts and talents make the Church stronger? You just might be the missing component of a team that really needs help to make the greatest impact for Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

Prayer: Throughout Scripture, Jesus goes to pray in deserted place. Lent is our "deserted place." We draw near to God through Mass, confession, and spiritual practices like the Stations of the Cross, but we are also invited to spend time in prayer alone with the Father like Jesus did.



Fasting: Fasting is not a diet! With a diet, we try to achieve a physical goal in this world. In fasting, we try to achieve a spiritual goal in the next. Fasting helps us to sacrifice our preferences and less-than-healthy impulses to build discipline to choose the good in all areas of life.

Almsgiving: Time and time again, the Bible tells us that to love God we must love others. Our "neighbor" is someone we might not expect. Giving alms is an opportunity to support and care for our neighbor in need.

Saturday, March 3rd & Sunday, March 4th

**LECTORS:**

5:30PM ~ Jack Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

**EUCCHARIST:**

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

9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, M.E. Caruso, M. Piazza, R. Elderbroom,  
Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, L. Argiro

**Mass Schedule for**

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

Sat. - Feb. 24, 2018 - Second Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Frances Militi - Joe & Chris Pirozzi  
Vicenzina Sicola - Valdina & Diglio Families

Sun. - Feb. 25, 2018 - Second Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Teresa Greenfield - The Family  
Albert J. Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Feb. 26, 2018

12:00 Noon - Victims and survivors of  
Parkland, Florida School Shooting

Tues. - Feb. 27, 2018

12:00 Noon - All who care for the mentally ill

Wed. - Feb. 28, 2018

Thurs. - March. 1, 2018

Fri. - March 2, 2018

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - All Souls

OLP/SP 12:15 - Stations of the Cross

SJB/HT 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross followed by  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. - March 3, 2018 - Third Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Robert Nicholas - Wife, Celine  
Michael Salanger - Mary Salanger  
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children  
Anthony Matarazzo, III - Mother, Yolanda

Sun. - March 4, 2018 - Third Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

**FEBRUARY**

Sun. Feb. 25 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Feb. 25 Mini Retreat OLP/SP Church 3:00PM

Mar. 2, 9, 16 & 23 Baked Fish Dinner 4:00-7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center

**VOTE FOR US!!!**

Its back for 2018, the Holy Mackerel Fish contest, sponsored by the Catholic Sun. Visit the Catholic Sun online and go to Holy Mackerel contest and vote for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. You can only vote once per device. Sacred Heart in Cicero won last year and we came in 5th coming into the contest late. **VOTE FOR US!!!**



**Baked Fish Dinners 4:00-7:00PM**

**SJB/HT Parish Center**

**Fridays Mar. 2, 9, 16 & 23**



**Sunday Collection Feb. 17th & 18th**

Regular collection .....\$2,876.01  
Loose collection..... \$259.00  
Religious Education collection..... \$170.00



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YouTube ([youtube.com/syrdio](http://youtube.com/syrdio))  
and Facebook ([facebook.com/diocesefofsyracuse](http://facebook.com/diocesefofsyracuse)).

The month of February we laid to rest from our parish community; Debbie Greenfield and Joseph Verzino.



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



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



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