

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 4, 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.

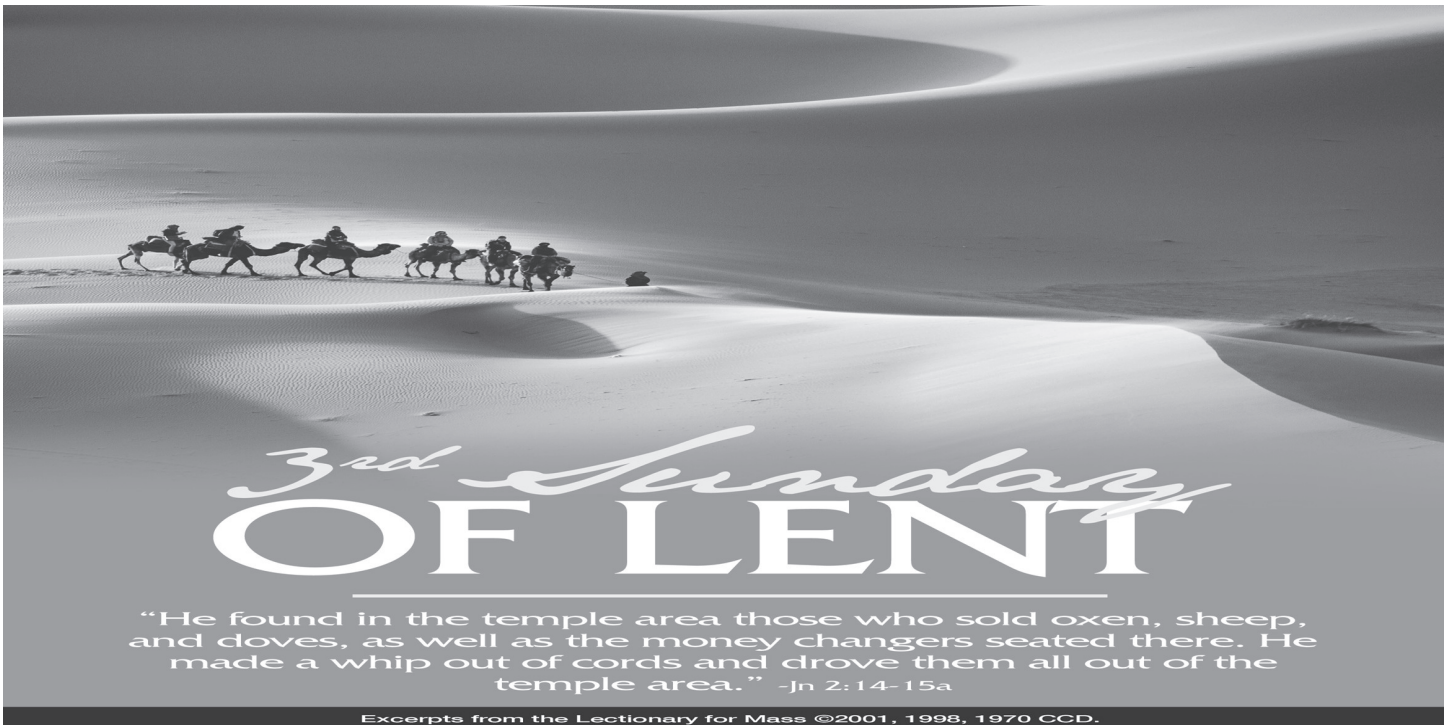
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## Third Sunday In Lent

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here."

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin -- our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

### **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.

## Important Reminder

Due to recent car break-ins, in the city, we are advising everyone to be more careful when attending Mass. Make sure your car is locked. Make sure there are no valuables in plain site. Make sure you put purse, laptop and valuables in trunk BEFORE COMING TO MASS. These are important steps everyone should heed.



## Spring Ahead

Daylight savings time begins at midnight Sunday, March 11th. Don't forget to spring ahead one hour!

*Read the Gospel and Color*



### Mission for the Week

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.

### Prayer

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

## ALTAR-FLOWERS



### Easter 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 Monday, March 26th.

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Holy Week Schedule/Liturgical Ministers Needed

1) Holy Thursday, March 29 - SJB/HT 7:30PM  
Church will remain open until 11:00PM  
Needed 1 Lector and 3 Eucharistic Ministers

2) Good Friday, March 30 - OLP/SP 12:00  
SJB/HT 3:00PM

Needed 2 Lectors  
Stations of the Cross - SJB/HT 7:00PM

3) Holy Saturday, March 31 - SJB/HT  
Blessing of Easter Food 12:00 Noon

4) Easter Vigil Mass, March 31 - OLP/SP 8:00PM  
Needed 1 Lector and 2 Eucharistic Ministers

5) Easter Sunday Mass, April 1 SJB/HT 9:00AM  
Needed 1 Lector 4-6 Eucharistic Ministers



### Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

How seriously do we take the Ten Commandments? Many today adopt a free spirit approach to life and resist conforming their thoughts and actions to established guidelines and principles. We all need direction. Those who travel realize how much easier journeys can be when equipped with the proper directions. The Ten Commandments are God's proper directions for us to assist us in living our lives as his children. We are given the example of Jesus, the living temple. Jesus allows us to share in his intimate relationship with his Father so that we can more quickly find our way to him. Guidelines and structure are important. Lent reminds us we are created in a certain way and are meant to live our lives in God.

### Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship.



Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.

To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Saturday, March 10th & Sunday, March 11th

**LECTORS:**

5:30PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ John Robinson

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

5:30PM ~ L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone, J. LaVergne,  
G. Larkin, M.E. Cusano, P. Serio

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

**Mass Schedule for**

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

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  
Anthony Matarazzo, III - Mother, Yolanda  
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

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

Mon. - March 5, 2018

12:00 Noon - Giovanni Avella - Joe Falcone (Fish Cove)

Tues. - March 6, 2018

12:00 Noon - John Billion - George & Karen Reck

Wed. - March 7, 2018 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

Thurs. - March. 8, 2018 - St. John of God, religious

Fri. - March 9, 2018 - St. Frances of Rome, religious

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Edward Michael Airel - Jim & Linda Ipolito

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 10, 2018 - Fourth Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Mom & Dad Barbagallo - Pete & Fran  
Vincenzina Sicola - Mr. & Mrs. L. Sanzone  
Bill Slack - Sue, Daughters & Grandchildren

Sun. - March 11, 2018 - Fourth` Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Donald Blelskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney  
Pasquale & Margherita DelVecchio -  
Anna DelVecchio & Family

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.**



**March**

Sun. Mar. 4 Group 2 Money Counters  
Sun. Mar. 11 Group 3 Money Counters  
Sun. Mar. 18 Group 4 Money Counters  
Sun. Mar. 25 Group 1 Money Counters

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

Thurs. Mar. 15 Washington Square Assoc. 7:00PM  
Neighborhood Watch SJB/HT Parish Center

Sun. Mar. 25 Coffee and doughnuts following Mass  
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. 9, 16 & 23**

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

Regular collection .....\$1,948.01  
Loose collection..... \$360.30  
Poor collection..... \$145.00

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of  
**Michael Aiello & James Capriozzi**  
Requested by The Family



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



**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 Dizenzo, 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, Jason A. Smith, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco, and Matthew Watkins.

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