

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 1, 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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Easter Sunday

The first light of Easter dawn had begun to creep over the horizon. The steadfast women from Friday's gory events are returning again to the body of their Lord. "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" How quickly we return to mundane concerns and how thoroughly God wants to surprise us! Imagine the utter shock upon seeing the stone rolled away, the tomb empty, and a stranger clothed in light proclaiming the impossible. "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." He is risen indeed and the world will never be the same.

We know from other Gospel passages that Mary Magdalene made haste to the disciples to proclaim the Good News. We know that Peter and John rushed to the tomb to see for themselves. We know that the wonder and awe of the Resurrection permeated the lives of the apostles until their own dying day.

Can we comprehend the utterly world-changing nature of this surprise? The historical reanimation of a dead man is of no real value to us. But we know that Easter Sunday is so much more. By the Resurrection of Jesus, life has triumphed over death for us all. The gates of heaven are opened and the treasury of graces is poured out upon the here and now. This Resurrection Day, let us draw near, amazed yet unafraid, to the risen Christ. Let us recall the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "Jesus is not a character from the past. He lives, and he walks before us as one who is alive, he calls us to follow him, the living one, and in this way to discover for ourselves the path of life" (Easter Vigil, April 15, 2006).

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,

Christ has Risen, Alleluia! This is the joyous message proclaimed throughout the world today. Christ, once crucified, has been raised; sin and death have been defeated; our salvation has been won. This is the cause of our celebration today and throughout the fifty days of the Easter season. It is my prayer that each of us, as we gather for the Eucharist, will be moved by the awesome mystery that we celebrate. Christ's triumphant victory over sin and death must be something we rejoice in, not just at Church, but also with the very living of our lives. If we believe what we say about the true meaning of Easter, then we must proclaim the Good News to others. We are called to share the joy and majesty of our Easter celebrations with the world around us.



On Behalf of Mary & Petey the Wonder-Puppies, the staff, Fr. Major, Fr. Smith and myself, I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter. May the Risen Lord continue to pour forth His Grace upon us all.



Rejoice, for He is Risen.
In the peace of the Risen Christ,
Fr. Caruso

Mission for the Week

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight.

You can find the recipe online at <http://homehearth.virtualave.net/rescookie.html>.

Prayer

God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.

Read the Gospel and Color



It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!



Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

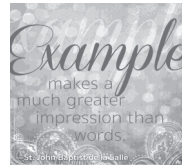


Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week



Christ is risen indeed! We have arrived at the penultimate feast on the Church's calendar, the cause of our joy and our hope. Life has defeated death. Sorrow and suffering do not have the last say. In the resurrection of Jesus we see many reasons to rejoice. Not only has Jesus conquered the specter of visible death, but he restores to us graced life. On Holy Saturday, Jesus descended to the dead and delivered the just souls into heavenly paradise. What are our own Saturday tombs? Jesus has the power to open them all. That is our invitation, this day most of all. May resurrection joy fill your heart, your family, your workplace, and your community. Happy Easter!



Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

When I was younger and growing up in Alexandria, VA, I remember one year it actually snowed on Easter. It was crazy to see it that late in the year. We got up and dressed in our best spring clothes so we could venture into the snow on our way to Easter Mass. I remember thinking that the day did not feel much like Easter. It was hard to really get into the mood of God making all things new on a day so cold and full of flurries. If I am honest, I think we rushed home after Mass just so we could get on warm pajamas and just watch TV for the rest of the day, snuggled up on the couch with blankets. It might as well have been a Sunday in January.

This year the odds are against it snowing on Easter where I live here in North Carolina. However, for far too many it might as well snow. To them, Easter has nothing to do with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, new life, or anything of the sort. It is just another Sunday. Some of them don't care and never think of Jesus or God on any Sunday of the year. But for others, it will not feel like Easter because they have been forgotten. On this day they will sit at home, just like they sit every single day of their lives. They might be poor, elderly, disabled, or simply alone. On this day, there is no resurrection celebration because they have no real experience of the joy of life.

This is where good Everyday Stewards can make a difference. In the midst of buying candy and decorating eggs for baskets and buying new clothes to wear to Easter Mass, find someone who needs to experience the power of Easter. Don't tell them Jesus rose for them, but show them. Instead of the cold of isolation, bring to them the warmth of new life.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A Family Perspective Family Life Education



That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life, there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles, we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.



Saturday, April 7th & Sunday, April 8th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ Fran Brimfield

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, R. Elderbrook, M. Piazza, L. Argiro,
Michael Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, P. Schramm

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - March 31, 2018 - Holy Saturday

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Blessing of the Easter Food

OLP/SP 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Sun. - April 1, 2018 - Easter Sunday

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - April 2, 2018

12:00 Noon - Mary Paratore - Sue Slack

Tues. - April 3, 2018

12:00 Noon - Mary Caruso - The Family

Wed. - April 4, 2018

Thurs. - April 5, 2018

Fri. - April 6, 2018

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Barbara Conroy Russo -
Catherine Wagner

Sat. - April 7, 2018 - Second Sunday of Easter

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Joan Dominic - Daughters
Joseph Gangemi - Wife, Mary, Ellen & Mike
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children
The D'Avirro Family - The DeMichele Family

Sun. - April 8, 2018 - Second Sunday of Easter

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Paul Ferretti - The Family
Teresa & Olivero Natale - Anna DelVecchio & Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

EASTER



Sun. April 1 Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. April 8 Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. April 15 Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. April 22 Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. April 29 Group 2 Money Counters

Thurs. April 19 Washington Square Association
Neighborhood Watch SJB/HT Parish Center 7:00PM



Thank You All

Again with a lot of hard work and dedicated volunteers, we had another successful Baked Fish Year.

Big, big thank you to all who gave of their time each Friday to help prepare, serve, set up, clean up and deliver to our Home-bound parishioners. And to our parish family who supported us each Friday, a big thank you to all.



The Sanctuary Lamp

will burn in memory of

Paul Ferretti requested by The Family

Michael Aiello and James Caprilozzi

requested by The Family



Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School

Bloom & Grow Spring Dinner & Auction. Saturday, May 5 from 6:00-10:00PM at the high school. Enjoy delicious food, beverages plus exciting live & silent auctions. \$40 per person, \$375 table of 10. Includes appetizers, buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda & dessert. Deadline for ticket purchases is April 25. Call 315-314-7157 ext. 4 or email to mbelge@syrdioocese.org.



Sunday Collection March 24th & 25th

Regular collection	\$1,862.00
Loose collection.....	\$440.01
Religious Education collection.....	\$154.00



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



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



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