

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 11, 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.

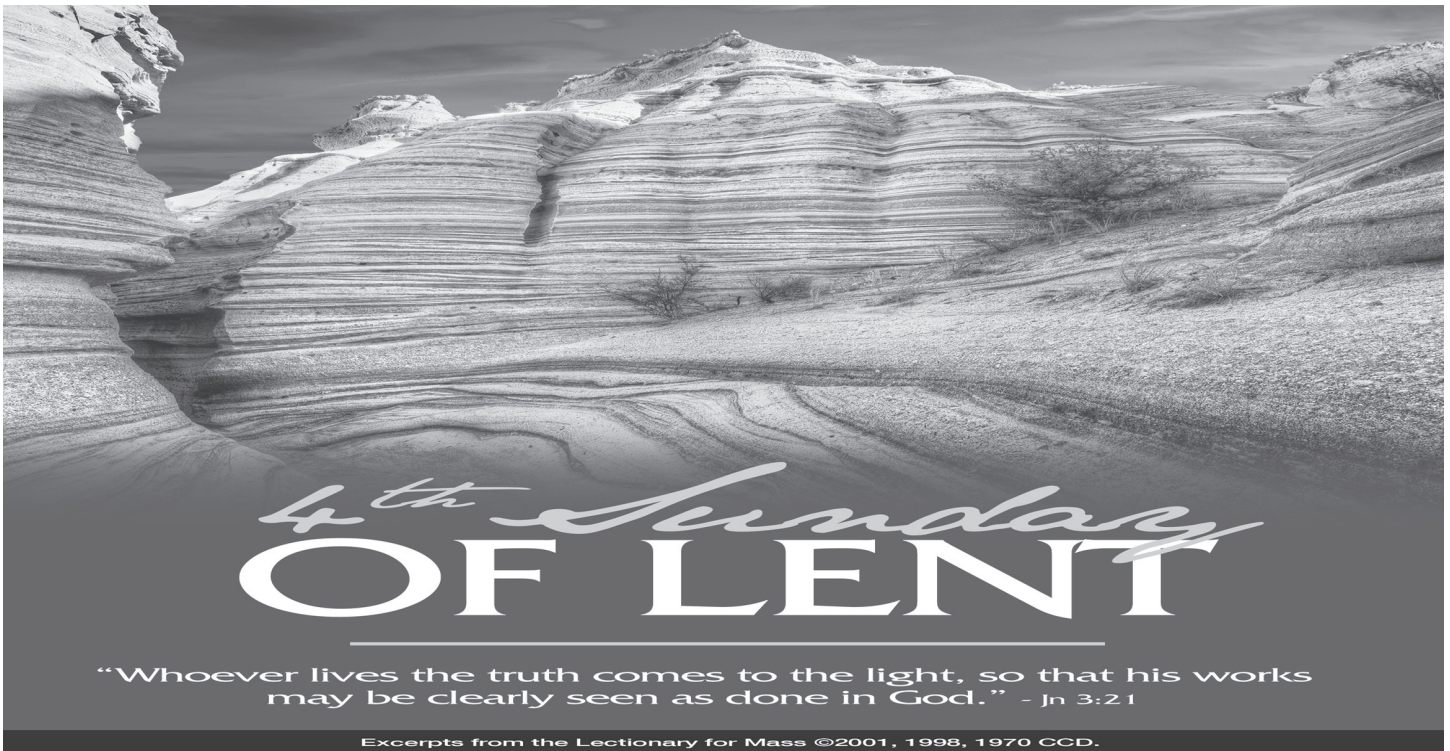
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Fourth Sunday In Lent

Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still -- to our eyes -- being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination!

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

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,

This weekend we observe the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the Latin words that begin our entrance antiphon today, "Laetare, Jerusalem", "Rejoice, Jerusalem." Our rose colored vestments are a sign of the anticipatory joy that underlies this penitential season. We know what lies at the end of our Lenten journey, the joyous Easter celebration of our Blessed Lord's victory over sin and death. Let us recommit ourselves to a deeper spirit of prayer during the remaining weeks of this holy season. May Easter find us much closer to the Lord than we were at the beginning of Lent.



An important part of our Lenten journey is, or should be, repentance. As Catholic Christians, we must acknowledge that the Lord Jesus has left us a great gift in the Sacrament of Penance. We are able to confess our sins and be forgiven as surely as those people who Jesus forgave during His earthly ministry. It is a celebration of God's mercy and forgiveness and a vehicle of His Grace. I know that many of us have gotten away from the celebration of this Sacrament. I think Lent is a good time to come back to Penance. Besides the regularly scheduled weekly Confessions, I will be hearing Confessions from 4:30 – 6:00PM at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity on Monday, March 19th through Friday, March 23rd and at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter on Tuesday and Wednesday March 27th and 28th. On the evening of March 26th, the Diocese will be participating in the "Light Is On For You" campaign and I will be hearing confessions at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity from 4:00 – 7:00. I hope you will take the time to come and celebrate God's Mercy during this Holy Season.

You are all in my prayers; please keep me in yours.
In Christ's peace,
Fr. Caruso

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 _____

Sunday Collection March 3rd & 4th

Regular collection	\$3,294.25
Loose collection.....	\$328.00
Fuel collection.....	\$409.00
Poor collection.....	\$151.00

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week



If we continue to journey through life without genuine self-knowledge, without knowing how our relationships ought to be ordered and what truth is, the path we walk will always be only dimly lit. In fact, when we make the wrong choices or find ourselves forgetting who we are, we can easily find ourselves in darkness. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Jesus is the light that came into the darkness. It is not enough for us to simply believe that Jesus is the Christ but we must live our lives in witness to this truth. The choices we make and the priorities we establish are going to either speak of someone who really does not care, someone who is confused, or someone who is wholeheartedly convinced of God's love. Which are you?



Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

When I first saw each of my three children, I loved them with a love that I did not realize existed in me. These were flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone, and were the result of the love between their mother and me. This made them mine.

My love for them continues to be so strong as they grow older and I cannot fathom ever losing them. Then I look around and see friends of mine who have lost a child. It makes me want to hold them tighter and not let go.

But as I have continued to grow in this stewardship way of life, I realize that these three wonderful human beings and not really mine. They belong to God. They are entrusted to me in this world, but they belong truly to the One who loves them even more than I do. Yet, it is not easy to offer them back to God, especially due to tragedy. If that day ever were to come, how could I handle it?

Not only did God offer his Son to the world, the offering was done with full knowledge that the Son would die a brutal death. God loves us so deeply he placed Himself in the very position that any parent dreads the most. So this Lent I will look at my children and I reflect on the depth of love a parent has for a child and the even more profound love God has for us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

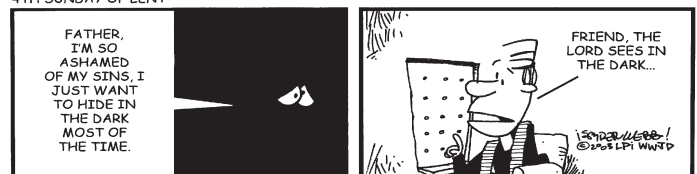
A Family Perspective Family Life Education



Today's Gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to act. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 17th & Sunday, March 18th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Pat Campagna

9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ T.Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo, L. Sanzone,
F. Sanzone, J. LaVergne, M.A. Bergamo

9:00AM ~ P. Schramm, R. Warren, E. Warren, L. Argiro,
Michael Dykeman, K. Fekete, C. Horton

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - March 10, 2018 - Fourth Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Mom & Dad Barbagallo - Pete & Fran
Vincenzia 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 Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney
Pasquale & Margherita Del Vecchio -
Anna DelVecchio & Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - March 12, 2018

12:00 Noon - For all who suffer addictions

Tues. - March 13, 2018

12:00 Noon - For the end of violence

Wed. - March 14, 2018

Thurs. - March. 15, 2018

Fri. - March 16, 2018

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - The Pope and all religious

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 17, 2018 - Fifth Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Steve P. Taddeo - Peg & Family
Enrica Cellini - The Family
Nancy & Joseph & Rosa Salvatore -
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Mazza

Sun. - March 18, 2018 - Fifth Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Clemente & Maria Grazia Vigliotti -
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano
Debbie Greenfield - Rosemary Lane

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.**



Holy Week Schedule/Liturgical Ministers Needed

1) Holy Thursday, March 29 - SJB/HT 7:30PM

Church will remain open until 11:00PM

Needed 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



Sun. Mar. 11 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Mar. 18 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Mar. 25 Group 1 Money Counters

Mar. 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

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of

Hannah "P" Market

Requested by The Family



The Light Is On Schedule

Monday, March 26, here at SJB/HT, confessions will be heard from 4:00-7:00PM as part of the Light Is On Campaign going on throughout the Diocese. Fr.

Caruso will also be available to hear confessions at SJB/HT Monday - Friday, March 19-23 from 4:30-6:00PM and at OLP/SP on Tues. March 27 & Wed. March 28 from 4:30-7:00PM.



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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