

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 18, 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.

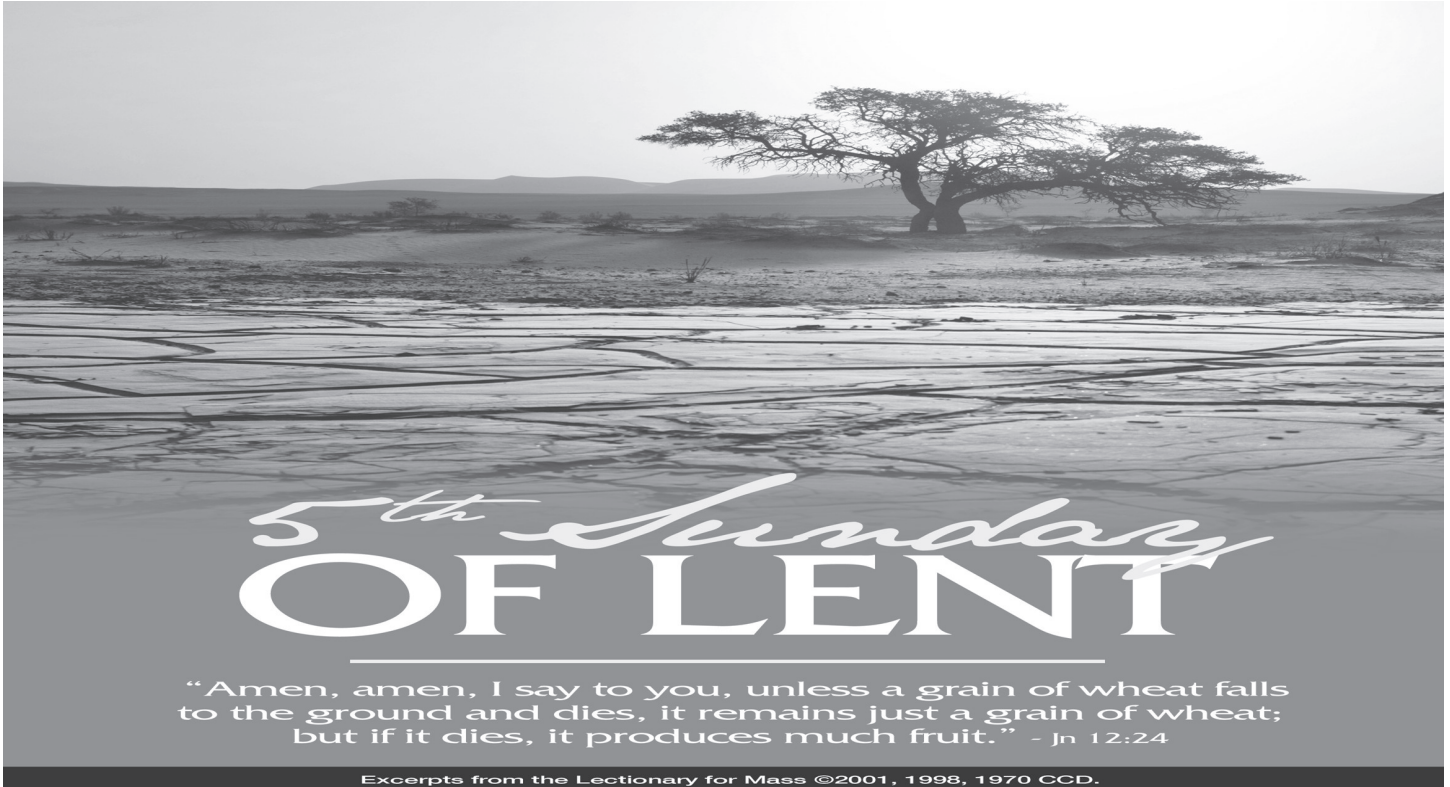
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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5th Sunday OF LENT

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:24

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Fifth Sunday In Lent

"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip?and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" -- death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain -- can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

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,

During this Lenten season, while we fast and focus on the cross, there are still occasions for us to celebrate. This Saturday, March 17th, is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick is one of the patrons of Ireland and his feast day is always an opportune time to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the many blessings that the Irish have brought to the world, to our nation, and to our Church.

This Monday, March 19th, is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is the patron of the universal Church. I would ask all of us to pray, seeking his intercession for the Church throughout the world, that we may be strengthened in our commitment to follow the Lord Jesus. Please pray also that he will safeguard our sisters and brothers in Faith throughout the world who face persecution.

There are still plenty of opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. 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 pray that all of us will take the time to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament of God's Mercy and Forgiveness.

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 10th & 11th

Regular collection	\$3,497.25
Loose collection.....	\$299.00
Fuel collection.....	\$225.00
Poor collection.....	\$60.00



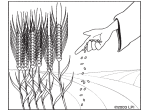
Happy Spring!
Tuesday, March 20th

Coffee Coffee And Donuts



Spring is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, March 20th so lets have some Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, March 25th after the 9:00AM Mass to welcome its long due arrival! Join us in the SJB/HT Parish Center.

**Live The Liturgy -
Inspiration For The Week**



We all fear losing that which is familiar. We fear dying. When our securities and familiarities are threatened, the anxiety of uncertainty can lead us into fear and despair. We have difficulty believing that new life comes from death. This is the basis of what it means to hope. There are no dead ends or final endings with God. Through his passion and death, Jesus opens up the possibility for new life and new beginnings for all believers. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." As our journey of Lent hastens to an end, the mystery of Christ's passion and death come before us to teach us valuable lessons both for this life and the next.



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

During the Lenten season we observe certain practices of sacrifice and self-denial as an offering to God and as good spiritual training for this race we are engaged in called life. These things are good for us but they should not remain only in Lent. In fact, we should always be about working towards a complete surrender of ourselves to the will of God.

Jesus taught that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit. It will remain the same always and will not lead to any type of growth. We are the grains of wheat that need to die to ourselves in order to be born again. However, many of us are the same today as last Lent and the many Lents before that. We have not moved forward to a more mature faith that makes it possible for us to be transformed.

Surrender is not easy. But we need to see our observance of Lent as a way to move forward. No athlete lifts the same weight forever. No dieter finds satisfaction in losing the same 5 pounds year after year. We must work to always be moving toward holiness. This is the commitment of an everyday steward. We are called to pray today than yesterday. We are called to give more today than yesterday. We are called to love more today than yesterday. Standing still is not an option. Our God is calling us to grow in our discipleship and stewardship for the benefit of our souls and the health of the Body of Christ. May this Lent be a time of moving forward and may we all draw ever closer to our God who calls us to leave it all behind and follow Him.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**A Family Perspective
Family Life Education**



Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

Saturday, March 24th & Sunday, March 25th
LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer
9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano
9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ TBA - If attending Mass please be available
9:00AM ~ TBA - If attending Mass please be available

Mass Schedule for
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - March 17, 2018 - Fifth Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Steve P. Taddeo - Peg and 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 - Debbie Greenfield - Rosemary Lane
Clemente & Maria Grazia Vigliotti -
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - March 19, 2018 - St. Joseph Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 Noon - Those who are burdened with mental illness

Tues. - March 20, 2018

12:00 Noon - Mary Caruso - The Family

Wed. - March 21, 2018

Thurs. - March. 22, 2018

Fri. - March 23, 2018

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - The hungry and homeless of our community

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 24, 2018 - Vigil - Palm Sunday

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Peter Cellini - The Family
Louis & Enrica - The Family
Clemente Vigliotti - Terry, Mary Ann & Graceann LaBeff

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.**



Liturgical Ministers, help is still needed with various Masses. Please call the rectory if able to help.

Holy Week Schedule/Liturgical Ministers Needed

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

Church will remain open until 11:00PM

Needed 2 Eucharistic Ministers

2) Good Friday, March 30 - OLP/SP 12:00

SJB/HT 3:00PM

Needed 1 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 2 Eucharistic Ministers

5) Easter Sunday Mass, April 1 SJB/HT 9:00AM

Needed 1 Lector 3 Eucharistic Ministers



Sun. Mar. 18 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Mar. 25 Group 1 Money Counters

Mar. 23 Baked Fish Dinner 4:00-7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Sun. Mar. 25 Coffee and donuts following Mass
SJB/HT Parish Center

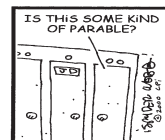
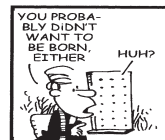


The Light Is On Schedule

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.

5TH 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 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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