

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 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.

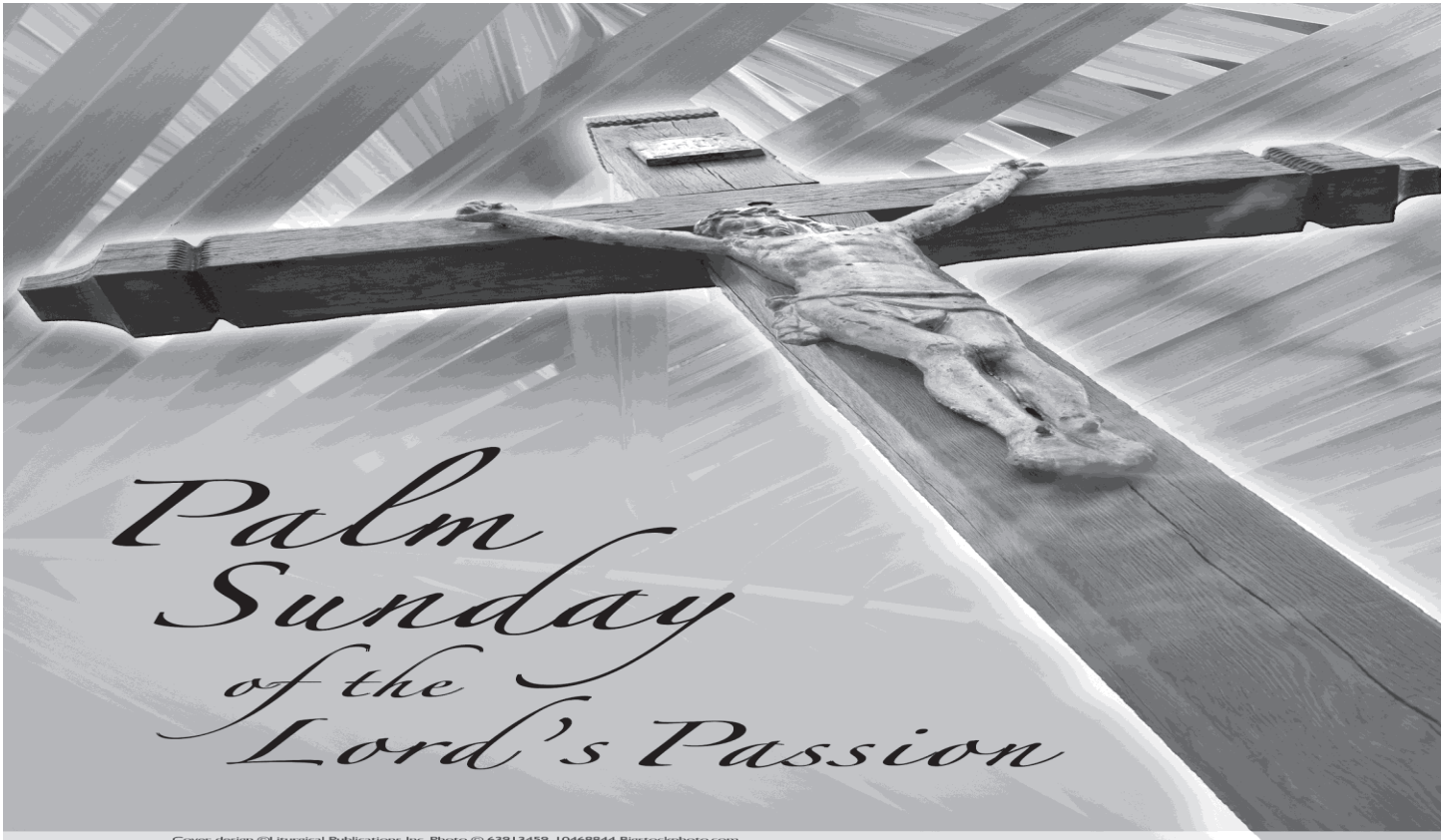
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Palm Sunday

Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days -- even hours -- Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of 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 begin the most important week of the Church’s year. It is full of wonderful celebrations as we reflect upon the central mysteries of our Faith. Too often we may choose not to attend these services because they are not “days of obligation.” Perhaps we have never been to some of them and hesitate to go because we are not sure what takes place. I assure you that you will not be disappointed in the beauty and prayerfulness of our Holy Week celebrations. Once again this year, the parish communities of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity join together in prayer during these wondrous days. The parish staffs have worked very hard to prepare for these sacred days. If we all celebrate this week in its true spirit, I am sure we will all grow in holiness.



Today, Passion (Palm) Sunday, we begin by celebrating the Lord’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where He is welcomed by the crowds. However, by the time the Passion is proclaimed, these crowds have turned on Him and seek to have Him crucified. Perhaps there is a lesson there for all of us, who may at one moment acknowledge Christ’s kingship and at the next moment seek to crucify Him in our sinfulness.

The “heart” of the Church’s liturgical year, The Sacred Triduum (“The Three Days”), begins on Holy Thursday with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. On that day we commemorate two lasting gifts of the Lord to His Church, The Sacred Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper that evening will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity at 7:30. At that Mass we will have a service of commitment for all who are engaged in ministry at our two parishes. The Gospel that evening is the account of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. After the homily, I will wash the feet of twelve parishioners as a reminder to all of us of the connection between Eucharist and service. The Mass ends with the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church will be open until 11:00 PM so that people can come and pray in the presence of our Blessed Lord. We are invited to reflect on how on that first Holy Thursday, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples to stay awake with Him as He prayed.

Good Friday is the only day of the year when Mass is not offered. The Good Friday service is the Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion. It consists of the Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and a Communion Service (using the Eucharist consecrated the night before). It is one of the starkest, simplest, and most moving services in the Church year. The Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion will be celebrated at noon at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and at 3:00 at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. On Good Friday evening we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.

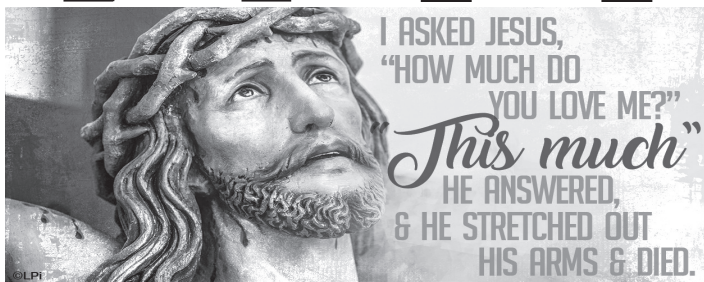
The only Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil. The Church waits anxiously to celebrate Christ’s glorious victory over sin and death. St. Ambrose called the Easter Vigil the “Mother of all Vigils.” It is a beautiful celebration that includes the lighting and blessing of the new fire, the blessing of the Easter water, the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation Confirmation, and the renewal of Baptismal promises. It is the grandest of the Church’s celebrations. The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.

As we prepare once again to celebrate these sacred days, I encourage you to join us in prayer. We continue to seek to grow as a community of Faith. What better way to do this than to celebrate, as a family, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior?

If you haven’t had the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent, its not too late. On Monday evening, in observance of the Light Is On For You Campaign, I will be at St. John the Baptist /Holy Trinity for Confessions from 4-7PM. On Tuesday and Wednesday I will be hearing Confessions from 4:30 – 6:00PM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.

You will be in my prayers during Holy Week; please keep me in yours.

In Christ,
Fr. Caruso



Coffee And Donuts

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



The month of March we laid to rest from our parish community; Barbara Russo and Beatrice Poehlman.

Baptized into our parish community we welcome; Ella Marie Bannigan.

Sunday Collection March 17th & 18th

Regular collection	\$2,116.10
Loose collection.....	\$340.00

Saturday, March 31st & Sunday, April 1st
LECTORS:
8:00PM ~ Mass OLP/SP
9:00AM ~ TBA

ALTAR SERVERS:
8:00PM ~ Mass OLP/SP
9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:
8:00PM ~ Mass OLP/SP
9:00AM ~ TBA - If attending Mass please be available

Mass Schedule for
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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

Mon. - March 26, 2018
12:00 Noon - Remember those unable to attend Easter Mass -
Peg & Mary Taddeo

Tues. - March 27, 2018
12:00 Noon - Healing prayers for all terminally ill

Wed. - March 28, 2018

Thurs. - March 29, 2018 - Holy Thursday
SJB/HT - 7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Our Church will remain open until 11:00 pm

Fri. - March 30, 2018 - Good Friday
OLP/SP 12:00 Noon
SJB/HT 3:00 pm
SJB/HT 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

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

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



PALM SUNDAY



Holy Week Schedule/Liturgical Ministers Needed

1) Holy Thursday, March 29 - SJB/HT 7:30PM
Church will remain open until 11:00PM

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

Needed 1 Lector
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 Eucharistic Minister

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



March

Sun. Mar. 25 Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Mar. 25 Coffee and doughnuts following Mass
SJB/HT Parish Center
Mon. Mar. 26 Light Is On For You SJB/HT Church
4:00-7:00PM
Tues./Wed. 27 & 28 Confessions OLP/SP Church
4:30-7:00PM

Father/Son Program

The Syracuse Diocese Family/Respect Life Office will present a Father/Son Program on Sunday, April 8 1:00-4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church, 46 North Main Street, Cortland. The public is welcome to attend. The purpose of the program is to bring young men, ages 12-16, together with their dads (or another supportive adult) to learn about God's plan for growing up and becoming a man. Cost is \$30 per family (non-refundable). Scholarships are available. Pizza and refreshments are included. There will be lots of fun and door prizes. Reservations are required by March 29. Register online at <https://fathersonprogram.eventbrite.com>. For more information contact Sharon Flanagan at (315) 470-1417 or email sflanagan@syrdio.org.



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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