

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 22, 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.

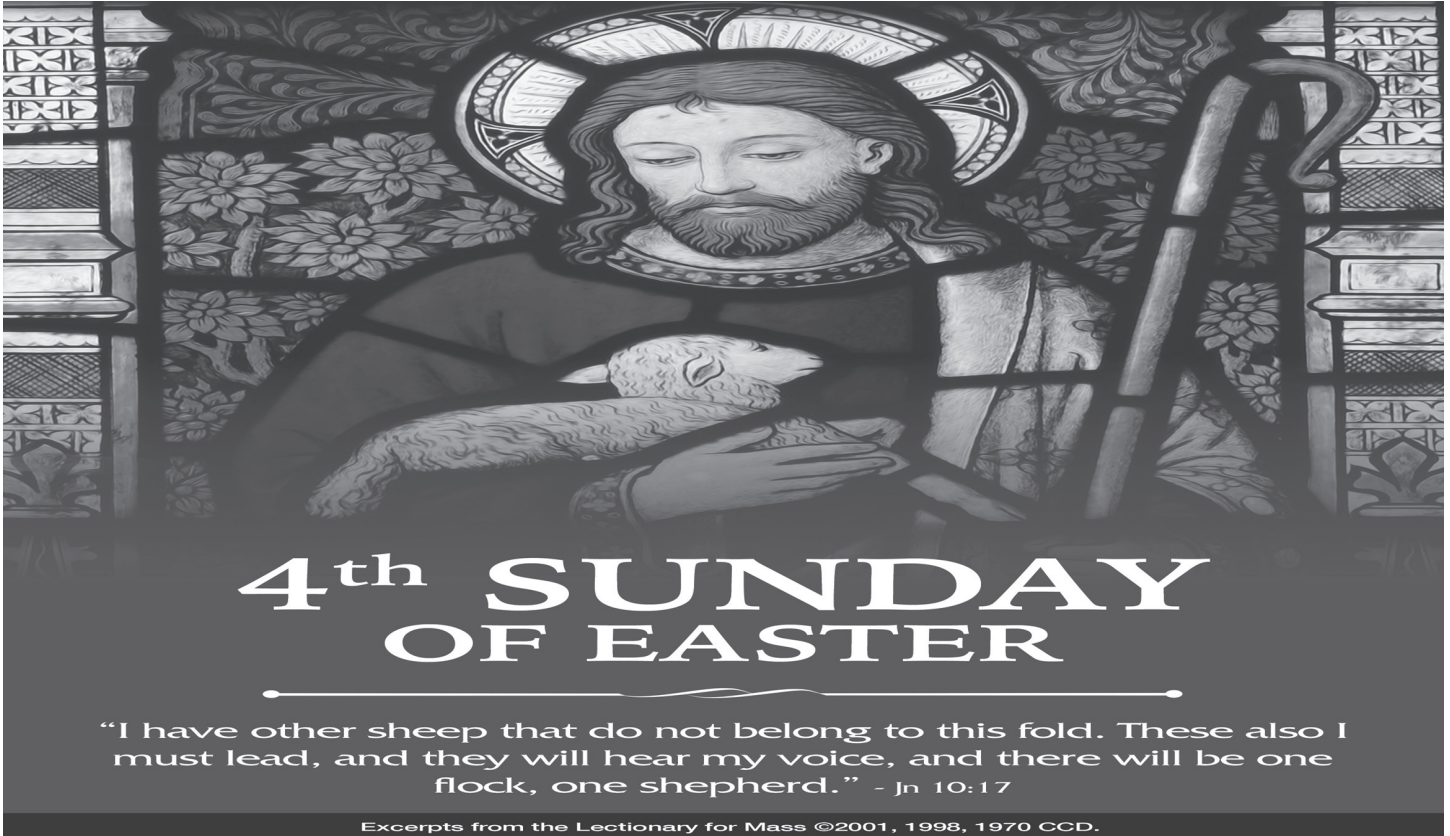
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader. "I am the Good Shepherd ? I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. "I lay down my life in order to take it up again ? I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again." Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world.

Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the "hired man" who "runs away" from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences. The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. "I know mine and mine know me." We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, "sheep not of this fold." Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives.

While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep. In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.

### **SJB/HT Office & Church Staff**

**Pastor** Father Daniel Caruso

**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

**Office Assistant** Mary Olmsted

**Senior Priest in Residence** Fr. Lester Smith

**Music Director/Organist** James Stanley

**Cantor** Jonathan Howell

**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.

Without a good shepherd to lead them, sheep would get lost. Without a good shepherd to protect them, sheep would get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are his precious little lamb. When you get lost, Jesus comes to find you. When you are in danger, Jesus comes to comfort you. Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God. He wants to protect you from sin. Jesus gave up his life just to save you. Jesus is your good shepherd.



#### Mission for the Week

Learn as much as you can about Jesus, so you can follow him. Read a Bible story with your family every night before bed.

#### Prayer

God, help me to always follow Jesus, my good shepherd.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

Today's Gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their parents. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."



## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In 2016 we mark the 53rd anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Moreover, we celebrate it always on the 4th Sunday in Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday.

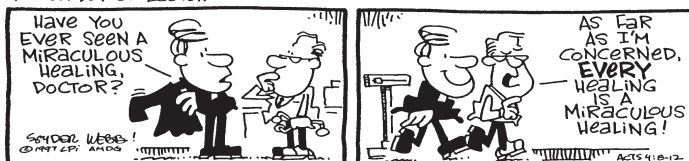
In today's Gospel reading, we hear about the sheep that always know the voice of the shepherd. May we also hear with ears of faith our Shepherd's call to discipleship. Let us pray...

Jesus, good and gentle Shepherd, we pray for those among us who hear your voice and call to a vocation in the Church. Help them to be unafraid of that calling from you of service to the universal church. Gift them courage to boldly say yes to your call. Help us to encourage them in their long journey of discernment and formation.

We offer our thanks to you for calling us to discipleship in many and various ways, as married men and women, as single men and women, as priests, deacons, and professed men and women.

We ask all these things in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus, our savior and our brother. Amen.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Important Message

Until all work is completed with the steeple, the front doors, Park Street entrance, of SJB/HT will remain locked and not used. Please use the parking lot and Court Street side doors. We are sorry for any inconvenience and Thank You for your patience and understanding.



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

There is something comforting about knowing that we are in someone's care. Children can feel this most easily when surrounded by the embrace of a mother or father. All is well. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We don't have to figure out all of the complexities of life. All we need to do is allow Jesus to be the true shepherd of our lives: to point us in the right direction, lead us to the best pasture, and keep us safe from harm. So many things in the world can hurt us, and we can quickly find that we are on the road to despair. Keeping focused on Jesus, remaining close to him, allows us to develop the gifts and talents God has given us and discover the key to true happiness. Jesus welcomes me with all of my doubts and fears, limitations and sins.

## Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

During the Easter season, we reflect on being followers of the stone that the builders rejected, the crucified and risen Jesus. Like a shepherd he leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless.



Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous. Cultivating our gifts for God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.

If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Sunday Collection April 14th & April 15th

Regular collection .....	\$2,246.25
Loose collection .....	\$354.00

**Saturday, April 28th & Sunday, April 29th**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Pat Campagna

**9:00AM** ~ Chet Wisniewski

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

**9:00AM** ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

**EUCCHARIST:**

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

**9:00AM** ~ Michael Dykeman, J. Mott, P. Schramm,  
L. Argiro, M. Piazza, C. Horton, R. Elderbroom

**Mass Schedule for**

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

**Sat. - April 21, 2018 - Fourth Sunday Of Easter**

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - Anthony Matarazzo, Jr. - Wife, Yolanda  
Joe Barbagallo - Pete & Fran  
Ruth Smith - The Smith Family  
Anthony Sansone - The Family

**Sun. - April 22, 2018 - Fourth Sunday Of Easter**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Paul Ferretti - Marilyn Ferretti  
Frances Ventrone - Marilyn Ferretti  
Pat DiBello - The Family

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - April 23, 2018 - Sts. George, martyr,  
Adalbert, bishop & martyr**

**12:00 Noon** - All who are considering Religious Life

**Tues. - April 24, 2018 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen,  
priest & martyr**

**12:00 Noon** - Our police, fire fighters and first responders

**Wed. - April 25, 2018 - St. Mark, evangelist**

**Thurs. - April 26, 2018**

**Fri. - April 27, 2018**

**SJB/HT 11:30 am** - Confession

**SJB/HT 12:00 Noon** - All souls

**Sat. - April 28, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**OLP/SP - 4:00 pm**

**SJB/HT - 5:30 pm** - Martin Schotthoefer - Mother  
Barbara Russo - Marian & Bob Smith  
Antonio & Giusepina Luisi - Mr. & Mrs. L. Luisi

**Sun. - April 29, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - For The People

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**



**The Ascension Of The Lord**

**Thursday, May 10th**

The Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation. The following is the Mass schedule. Wednesday, May 9 Vigil Mass at OLP/SP 5:30PM. Thursday, May 10 Masses are 9:00AM OLP/SP, 12:00 Noon SJB/HT and 5:30PM SJB/HT. Lectors will be needed for the Noon Mass and 5:30PM Mass. Please contact the rectory if you are able to help. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and attending either Mass please feel free to assist where needed. Thank You.



**Sun. April 22**

Group 1 Money Counters

**Sun. April 29**

Group 2 Money Counters

**Sat. April 28**

BUNKO - 6:30 SJB/HT Parish Center

**Bunko Date - Sat. April 28**

Anyone interested in playing Bunko with our group that meets approximately every 2 months in the SJB/HT Parish Center on Saturdays 6:30PM, please contact Betty Warren by Wed. April 25 for details. Phone is 315-420-6357 or email at [warrenbeliz@yahoo.com](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).



**PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it  
is important to the set up of the game.  
Next Bunko night is Sat. April 28**



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of  
Pat DiBello  
Requested by The Family**

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



*"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." — Jn 10:16-17*

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**Remember:** Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Theresa Deprimio, Kathy Deprimio, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Direnzo, Aaron Doty, Louise Epolito, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Shirley Fornito, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, David Galvagno, Trudy (Sobon) German, 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, 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.

**IF YOU ARE  
WHAT YOU  
should be,  
YOU WILL SET  
the whole world  
ON FIRE!**

—St. Catherine of Siena

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