

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 29, 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.

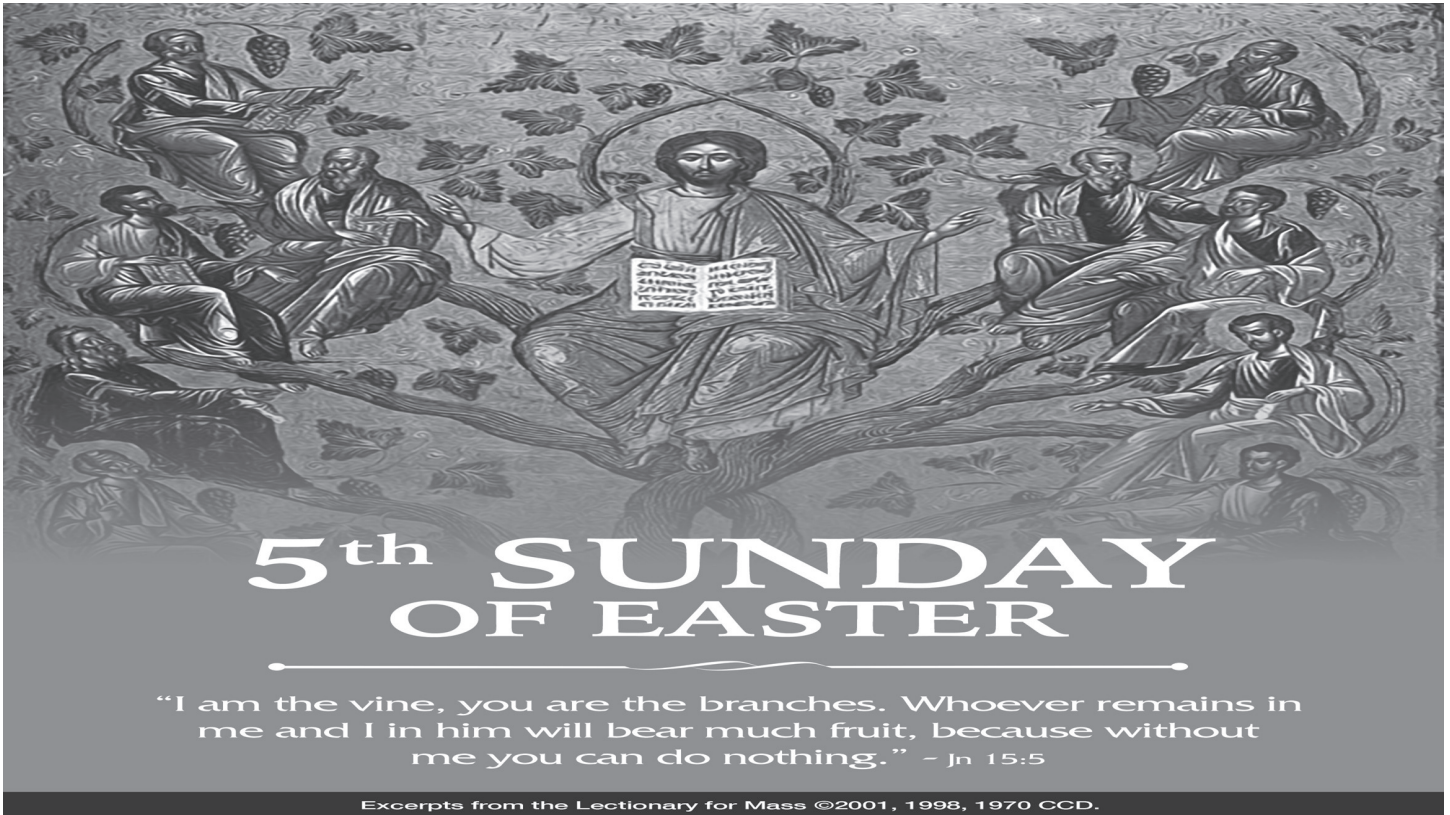
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Are you ready for a trim? In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to him—living in humility, following God's law, loving our neighbor—we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." The Holy Spirit is life-giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open.

As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow. Our personalities flower. We discover what it is to be a blessing to others. We also experience lack, loss, and the results of our failures. We know what it is like to "wither" at times, particularly the times when we willingly separate ourselves from Jesus. "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." For most of us, this experience of being disconnected and off track generates a desire to return to what is right and good, to return to the vine.

But this Gospel is more than "Are you in or are you out?" Even when we remain in God, when we follow Jesus, we are not exempt from the challenge, the pruning. "Everyone that [bears fruit] he prunes." A prudent trim is necessary in the natural world of trees and vines. Dead wood, broken shoots, and diseased branches need to be cut back in order for the plant to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be healthy! He says as much himself: "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Take a look at your life today. Where are you bearing fruit? Where do you need to be pruned?

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.

Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet, without being plugged in to electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love, kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die, and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged in to Jesus, so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus, so your faith can grow fruit.



Mission for the Week

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.

Prayer

God, help me to stay connected to Jesus.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Like the vine grower in today's Gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."



Prayer For Our Nation

This year, the National Day of Prayer for our nation falls on May 3rd. This observance was created by Congress in 1952.

Today, we see that religion in the public arena may have become a backseat participant in our national discussions. Our country was founded by immigrants who fled their home countries for many reasons. However, one of the most important reasons for emigration was for religious freedom. We as people of faith need to keep our faith lives in the forefront of our moral decision making.

Let us pray...

God of freedom and liberty, you have created us a little less than the angels and, in doing so, have given us the ability to make moral choices. Continue to bless our country and give us the wisdom to know your will.

We implore you to grant wisdom to our leaders. We implore you to grant wisdom to individuals who vote. Give patience to us when patience is needed. Give us the knowledge to know when action needs to confront evil. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, our brother and savior. Amen.

The month of April we laid to rest from our parish community; David Miccinelli and Nancy O'Sullivan.

Baptized into our parish community we welcome; Mila Doshna.

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

"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." Real love, especially unconditional

love, cannot exist apart from action. We are called to bear much fruit and become Jesus' disciples. We live in a world that is suffering so badly. By our actions and the way we organize our lives, we can model the Gospel values that many no longer see as important. We can be healers who put mercy into action. We can choose to unconditionally respect human life and challenge those who do not. We can live nonviolent lives, resist the lust for power, and avoid greed in all its forms. It is difficult to live the Gospel message of love. We will often be met with rejection. We need to allow God to prune away everything that makes it difficult to love. Then we have to take the risk and call others to a higher standard, no matter the price.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

When I was a teenager, I had an experience that truly changed my life and helped me to give Jesus all of myself. I had been baptized Catholic and always had faith, but it took a specific event to really shake me out of the comfort of my life and set me on a path devoted to God. I didn't get knocked off a horse or find an open tomb, but for me it was powerful enough to make a huge impact.



Testimonies of how people came to live as intentional disciples have great power. Often the stories do not include singular events or people; instead they speak of a gradual unfolding of faith. It is often the culmination of several events and the work of more than one person that brings a person to the point of real decision.

Living as good stewards, we can help move people forward in their journey with God. Giving of ourselves freely can move human hearts like few other forces. God working through us can bring others to see that simply saying that Jesus is the Savior of the world does not mean we live our lives differently. It takes more thought and reflection on our part to move past words to intentional acts with intentional results. I don't know if all those involved in that event when I was a teenager knew what an effect their good stewardship would have on me, but I am so thankful they provided a way for God to touch me. I have spent my entire life trying to pay them back by allowing God to touch others through me. Just what person might God touch through you today?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Saturday, May 5th & Sunday, May 6th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ John Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, Michael Dykeman, M. E. Cusano,
P. Schramm, K. Fekete, C. Horton

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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

Mon. - April 30, 2018 - St. Pius V, pope

12:00 Noon - Rev. John L. Roark - Beverly Frey

Tues. - May 1, 2018 - St. Joseph the Worker

12:00 Noon - All Souls

Wed. - May 2, 2018 - St. Athanasius,

bishop & doctor of the Church

Thurs. - May 3, 2018 - Sts. Philip & James, apostles

Fri. - May 4, 2018

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - End to violence throughout the world

Sat. - May 5, 2018 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Marie Salenske - Friends
Raffaele DeMichele - Maria & Family
John Hessmiller - Mike Morga
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

Sun. - May 6, 2018 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Lorraine & Angelo Coppola - The Family
Carol McGuire - Fran & Judy Cooney
Bennie R. Sobon, Jr. - The Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

TO OUR FIRST TIME
VISITORS, YOU'LL
FIND WE ARE A
WELCOMING, FRIENDLY
PARISH COMMUNITY.



AND TO OUR
PARISHIONERS:
PLEASE REMEMBER
THAT, IF YOU
SHOULD FIND
AN UNFAMILIAR
CAR IN YOUR
FAVORITE
PARKING PLACE.



Sun. April 29

Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. May 6

Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. May 13

Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. May 20

Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. May 27

Group 2 Money Counters

Mon. May 7

Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Rectory

Sun. May 13

Coffee & Donuts following
9:00AM Mass SJB/HT Parish Center

Thurs. May 17

Washington Square Assoc. 7:00PM
Neighborhood Watch SJB/HT Parish Center

Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast

Christ The King Retreat House

500 Brookford Rd. Syr. NY

Sunday, May 13 gather the "fam" together to join in the Liturgy, and then treat Mom and the rest of the family to a delicious breakfast. Avoid those lines at the restaurants. Bring Mom to the peaceful atmosphere of the Retreat House and have a relaxed meal. Walk the grounds together. Offering is \$15 per adult; \$7 for children under 12. For reservations call 315-446-2680, email at ctkretreat@syrdio.org or register on our website at www.ctkretreat.com. Mass begins at 10:00AM



Emmaus Ministry

Our organization, "Road to Emmaus Ministry of Syracuse Inc." is currently seeking to hire a part time Development individual able to commit to 10-15 hours per week. Qualifications include a passion for ministry to the poor of the South Side coupled with the ability to fund-raise and research and apply for available grants. Business experience and a working knowledge of Microsoft Office required. Please contact Sheila Austin at 315-256-1982 or saustin@emmausministry.org.



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, 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.

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