

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 8, 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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## *Sunday of the Divine Mercy*



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### Second Sunday Of Easter - Sunday Of Divine Mercy

Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few disciples—Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene's quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of this been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

After his resurrection, Jesus' body--mangled and bloody from the crucifixion--is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson, however. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him--wound for wound--and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.

#### **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 celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This is one of the newer Feasts that the Church celebrates. St. John Paul II added it to the Church's Calendar of Feasts in 2000. The devotion to the Divine Mercy (including the Feast of the Divine Mercy) has its origins in the private revelation of Our Lord to St. Faustina. It is my hope and prayer that our devotion to the Divine Mercy will increase.



What a spectacular celebration of Holy Week and Easter we had. I was impressed, once again, with how members of both communities were willing to attend services wherever they were scheduled. This flexibility is an indication of the strength of our communities in the future.

There were so many who worked so hard to prepare for our celebrations. Thank you to Jim Stanley, Jonathan Howell, the altar servers, the Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, and to everyone else who made our celebrations so wonderful. Thank you to Nancy Bergeson & Mary Olmstead for their hard work in the parish office; to Fr. Smith for his assistance; to Jerry Mott for doing such a great job in overseeing the upkeep of our church; and to all who decorated the Church so beautifully for Easter.

You are all in my prayers as we continue our Easter journey; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's peace,  
Fr. Caruso

In today's Gospel, Thomas had a hard time believing his friends. Jesus was alive! They saw Jesus! Well, Thomas could not believe it. He needed proof. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' scars on his hands and his side. Once Thomas did that, then he would believe. You may have doubting friends like Thomas. Be patient with them. Do not get angry with them. Love them instead, and gently tell the truth about Jesus. Ask Jesus to open their hearts, so they can believe in him, too.

Read the Gospel and Color



**Mission for the Week**

Talk to God about a friend who does not believe in Jesus. Ask God to give you the right words to say about Jesus. Then ask God to help you be patient.

**Prayer**

God, help me to be patient with my doubting friends. Show them that Jesus is their savior, too.

**A Family Perspective**  
**Family Life Education**

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance, a home is only a house and a family is just a group of housemates.



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



What does it take to believe that something is real? We live in an age of computer technology complete with things like Photoshop and other programs that can enhance photographs, create realistic images, and mimic artistic renderings. When looking at a picture of something, we find ourselves wondering if what we are seeing is real or just the result of technological creativity. Early believers came to believe because of what they witnessed in these new communities of faith. They saw people authentically living out Jesus' command to love and to show mercy. What do people witness when they see us in action?



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

What do you own and what owns you? You can find this question asked many times in several different contexts. Are you looking to find some kind of financial freedom? How about trying to live simply in a complex world? Has a mountain of stuff invaded your home garage to the point where parking a car inside is only a dream?

The early Church practiced a radical form of fellowship called koinonia, which literally means "sharing in common." Those who had homes and other major possessions would sell them and then place the proceeds in the care of the Apostles to be shared with the entire community. People focus mostly on the fact that people sold all their possessions for the benefit of the community. However the real point is the action that occurred after every selling: the proceeds were given to Church authority, in essence, to God first. I wasn't just selling my house and then giving the money to random people. My offering was to God and it was for the Apostles (those who personally encountered Jesus and now represented him on earth) to decide how to divide up the wealth.

Why do such a thing? One could say it was so that no one wanted for anything. If we push that thinking too far, as some in history have done, we can create a system that takes from some to give to others. Nothing was taken from anyone in that first Christian community. It was freely given. And perhaps the reason why people were moved to do so lies at the heart of stewardship: because all we have already belongs to God anyway.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

<b>Sunday Collection March 31st &amp; April 1st</b>	
Regular collection .....	\$2,303.10
Loose collection.....	\$486.80
Easter collection .....	\$2,476.00
Holy Land (Good Friday) collection .....	\$115.00
Easter flower collection.....	\$910.00

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Saturday, April 14th & Sunday, April 15th**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Jack Normoyle

**9:00AM** ~ Mary Barraco

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ M.E. Cusano, M.A. Bergamo, J. LaVergne,  
G. Larkin, P. Serio, R. Copani

**9:00AM** ~ E. Warren, R. Warren, C. Horton, J. Mott,  
L. Argiro, R. Elderbroom, Michael Dykeman

**Mass Schedule for**

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

**Sat. - April 7, 2018 - Second Sunday Of Easter**

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - Joan Dominic - Daughters

Joseph Gangemi - Wife, Mary, Ellen & Mike

Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

The D'Avirro Family - The DeMichele Family

**Sun. - April 8, 2018 - Second Sunday Of Easter**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Paul Ferretti - The Family

Anthony Geremia - Rose Geremia

Teresa & Olivero Natale - Anna DelVecchio & Family

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - April 9, 2018 - The Annunciation Of The Lord**

**12:00 Noon** - Richard Stewart - Ed & Karin Airel

**Tues. - April 10, 2018**

**12:00 Noon** - Those who find it difficult to be at  
peace and believe in Jesus Christ

**Wed. - April 11, 2018 - St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr**

**Thurs. - April 12, 2018**

**Fri. - April 13, 2018**

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

**SJB/HT 12:00 Noon** - Jenny Annesi - Daughter, Carol Wallace

**Sat. - April 14, 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter**

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

**SJB/HT - 5:30 pm** - For The People

**Sun. - April 15, 2018 - Third Sunday of Easter**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Salvatore Fornito - The Family

Loretta Cooney - Fran & Judy Cooney

Anthony Cresho - Rose Geremia

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**



**The Sanctuary Lamp**

will burn in memory of

**Paul Ferretti** requested by The Fekete Family



**Liturgical Ministers Needed**

Thank you to all of our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers for your time and dedication. You are all a blessing to this parish.



There is a need, though, to add to the ministry list. Life changes and scheduling for some of our volunteers has taken a few off of our lists. If there is any desire to help with any of the ministry's please contact the rectory and more information will be provided.



**Sun. April 8** Group 3 Money Counters

**Sun. April 15** Group 4 Money Counters

**Sun. April 22** Group 1 Money Counters

**Sun. April 29** Group 2 Money Counters

**Thurs. April 19** Washington Square Association

Neighborhood Watch SJB/HT Parish Center 7:00PM



**Christ The King Retreat Center**

**The Spirituality Of Aging - Tuesday, April 17**

**10:00am-3:00pm 500 Brookford Rd.**

There are many gifts aging brings to those who are privileged to be and elder, and elders bring many gifts to others. Sister M. Peter Lillian, O. Carm will discuss the normal aging process and how our aging brings us to a deeper understanding of the balance between body, mind, and spirit. She will also describe how different tools, such as a Life Review, help us reflect on this balance. Offering is \$30. Reservations required, please call 315-446-2680.

**Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School**

**Bloom & Grow Spring Dinner & Auction.** Saturday,

May 5 from 6:00-10:00PM at the high school. Enjoy delicious food, beverages plus exciting live & silent auctions. \$40 per person, \$375 table of 10. Includes appetizers, buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda & dessert. Deadline for ticket purchases is April 25. Call 315-314-7157 ext. 4 or email to



**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, 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, 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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