

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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May 6, 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.

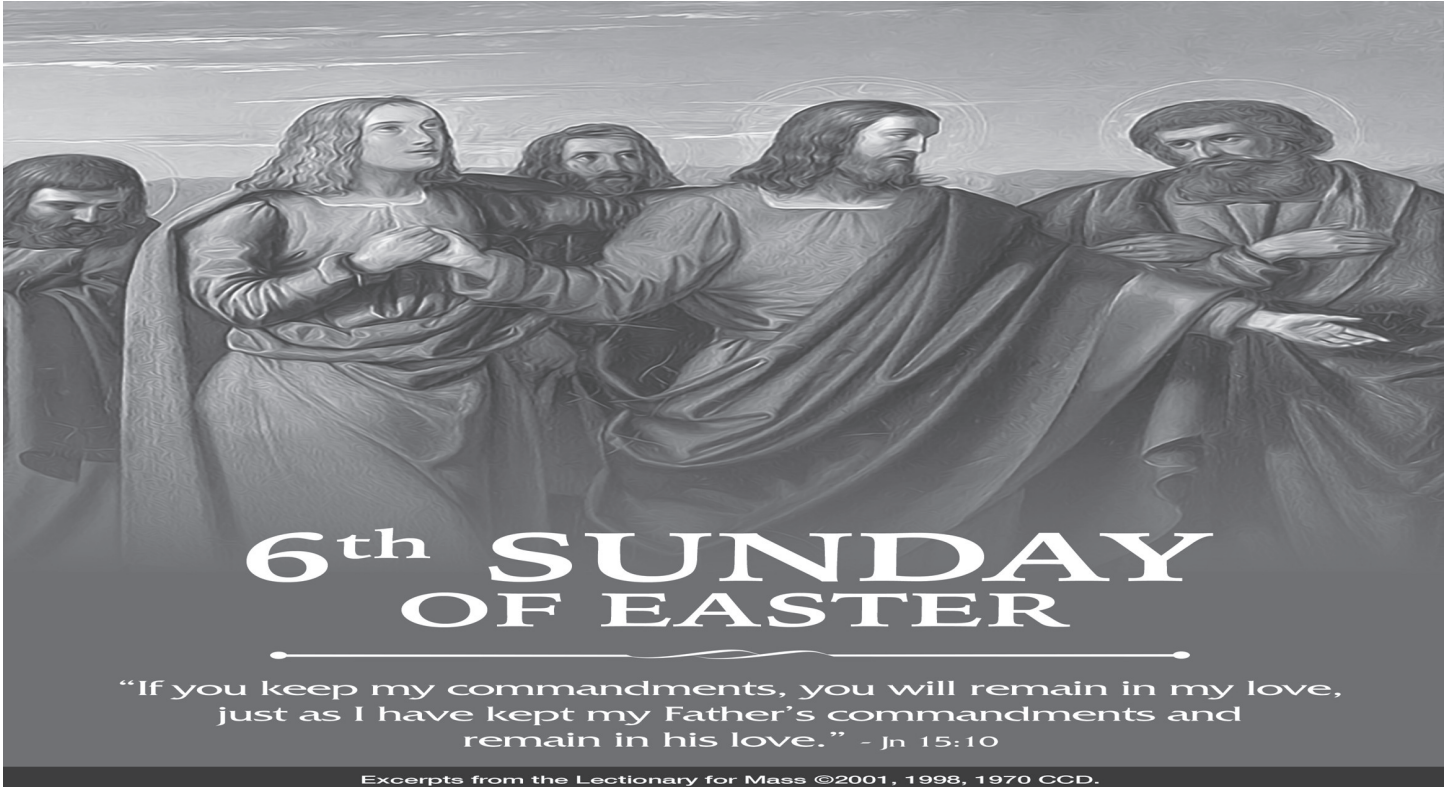
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

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### Sixth Sunday Of Easter

"I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship-new or old-becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.

### SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

**Pastor** Father Daniel Caruso

**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

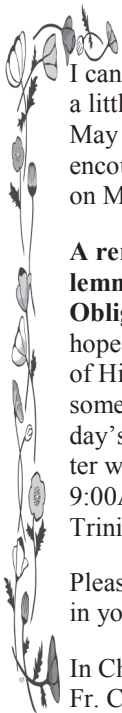
**Office Assistant** Mary Olmsted

**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.



## Dear Parishioners,

I can't believe that May is already here. It is amazing (and a little scary) how quickly time goes by! The month of May is traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother and I encourage each of us to take time this month and reflect on Mary's example and ask for her intercession.

**A reminder that this Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, is The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation.** On Ascension Thursday we celebrate our hope that we will one day follow the Lord to the fullness of His Kingdom. Please make this day special – celebrate some way and please plan on making Mass part of the day's observance. Masses at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter will be at 5:30PM on Wednesday (Vigil Mass) and 9:00AM on Thursday. Masses at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity will be at Noon and 5:30 on Thursday.

Please know that you are on my prayers; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Caruso



## May Crowning and First Communion

Please come and join our Faith Formation Children as they honor our Blessed Mother in the annual May Crowning on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am Mass. Please also come to the Mass to support 2 of our Faith Formation Children, Alyssa Warren and Francesco Primerano, as they take the next step in their faith journey by making their First Communion. Please remember all of our Faith Formation Children and especially our First communion Candidates and all their families in you thoughts and prayers, as they are our future. If our Parish is to continue to survive and grow, we need our young people to get involved and take over when we are no longer able to do the work that is needed.



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

"Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." So many people hunger for love. All of us desire to be intimately connected with others, God, and our world. Many things can work against this and cause us to feel alienated and even profoundly sad. Pope Francis tells us that our "infinite sadness can only be cured by an infinite love." We have been touched by God's love. We are called to bring that love to others so that their sadness and wounds can be healed. We must do this even for those we do not particularly like or who have hurt us. We cannot let anything stand in the way of love.

## Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

"Get Together" was a popular song in 1967 by the Youngbloods. I was not alive when the song was released, but it was a song I played frequently learning how to play guitar when I was younger. The song called for all of us to come together and "try to love one another right now." It was a song that came out in the Vietnam War era and during somewhat of a hippie revolution, but perhaps the words belong to no real moment in time. They are simply the commands of Jesus.



Sometimes we minimize the power of love by cute pop songs and slogans that mean little without action. However, we can never underestimate the power of love. Love can tear down barriers between people, change tears to laughter, and mend relationships torn apart by sin.

No option exists for disciples of Jesus Christ to not love others. Not only are we commanded to do so, but love is a gift we must pass on freely. If we give of our time, talent, and treasure, but choose not to love, we cannot claim to be truly committed disciples and good stewards. As this Easter season draws ever closer to an end, we must allow our love to bear witness to the source of all love, the Risen Jesus. This is our calling until, as the words of the Youngbloods' song states, "the one who left us here returns for us at last."

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I would be really happy, if only I was ? rich ? popular ? better looking ? the boss. Those selfish wishes sound great, but they cannot give you true happiness inside. In today's Gospel, Jesus shares the three secrets to his complete happiness: (1) Jesus obeyed God; (2) Jesus knew God loved him; (3) Jesus loved other people enough to die for them. Wow. Jesus was completely happy, but he was not selfish at all. In fact, Jesus told his friends if they followed his loving example, they could be completely happy too. Follow Jesus to be filled with happiness from the inside out.

 Read the Gospel and Color



### Mission for the Week

Read John 15:9-17 with your family. God loves you, and he wants you to be completely happy, but you need to let go of your selfishness. You can obey God and love others by sharing your time with them. You can show your love for God by sharing your money with others, too.

### Prayer

God, on my own I am selfish. Thank you for loving me. Help me to obey you. Help me to love other people as much as

## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Today's Gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.



**Saturday, May 12th & Sunday, May 13th**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Owen Donovan

**9:00AM** ~ First Communion Candidates

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

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

**9:00AM** ~ R. Warren, E. Warren, L. Argiro, M. Piazza,  
P. Schramm, J. Mott, C. Horton

**Mass Schedule for**

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

**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 - Michael 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  
Alfred J. Mastriano, Sr. - Daughter, Diana DeSimone

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - May 7, 2018**

**12:00 Noon -**

**Tues. - May 8, 2018 -**

**12:00 Noon -**

**Wed. - May 9, 2018 - Vigil - Ascension Of The Lord**

**OLP/SP - 5:30 pm**

**Thurs. - May 10, 2018 - The Ascension Of The Lord**

**OLP/SP - 9:00 am**

**SJB/HT - 12:00 Noon - For The People**

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**Fri. - May 11, 2018**

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

**SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Bridget Salanger - Mary Salanger**

**Sat. - May 12, 2018 - Seventh Sunday Of Easter**

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

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

**Sun. - May 13, 2018 - Seventh Sunday Of Easter**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am - All Mother's Deceased**

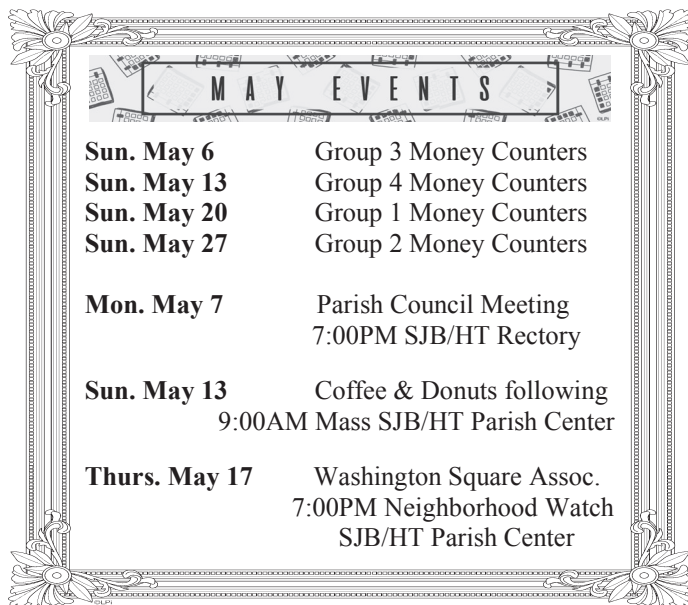
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of  
**Michael Aiello and James Caprilozzi**  
requested by **The Family**



**Lector Needed**

We are still in need of a Noon Lector for the Holy Day, May 10 Mass. If you are available please call the rectory. Thank You.



**Sunday Collection April 21st & April 22nd**

Regular collection .....\$2,692.99  
Loose collection..... \$385.01  
Fuel collection..... \$304.00

**Sunday Collection April 28th & April 29th**

Regular collection .....\$3,141.00  
Loose collection ..... \$175.00  
Fuel collection..... \$232.00  
Poor collection..... \$102.00  
Catholic Home Mission collection ..... \$178.00



**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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