

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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June 24, 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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Nativity of SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John."
- Lk 1:57, 59-60

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The Nativity Of St. John The Baptist

Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "What will this child be?" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. "What will this child be?" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be?

Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "became strong in spirit." As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices? every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the child themselves. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "What will this child be," especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents -- that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus 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.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

The question in today's Gospel, "What will this child be?" concerns all parents. We spend years trying to influence and shape the answer, hoping our children will be "strong in spirit", like the Baptist, and "blessing God" like Zachariah.

Naming a baby is a special job. Grown-ups often think long and hard before picking a name for a baby. When John the Baptist was born, his parents knew he was a special gift from God. Their friends were surprised at his name - John - and everyone was curious to know what that special child would grow up to do for God.

Mission for the Week
Choose three names you think would be good for a new baby.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for babies. Each one is a special gift from God.



They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. — Lk 1:62-64

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Bunko Date - Sat. July 14

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. July 11th for details. Phone is 315-420-6357 or email at warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.



PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it is important to the set up of the game.

Next Bunko night is Sat. July 14



Courtesy Announcements

Holy Family Church 127 Chapel Dr.

An Unlikely Source of Life: Malachi Clark, a seminarian of the Diocese of Syracuse, and a survivor of cancer invites you to come and hear his testimony about his experience with cancer and how he found new life in Christ through this experience for the sake of others. Wednesday, July 11 starting at 6:30PM.

Christ The King Retreat House 500 Brookford Rd.

4th Marian Eucharistic Healing Retreat 2018: Friday, July 20 6:30-9:30PM Praise & Worship, Rosary, Mass, Adoration and Healing Prayer (free). Retreat (please register) Sat. July 21 - Sun. July 22. Rev. Fr. William Garrott O.P. will be the Retreat Master with Sr. Beth Ann Dillon, Dr. Patsy Iannolo, Mr. Caleb Payne, Mr. Bud O'Brien, Ms. Eileen Hoyt, and Mr. & Mrs. Don O'Mara as presenters. Theme: Mary, Queen of Hope. Please call for more information and to register 315-668-2258 or contact Don spirtusrc@gmail.com.



Happy Summer Vacation

Happy end of school year to all. Congratulations to all for your achievements and our best wishes for your future plans. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



As we celebrate today's feast, we are reminded that God creates and fashions each one of us with intent and purpose. We are not random accidents. We are special creations and wonderfully made. Each of us brings a unique twist to the one shot at life that we are given. As people of faith and children of God, we are asked to use our specialness to announce God's kingdom. Each of us reveals a unique part of God's face. Each day presents opportunities to communicate our faith to others and to reveal God's mercy. We have the means to point the way to Christ. How can we show Jesus to others today?



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

What power lies in a name? Have you ever met a "David," "Holly," or "Jack" and said, - "They don't look like a David, Holly, or Jack"? Sometimes our name actually adds something to our person. Peculiar people sometimes have peculiar names. Some people of tremendous strength have names that we deem strong as well. Sometimes we give nicknames to people because of some attributes they exhibit.

In the Bible, names mean a lot. Saul changes his name to Paul when he converts. Adam means "man," as in the first man. Eve means "to live" or "to breathe." Elizabeth took great care to name her son John as God commanded, even if other family members did not understand why such a unique name not found in their lineage. It was a unique name for a child who had a unique future of preparing the way for the Messiah.

We have our baptismal names, our surnames, our Confirmation names, and our maiden names. But all disciples of Jesus also bear the same name: Christian. People may wonder what does a David, Holly, or Jack really look like, but they should never wonder what a Christian looks like. Unfortunately, too often those who bear this name don't resemble the characteristics embodied in the name. Simply, a Christian looks like Christ. A Christian acts like Christ. A Christian truly is Christ to a world that seeks to uncover the true meaning of his name.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The month of June we laid to rest from our parish community; Albert Viggiano, Edward Hill, Helen Donovan and Rachael Perkins.

Baptized into our parish community we welcomed; Natalie Rose Delaney .

Wednesday, July 4th & Thursday, July 5th, the Rectory Office will be closed in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Saturday, June 30th & Sunday, July 1st
LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ J. LaVergne, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone,

Any available Eucharistic Ministers

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton, P. Schramm, M. Piazza,

R. Warren, L. Argiro, Michael Dykeman

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Sat. - June 23, 2018 - Vigil - The Nativity of
St. John The Baptist**

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - John Castle - Nonno & Nanna Costantini

Sun. - June 24, 2018 - The Nativity of St. John The Baptist

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - June 25, 2018

12:00 Noon - Pope Francis and all clergy

Tues. - June 26, 2018

12:00 Noon - All Souls

**Wed. - June 27, 2018 - St. Cyril of Alexandria,
bishop & doctor of the Church**

Thurs. - June 28, 2018 - St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr

Fri. - June 29, 2018 - Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Safe and Blessed summer

Sat. - June 30, 2018 - 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Babe Testone - Cousin, Mike Morga

Sun. - July 1, 2018 - 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Paul Ferretti - Marilyn

Patricia Wall - Jack & Patrick

Carol McGuire - The McGuire Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am



Save The Date

We will have the Annual SJB/HT OLP/SP Clam Bake on Wednesday, July 25 from 1:00-5:00PM at Hinerwadel's. The cost is \$50.00 per person. More info will follow.



JULY EVENTS	
Sun. June 24	Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. July 1	Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. July 8	Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. July 15	Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. July 22	Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. July 29	Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. June 24	Coffee & Donuts Parish Center Following the 9:00AM Mass
Sat. July 14	BUNKO SJB/HT Parish Center 6:30PM
Thurs. July 19	Washington Square Assoc. Neighborhood Watch SJB/HT Parish Center 7:00PM
Wed. July 25	SJB/HT & OLP/SP Clam Bake Hinerwadel's 1:00-5:00PM

The Sanctuary Lamp
Will burn in memory of
Catherine More
Requested by **Mary Cellini**



Second Banns of Marriage
Meridith Nappa & Steven Maisto

Sunday Collection June 16th & June 17th

Regular collection\$1,914.79
Loose collection\$278.45
Religious Education collection..... \$140.00

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, Shelly Visco, and Matthew Watkins.

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