

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 2, 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.

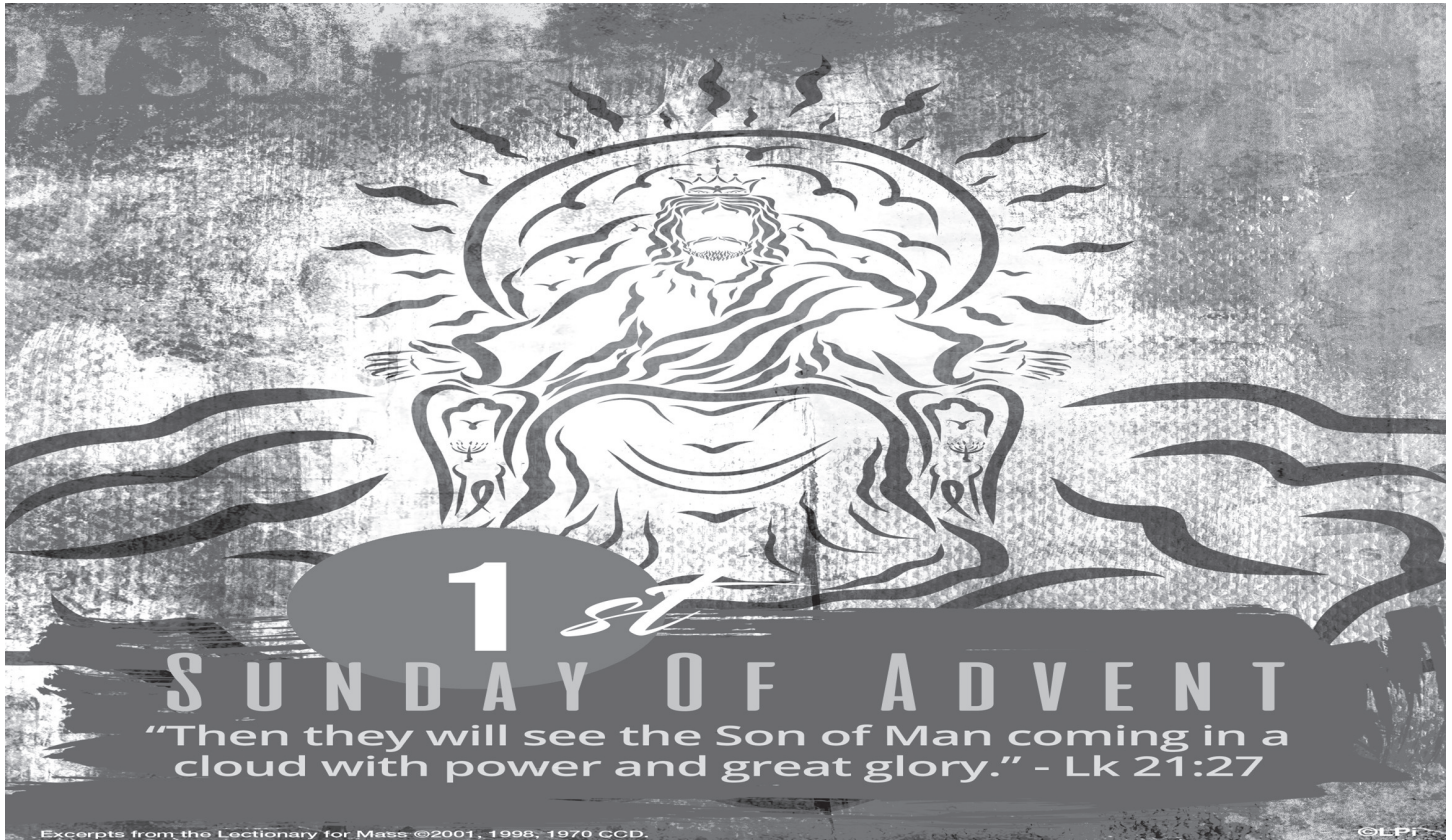
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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First Sunday In Advent

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

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,

This Sunday we begin our observance of Advent, one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. For me, much of its beauty comes from the fact that it approaches the next few weeks in such a different way than the world around us does. The world "out there" is already decorated for Christmas; in fact, much of the world is already celebrating Christmas. We, however, as disciples of Jesus have just begun to prepare. While the secular world is being overwhelmed with the commercialism of the "shopping season", we are called to prayerfully prepare for the coming of Christ.

Because society jumps right into Christmas after Thanksgiving, we are often in danger of losing sight of the true nature of the Advent season. This is a time of joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ, not just as a babe in Bethlehem, but also for His coming at the end of time. I realize that we all have to take some time to prepare for the physical celebration of Christmas, but I also hope and pray that we all take time to spiritually prepare during the holy season of Advent. Without this spiritual preparation, all the shopping, wrapping, baking, decorating, etc., is ultimately worthless because it is not a reflection of the joy we should have at the coming of the Prince of Peace; a joy that only comes from prayer.

To help all of us with the discipline of prayer this Advent, we are once again making available copies of the Magnificat Advent Companion. This is a wonderful booklet that offers a brief reflection for each day of this season of joyful anticipation and preparation. I hope each of us makes use of this resource.

Next Saturday, December 8th, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is the patronal feast of both the Church in the United States and of the Diocese of Syracuse. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter on Saturday at 8:00 AM and at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity 10:00 AM. Please plan on joining the community in prayer as we seek the intercession of our Heavenly Patroness.

Next Sunday, December 9th, Bishop Cunningham will once again be awarding the Immaculata Award. His Excellency instituted this award several years ago in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Syracuse. The award is given to a lay person from each parish who generously and unselfishly volunteers time and service to their parish. I am pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Immaculata Award from St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity is **Patty Schramm**. Patty is involved in so many aspects of parish life. She is an Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, involved with our school alumni, co-ordinates the International Food Festival, and is always there to lend a helping hand at parish events. The list of Patty's activities, past and present, in our parish could go on and on. I am extremely pleased that the Bishop is recognizing the great contribution she makes to this parish. Please offer a prayer of thanks for the gift that Patty is to the parish.

As we begin our Advent journey, I assure you of my continued prayers for all of you; please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Caruso

While all Liturgical Ministers are needed, please note: Needed Lectors; 4:00PM Christmas Eve & 9:00AM Christmas Day. Please call the rectory if you are able.



Christmas Eve - Monday, Dec. 24
4:00PM (lector needed) & 9:00PM SJB/HT
12:00 Midnight OLP/SP

Christmas Day - Tuesday, Dec. 25
9:00AM (lector needed)
11:00AM OLP/SP

New Years Eve Day - Monday, Dec. 31
5:30PM OLP/SP

New Year Day - Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019
9:00AM SJB/HT
11:00AM OLP/SP

Sunday Collection Nov. 24th & Nov.25th

Regular collection	\$2,411.00
Loose collection	\$294.00
Fuel collection	\$80.00



Religious Education News

There is NO CONFIRMATION class this week, but there is class for 1st to 8th grades. Next week the Confirmation II Candidates will be presented to the Parish at the 9:00AM Mass. Also, our First Communion Candidate will be making her First Penance after 9:00AM Mass. Please keep these students and all of our Religious Education students in your prayers. There is still room for more students if you have a child age 3 and up for Pre K to Confirmation II. We are also still looking for teachers, even if you can only teach part of the time. Please call Betty Warren for more information at 315-420-6357.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up and decorated with tags that have suggested items for children. We ask that you do not wrap any of the gifts. And, if you remember, please return the tags with the gifts. If you choose to purchase gift cards there is a bag at the Giving Tree for the cards. Gifts will be donated to Catholic Charities once again this year. The end of collection will be Sat. & Sun. Dec. 15 & 16.



Saturday, Dec. 8th & Sunday, Dec. 9th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

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

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

**Mass Schedule for
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity**

Sat. - Dec. 1, 2018 - Vigil - First Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Steve P. Taddeo - Peg & Family

Sun. - Dec. 2, 2018 - First Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Pat DiBello - The DiBello Family
Shirley Fornito - Mike & Darleen Morga

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Dec. 3, 2018 - St. Francis Xavier, priest

12:00 Noon - Pray for those still fighting the California fires

Tues. - Dec. 4, 2018 - St. John Damascene,

priest & doctor of the Church

12:00 Noon - Those fighting addictions

Wed. - Dec. 5, 2018

Thurs. - Dec. 6, 2018 - St. Nicholas, bishop

Fri. - Dec. 7, 2018 - St. Ambrose,

bishop & doctor of the Church

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Our community of homeless,
cold and hungry

**OLP/SP 5:30 pm - Vigil - The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Of Obligation**

Sat. - Dec. 8, 2018 - The Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Of Obligation

OLP/SP - 8:00 am

SJB/HT - 10:00 am - For The People

Vigil - Second Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

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

Sun. - Dec. 9, 2018 - Second Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

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

Georgio DelVecchio - Anna DelVecchio & Children

OLP/SP 11:00 am



DECEMBER EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 2	Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Dec. 9	Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. Dec. 16	Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. Dec. 23	Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Dec. 30	Group 1 Money Counters
Tues. Dec. 4	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Sun. Dec. 16	Breakfast with SANTA 8:00AM - 12:00 Noon Mass SJB/HT Parish Center
Tues. Dec. 18	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Thurs. Dec. 20	Washington Square Assoc. Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Mon. - Fri. Dec. 24-28 SJB/HT Rectory will be closed for the Christmas Holiday.	
Mon. Dec. 31 the Rectory will be closed at 12:00 Noon.	

Breakfast With Santa

8:00AM-11:00AM in the SJB/HT Parish Center. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, homefries, toast, choice of sausage or bacon, juice and coffee. Adults \$8.00, children 5-12 (accompanied by adult) \$4.00, under 5 (accompanied by adult) free. Bring your cameras! Santa will have gifts for all children.



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of
Michael Aiello & James Caprilozzi
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.**



Remember: Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Nancy & Pat Campagna, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Theresa Deprimio, Kathy Deprimio, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Drenzo, Aaron Doty, Louise Epolito, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, 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, Michael Morga, Darlene Noyes, Jean Padden, Sharon Peparata, 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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