

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 25, 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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant?

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Here is the heart of Jesus' reign. He is a king -- and his "subjects" are alive and well on earth -- but, ultimately, Jesus' kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus' invitation also endures. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ's kingdom.

First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God's grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn't mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!

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

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question, "are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.



Today is Christ the King Sunday. Instead of using his power selfishly to get whatever he wanted, Jesus used his power to free people from sickness, from death, and from evil. Jesus came to tell us the truth about God. Now we need to listen to the voice of Jesus and follow his example.

Mission for the Week

We "listen to Jesus" when we follow his example. This week, let others go first when you play a game.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our loving king.

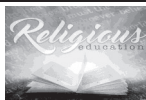


Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

We live in interesting times. Life is constantly changing. While this can be exciting on one hand, change also presents challenges. We live in an age of relativism where people can pick and choose the truths that suit them and build their own system of beliefs. While humans certainly have the freedom to choose, losing sight of long-standing universal truths is not such a healthy course. Jesus Christ our King is our universal truth! He is the God who is nonnegotiable, our non-option! In Christ, we know what truth is. He alone points us to God, our true selves, our proper relationships with one another, and the world in which we live. Christ directs us to the poor and vulnerable and teaches us what God's kingdom is meant to be. Christ is the king who serves others. He gets dirty. He ascends the throne of the cross. We are called to do the same.

Religious Education News

There are NO CLASSES this week. Happy Thanksgiving. There is NO CONFIRMATION class next week but there is class for 1st thru 8th grades. 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.

Dear Parishioners,



This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the last Sunday in the Church's Liturgical Year. We are invited to reflect on the sovereignty of Christ over all creation, including ourselves. The wonderful thing about Christ the King is that He, unlike earthly rulers, does not force His will on anyone. He continues to invite each of His subjects, including all of us, to respond freely to His invitation to allow Him into our lives. By God's Grace, each of us should respond whole-heartedly to that invitation and seek to conform our will to His Divine Will. May we always be loyal and obedient to Christ our King.

I would like to offer many thanks to all those who worked so hard last weekend to make our International Food Festival a success. I would like to particularly thank Patty Schramm and Jerry Mott for planning/organizing/coordinating the day's activities. It was a really great day. I am particularly grateful to for the number of parishioners, from both communities, who came to support the parish that day.

You all remain in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Caruso



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Dec. 8th

Mass at SJB/HT is at 10:00AM. Lori Weir will be our lector. Any available Eucharistic Ministers attending please do so. Mass at OLP/SP is at 8:00AM.

Christmas Eve - Monday, Dec. 24

Mass at SJB/HT - 4:00PM and 9:00PM. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Altar Servers are needed. If you know what Mass you are attending and can help, please call the rectory. Mass at OLP/SP is at 4:00PM and 12:00 Midnight.

Christmas Day - Tuesday, Dec. 25

Mass at SJB/HT is at 9:00AM. Again, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Altar Servers are needed and please call the rectory if you are available. Mass at OLP/SP is at 11:00AM.

New Years Eve Day - Monday, Dec. 31

Mass will be at OLP/SP at 5:30PM

New Year Day - Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019

Mass at SJB/HT is at 9:00AM. Again, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Altar Servers call the rectory. Mass at OLP/SP is 11:00AM.

Save the Date: Breakfast with SANTA

Sunday, Dec. 16

8:00AM - 12:00 Noon



Sunday Collection Nov. 17th & Nov.18th

Regular collection	\$3,137.00
Loose collection	\$438.00
Fuel collection	\$75.00
Poor collection	\$65.00
Human Development collection	\$137.00

Saturday, Dec. 1st & Sunday, Dec. 2nd

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ Lisa Primerano

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, P. Schramm, R. Warren, L. Argiro,
M. Piazza, R. Elderbroom, K. Fekete

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

**Sat. - Nov. 24, 2018 - Vigil - Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Mary Kane - Husband, Richard
Tommasina Carfagno - The Twim Brothers
Pietro Paolo & Philomina Tomiano -
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Mazza

Sun. - Nov. 25, 2018 - 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Cesario Palucci -
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Palucci & Family
Rosemary "Pat" Markert - The Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Nov. 26, 2018

12:00 Noon - All Souls

Tues. - Nov. 27, 2018

12:00 Noon - The homeless in need of safe shelter

Wed. - Nov. 28, 2018

Thurs. - Nov. 29, 2018

Fri. - Nov. 30, 2018 - St. Andrew, apostle

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Pray for peace in our troubled world

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

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Steve P. Taddeo - Peg & Family
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of
Rosemary "Pat" Markert
Requested by The Family

DECEMBER EVENTS

Sun. Nov. 25

Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Dec.

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. Nov. 27 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Sat. Dec. 1

SJB/HT-PLP/SP Parish
Christmas Party 5:30
Traditions at the Links

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.**

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 Cush-
man, 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 Gal-
vagno, Trudy (Sobon) German, Gladys Graham, Jeanne
Hammond, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane
Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Lim-
eri, 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. Sup-
pes, Reita Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, and Mat-
thew Watkins.



The month of November we laid to rest from our parish
community; Shirley Fornito and Dale Rinker.

Congratulations and Happiness to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas &
Jennifer (Ohlsen) Stone on your marriage.

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