

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 30, 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.

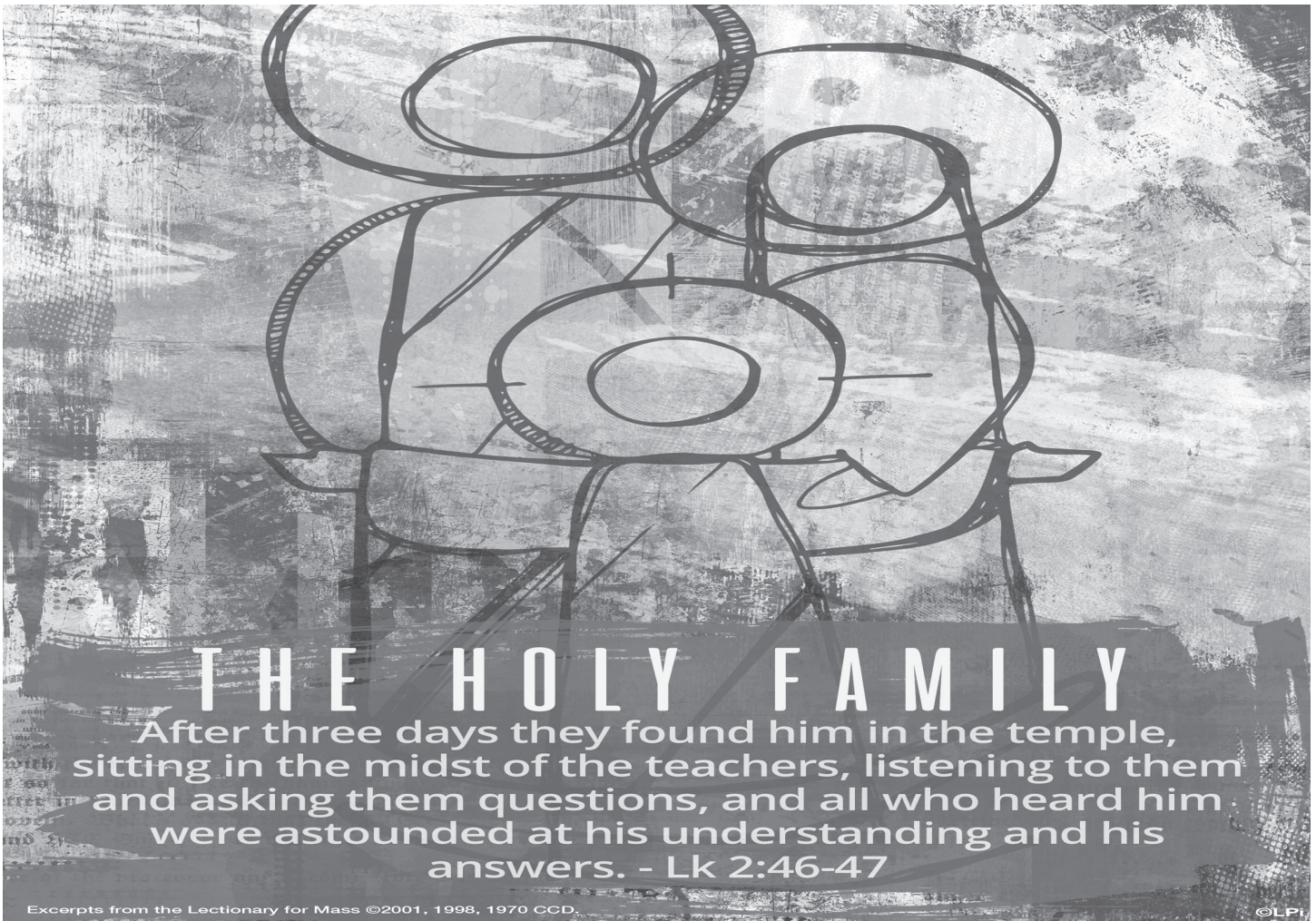
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, "they were astonished." But at what? Mary's response is surprised. They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers. They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." All our children have an "otherness" about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not "me." What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?

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,

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas Season, I want to thank everybody who worked so hard to make our celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so special. So many people contributed their time and talent to help us celebrate the birth of Christ. Thank you to all the volunteers for the wonderful job they did in preparing the church for Christmas. The music for our celebrations was, as always, outstanding and thanks are due to James Stanley, Jonathan Howell, and the instrumentalists. Thank you to our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers who assisted at our Christmas Masses. A special thanks to Fr. Smith and Fr. Major for all they do for our community, especially during this Joyful Season. Finally, I want to thank all of you who joined us in worship on Christmas. Your prayerful presence is appreciated throughout the year.

It is important to remember that Christmas is not over. The Christmas Season doesn't end until January 13th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Perhaps we find Christmas such a let down because all of our attentions are focused on the commercial aspects of the season. For too many of us, after the presents are opened on Christmas Day there is nothing else. However, in Faith we continue to celebrate. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the model for us as a family at home and also as a parish family. Today the Church invites us to stop and think about the qualities that must have been present in the Holy Family: Love/charity, patience, and forgiveness are a few that come to mind. Let us pray that these same attributes will mark our all of our families, including our parish family.

Please remember that Tuesday, January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, but I hope we come together that day for reasons than "we have to." I can't think of a better way to start the New Year than celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is a vigil Mass on Monday at 5:30 at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and then on New Year's Day Mass will be at 9:00AM at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity & 11:00AM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.

Fr. Smith, the staff and I wish to thank all those who sent cards, gifts, and goodies to the rectory for Christmas. They were all greatly appreciated.

My prayers remain with all of you for a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

In the Peace of the New Born King,
Fr. Caruso



New Year Mass Schedule

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



When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.

Mission for the Week

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to feel at home in my church like Jesus did.

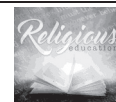


Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Families are complicated systems. They can be the most transforming or the most hurtful of experiences. Our families of origin have a huge claim on who we are and who we will become. While families need to help us fulfill some of our human needs, this cannot be their sole purpose or focus. Healthy and happy families consist of folks who always have their eyes on the needs and best interests of the other individuals who make up their family unit. We live in the greater family of the world, which is also God's family. It can't only be about us. We must focus our gaze on the needs and well-being of our brothers and sisters. This whole seeing allows us to see others as God sees them. The Holy Family is the perfect example of how all families can work: our families of origin, the families in which we now find ourselves, and the family of our world. May we look to their example in helping us fine-tune our systems of family life so that God's presence can truly be revealed in and through them!

Religious Education News

Class will resume January 6, 2019. 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.



Due to early transmit, collections for Dec. 23rd & 24th, 29th & 30th will be added to the Jan. 6th bulletin.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Today's Gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

The month of December we laid to rest from our parish community Joy Wittwer (Nov.), Stephanie Prejent and Pat Campagna.

Saturday, Jan. 5th & Sunday, Jan. 6th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ Fran Brimfield

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ M.A. Bergamo, J. LaVergne, G. Larkin

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, P. Schramm, E. Warren

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

**Sat. - Dec. 29, 2018 - Vigil - The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Nick LaRose - Gloria Mastriano

**Sun. - Dec. 30, 2018 - The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Dec. 31, 2018 - New Year's Eve

5:30 pm OLP/SP

Note there is No Noon Mass SJB/HT

**Tues. - Jan. 1, 2019 - The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God**

9:00 am - SJB/HT - For The People

11:00 am - OLP/SP

Note there is no Noon Mass SJB/HT

**Wed. - Jan. 2, 2019 - Sts. Basil the Great &
Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church**

Thurs. - Jan. 3, 2019 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Fri. - Jan. 4, 2019 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions

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

Sat. - Jan. 5, 2019 - Vigil - The Epiphany of the Lord

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

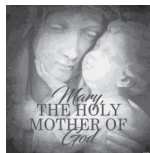
SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Giuseppe Migliore - The Family

Sun. - Jan. 6, 2019 - The Epiphany of the Lord

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Shirley Fornito - Rick & Kathy Charland

OLP/SP 11:00 am



**Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019. This is a Holy Day of
Obligation. Vigil Mass is at OLP/SP Monday,
Dec. 31 at 5:30PM. Jan. 1, Mass at SJB/HT is
9:00AM and OLP/SP at 11:00AM.**

JANUARY EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 30

Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 6

Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 13

Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 20

Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 27

Group 1 Money Counters

**Mon. Dec. 31 the Rectory will be closed at
12:00 Noon. There is no Noon Mass.**

Tues. Jan. 1

Rectory is Closed

Tues. Jan. 15 Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree

7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Thurs. Jan. 17

Washington Square Assoc.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Mon. Jan. 21

SJB/HT Rectory Closed

No Noon Mass

Tues. Jan. 22

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center



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 Campagna, Rosaria
Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman,
Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Theresa De-
primio, Kathy Deprimio, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello,
Anthony Direnzo, 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.



New Year Blessing

Heavenly Father,
in this time of new beginnings,
we recall how the heavens celebrated
the birth of Christ.

We think back to the new kingdom he proclaimed,
and remember the new life we gained in our bap-
tism.

In this time of new beginnings,
and at the beginning of this New Year,
may we always act as good examples
of the new life in you that all Christians have
and be the same for others.

Give us the joy that is ours
as adopted members of God's family.
Amen.

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