

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 3, 2019

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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4th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28-30

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Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

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.

Religious Education News

All classes will resume Feb. 3 for all grades. There will also be classes for all grades next week, Feb. 10. Then all the students will be off for 2 weeks, Feb. 17 & Feb. 24, for Presidents Day and Winter Recess. Confirmation students will be off for an additional week on Mar. 3. Please continue to pray for our children, especially those preparing for Sacraments this year.



Jesus did not expect everybody to like him. Jesus chose to follow God's plan, no matter what other people said. Even though some people wanted to hurt Jesus, he always spoke the truth. He always did what was right, no matter what.

Mission for the Week

Has anyone ever hurt your feelings because you love God? Pray for that person, and keep doing what is right.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to keep on doing what you want, no matter what other people say.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at this words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

No one wants to listen to a prophet, especially when the prophet is someone close to us. We have a hard time accepting that ordinary associations can develop the type and depth of wisdom that can not only positively change lives but profoundly challenge them. To many folks, Jesus was simply the son of Joseph, even though his words caught their attention and amazed them. After his words sunk in, they were infuriated and drove him out of town. Is Jesus simply the son of Joseph to us as well, or is he the God who knew us before we were formed in the womb? If he is God, then we need to heed his message and change our lives accordingly.



The month of January we laid to rest from our parish community **Joseph Spurchase & Patricia Schramm.**

Sunday Collection Jan. 26th & Jan. 27th

Regular collection	\$2,892.26
Loose collection	\$624.00
Fuel collection	\$124.00

**The Will of God never
takes you to where
the Grace of God will not protect you**

Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2018 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, 315-478-0916, email us at nbergeson@syrdio.org, fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention "Nancy".

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.

Name: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Z: _____ Envelope Number: _____

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

There is something about children that makes people smile. Their innocence, hopefulness, and amazing and amusing things they say and do bring out good qualities in people. Bring a child into a nursing home and watch people light up. Or walk into a store with a 2 year old and see people smile. Or watch when a dad carries a toddler on his shoulders and even people driving by smile.



Simeon must have smiled at Jesus. He saw more than just an infant smiling and proud parents. He knew he looked upon the hope and promise of Israel. He saw his "heir apparent," the priest, prophet and king who would bring the message of salvation to the world. Simeon no doubt smiled as he gazed upon the infant so many had longed to see.

Joy is a very important part of faith. Knowing the Lord and sharing in His life should bring us a sense of joyfulness and peace, if we really believe in the promises of Jesus. Too often people leave Church the same way they leave root canal!! We know and have seen for ourselves the great work of love and hope that God has done. We are His heirs!



OLP/SP Taste of Pompei

You are invited to join us for our Taste of Pompei on Sat. Feb. 16 starting at 5:00PM in the Pompei school cafeteria. We have 22 dishes already committed and we are sure you agree they are absolutely wonderful choices. Some of the delicious items are...Italian wedding soup, eggplant parmesan, Utica greens, BBQ ribs, spaghetti supper recipe meatballs, tortellini alfredo, baked ziti, chicken riggies, pasta n beans, colcannon, cavatilli and broccoli, egg rolls, chili, pulled chicken, Joanne Merola special soup, pasta bake, mediterranean and caprese salads, whipped sweet potatoes, collard greens and spinach squares...stay tuned for additional items next week. Oh...and the array of desserts promises to be as fantastic as always! Tickets are \$20.00 (what you get for \$20.00 is sooo beyond)! You can purchase them at the OLP/SP Parish and School Offices during the week or call the office and we can arrange to mail them to you. You can also get your tickets for the annual Basket Bonanza coming up on April 27th at half price (only \$5.00) if you purchase them at the time you purchase Taste tickets! Call Lucy Paris at the Parish Office with any questions...315-422-7163.

Saturday, Feb. 9th & Sunday, Feb. 10th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Jack Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, K. Fekete, R. Warren

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

Sat. - Feb. 2, 2019 - Vigil - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - Feb. 3, 2019 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Debbie Greenfield - The Family

Donald McGuire, Jr. - The McGuire Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Feb. 4, 2019

12:00 Noon - Patty Schramm - Mary Anne Bergamo

Tues. - Feb. 5, 2019 - St. Agatha, virgin & martyr

12:00 Noon - Those in need of warm shelter, food and
medical attention during the cold winter months

Wed. - Feb. 6, 2019 - St. Paul Miki & companions,

martyrs

Thurs. - Feb. 7, 2019

Fri. - Feb. 8, 2019 - Sts. Jerome Emiliani, saint,

Josephine Bakhita, virgin

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Frances Lawless - Sherrie Johnson

Sat. - Feb. 9, 2019 - Vigil - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Raffaele DeMichele -

Maria DiMichele & Family

Sun. - Feb. 10, 2019 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Shirley Fornito - Patricia Schramm

Georgio DelVecchio - Anna DelVecchio & Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FEBRUARY EVENTS	
Sun. Feb. 3	Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. Feb. 10	Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. Feb. 17	Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Feb. 24	Group 1 Money Counters
Tues. Feb. 5	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Mon. Feb. 18	Office Closed Presidents Day No Noon Mass Today
Tues. Feb. 19	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Thurs. Feb. 21	Washington Square Assoc. Neighborhood Watch Group 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Sat. Feb. 23	BUNKO 6:30 SJB/HT Parish Center
Tues. Feb. 26	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Memorials For Hymnals

A reminder that Memorials, that will appear on the inside cover of the Hymnals, are still available in memory of loved ones for \$20.00 per request. You may use the below form or call the office for further assistance. There is no information on when requests already made will be printed but all have been submitted.

In Memory of: 1) _____

2) _____

Requested by: _____

Phone number: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



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, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Cathy DiPrimio, Anthony Direnzo, 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, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Jason A. Smith, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, and Matthew Watkins.



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