

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

406 Court Street Syracuse, NY 13208

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January 13, 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.

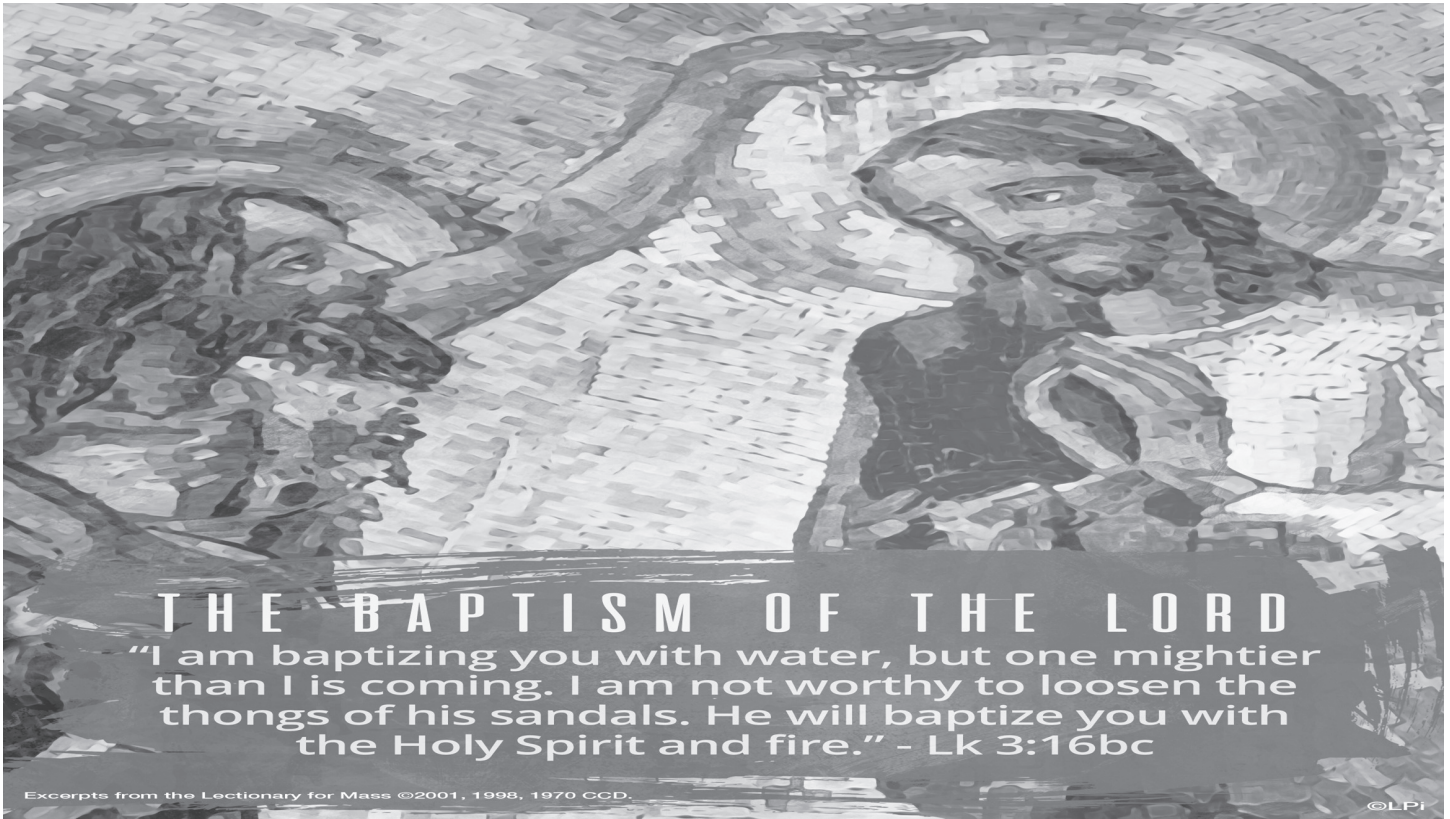
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

E-mail - nbergeson@syrdio.org

Web Site - www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com



The Baptism of the Lord

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?

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.



Bunko Date - Sat. Jan. 19

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. Jan. 16 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. Jan. 19

Fisherman's Club Bulletin Blurb – Winter/Spring 2019



All are welcome to attend the January 28, 2019 gathering of #FishermansClub, an initiative sponsored by the Diocese of Syracuse that reaches out to young adult men who are thinking about the priesthood. The meetings begin with prayer at 7:00pm in Panasci Chapel at Le-Moyne College. Prayer will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers, a talk on discernment, time for silent reflection and personal prayer as well as Solemn Benediction. After prayer, the group will move to the Drescher Room in Panasci Chapel for a time of fellowship and witness where pizza and soft drinks will be provided. The meetings always conclude by 8:30pm. To learn more, visit vocations-syracuse.org. Meetings: Feb. 25, 2019 and Mar. 25, 2019.

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles.

He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."

Mission for the Week

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

Prayer

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.



In 2019 Choose to..

Give rather than take,
Love rather than hate,
Better rather than bitter,
Heal rather than wound,
Let go rather than dwell,
Bless rather than stress
Encourage rather
than criticize,
Be grateful rather
than resentful,
Choose to **BE HAPPY**
and focus on the light
within each other rather
the shadows.

And the world will become
a more peaceful place.

inspire, *Patience* and *compassion* **IP**

~Babz



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus was publicly affirmed by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed affirmation and so do our children.

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.

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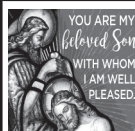
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Couples Night Out
Wednesday, January 23, 2019
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

SYRACUSE AREA Empire Brewpub 120 Walton Street, Armory Square Syracuse, NY 13202 *We will meet in the private room upstairs	EASTERN REGION LITICA-ROME The Sanctuary Bar 728 Court Street Utica, NY 13502 *We will meet in the private room upstairs	SOUTHERN REGION CORTLAND-BINGHAMTON BRU 64 Marketplace Mall - 64 Main Street Cortland, NY 13845 *We will meet in the private room to the left as you enter
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*Give your marriage a boost with a fun night out!
Appetizers and a drink are on us!*

Questions? Contact us at nfp@syrdio.org or (315) 472-6754.
Hosted by the Syracuse Diocese NFP Ministry, Office of Family/Respect Life



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

At the baptism of Jesus, a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Through Baptism, Jesus' identity as God's Son is revealed and understood. He knows very clearly who he is. Baptism does the same for us. It gives us our identity as daughters and sons of God. We have the wonderful opportunity, given to us as a gift, to share in the same intimate relationship Jesus has with God his Father. Being a daughter or son of God gives us a unique and focused mission to which we must be faithful. Our identity, as with Jesus, is rooted in God. This is a simple fact we all must accept. Through Baptism, we are given the power and ability to see the world as God sees and to think and act as God would think and act. This is a tall order but one that will lead us to truth and ultimately to happiness.

Religious Education News

As we start the 2nd half of our Religious Education program, I ask you to pray for all our children, especially Gabriel-Ann Jones who is preparing to make her First Communion in May and for Luis Guerrero & Noah Smith who are preparing for their Confirmation in April. There are no classes on Jan. 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Classes will resume on Jan. 27 for Pre-K to 8th. There is no Confirmation class on the 27th.



Saturday, Jan. 19th & Sunday, Jan. 20th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ Lisa Primerano

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, R. Elderbroom, C. Horton

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

Sat. - Jan. 12, 2019 - Vigil - The Baptism of the Lord

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - Jan. 13, 2019 - The Baptism of the Lord

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Jan. 14, 2019

12:00 Noon - Pray for the Pope

Tues. - Jan. 15, 2019

12:00 Noon - Peace within our community

Wed. - Jan. 16, 2019

Thurs. - Jan. 17, 2019 - St. Anthony, abbot

**Fri. - Jan. 18, 2019 - Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity begins**

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Pray for Christian Unity in the World

**Sat. - Jan. 19, 2019 - Vigil - The 2nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Ralph Smith - The Smith Family
Terry Connors - Rose Mary Connors
Vincenzo Abbatiello - The Family
Helen Kwasigroch - Rose Mary Connors

Sun. - Jan. 20, 2019 - The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - To Honor the Irish founders of SJB

OLP/SP 11:00 am



Flower Request for the Altar

**In memory of the Deceased members of the Family,
requested by Michael & Barbara Varre.**



Serving Our Country Always keep in prayer all
servicemen and women. From our parish: **Rob
Smith, Bryan M. Oakes & Anthony Cangemi.**

JANUARY EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 13

Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 20

Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Jan. 27

Group 1 Money Counters

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

Sunday Collection Jan. 5th & Jan. 6th

Regular collection\$3,366.01

Loose collection \$402.00

Poor collection..... \$99.00

Solemnity of Mary collection..... \$194.00

March for Life!



**Early
Registration Ends
January 1, 2019**

**One-Day Pilgrimage
For Adults and Families
Washington, DC
January 17th - 18th, 2019**

Bus will leave Holy Cross Church, 4112 E. Genesee St., Dewitt on
Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, 11:00 p.m. and return on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 at 11:00 p.m.

Cost: Early Registration: \$40/person (Ends January 1, 2019).

Regular Registration: \$50/person • **Maximum Family Rate:** \$100/person

*The trip includes Mass with Bishop Cunningham at the National Basilica, participation in
the March for Life with the diocesan group, transportation, lunch and a diocesan scarf.

For more information contact Morgan Durfee

(315) 472-6754 or email: familyrespectlife@syrdio.org

To register online: <https://march4lifesyrcuse.eventbrite.com>

Be A Voice for the Voiceless!



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The Syracuse Diocese Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry



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 Drenzo, Aaron Doty, Louise Epolito, Dan Fahey,
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Hammond, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane
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