

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 6, 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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The Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

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

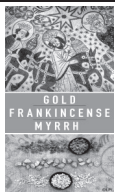
Call the Rectory to arrange for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist and cantor directly. Baptisms and hospital/home visits.

Parishioners,

While the world around us has moved on to the next holiday, our celebration of Christmas continues. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast commemorates the manifestation of God through Christ to the whole world, symbolized by the arrival of the Magi from the east. The Magi were led to Christ by following the light of the Star of Bethlehem. Let us pray that others in this world that is so often filled with the darkness of doubt, despair and sin may be led to Christ by the light of our example.

Our celebration of Christmas continues even beyond this weekend. Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which will mark the end of the Christmas season. Many thanks to all those who made our celebration of this joyous season so special. Please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's peace,
Fr. Caruso



Epiphany of the Lord

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

EPHAPHNY



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way" to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

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: _____

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Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

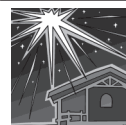
Mission for the Week

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

We all have had the experience of walking into a dark room and searching for the light switch. If we are really unfamiliar with the space, anxiety, uncertainty, disorientation, and even fear can easily arise. Once we find the light, all is illuminated and we are at peace. Our light has come into the world! The glory of God has been revealed! Today's feast of the Epiphany teaches us to look to our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the way to truly be the human beings we were created to be. He shows us how to prioritize our lives, order our relationships, care for creation, and live as daughters and sons of God. God's love and creative power is universal, transcending all races and nations. Jesus brings the light of peace to a broken world that still struggles to understand itself and to you and I who also struggle to understand who we are. May we find ourselves overjoyed that we have found our truth and allow Jesus to bring light to the darkness of our lives!

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.



Saturday, Jan. 12th & Sunday, Jan. 13th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Jack Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Mary Barraco

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ R. Copani, P. Serio, F. Sanzone

9:00AM ~ M. Piazza, R. Warren, Michael Dykeman

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

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

Mon. - Jan. 7, 2019 - St. Raymond of Penafort, priest

12:00 Noon - Pray for an end to all violence

Tues. - Jan. 8, 2019

12:00 Noon - Those who are terminally ill

Wed. - Jan. 9, 2019

Thurs. - Jan. 10, 2019

Fri. - Jan. 11, 2019

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - The Pope and the Church

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**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for a
Special Intention requested by Mary Cellini
Giuseppe Migliore - The Family**



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. 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

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 Dec. 22nd & Dec. 23rd

Regular collection\$3,064.00

Loose collection \$498.00

Christmas Collection Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th

Regular collection \$467.00

Christmas collection\$2,886.00

Loose collection\$1,332.50

Sunday Collection Dec. 29th & Dec. 30th

Regular collection\$1,469.01

Loose collection \$301.51



**"The Crisis in the Church:
Didn't We Fix This?"**

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti of the Diocese of Syracuse will present this talk on Saturday, Jan. 12 at Holy Cross Church in DeWitt. It will begin at 10:00am and all are welcome to attend. Msgr. Is an international speaker and the author of several books focused on the clergy child sexual abuse crisis. He assisted the Bishops of the U.S. in drafting the "Dallas Charter" and is currently a consultant for the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of minors. Msgr. Rossetti currently teaches Pastoral Studies at Catholic University of America.



Remember: Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Nancy 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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