

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

406 Court Street Syracuse, NY 13208

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February 17, 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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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



**"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.  
Behold, your reward will  
be great in heaven."  
- Lk 6:22, 23b**

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich ? who are filled now ? who laugh ? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor ? you who are now hungry ? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

#### **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

There are no classes this week for Presidents' Day and Winter Recess. Confirmation students will be off for an additional week on March 3rd. Please continue to pray for our children, especially those preparing for Sacraments this year.



One day in heaven, God will reward you for all the loving things you do. When you clean up the dishes without being asked, God sees. If other people are mean to you because you love Jesus, God sees. God will be so happy to see you in heaven!

### Mission for the Week

Are any of your neighbors lonely?  
Go out of your way to show Jesus' love to those people.



### Prayer

Dear God, help me love you with my whole heart. Help me do things that will make you smile.



## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

Don't look very far when you hear today's Gospel speak of poverty, sorrow, or exclusion.

These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.

## Live The Liturgy -

### Inspiration For The Week

Getting ahead in the world is something many see as important. Success, a comfortable life, and worldly securities are seen as what is needed to achieve happiness. Whether or not we like to admit it, these pursuits are operative in many of our lives. As much as we want to believe in the Gospel, we also find it hard not to cling to these other things. Unconditional trust in God must be first if we are going to perceive the kingdom of God. And while God does not want us to go out of our way to be miserable, Jesus clearly gives preference to those who are poor, hungry, weeping, marginalized, vulnerable, and despised. When people encounter these things, they touch God. It teaches us not to get too comfortable with our riches and that there is much more to true life than the stuff we find so important.



## Project Rachel Peace Starts Here

Project Rachel Ministry for private, confidential assistance call (855) 364-0076 or email: [hopeandhealing@syrdio.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@syrdio.org) Individual or group meeting available. Other sites: [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com), [www.afterabortion.com](http://www.afterabortion.com), [www.silentnomoreawareness.org](http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org), [www.newhopefamilyservices.com](http://www.newhopefamilyservices.com), [www.sistersoflife.org/hope-and-healing-after-abortion](http://www.sistersoflife.org/hope-and-healing-after-abortion), Abortion reversal: [www.abortionpillreversal.com](http://www.abortionpillreversal.com) Call 24/7 hotline (877)558-0333.

## 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bunko Date - Sat. Feb. 23

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. Feb. 20 for details. Phone is 315-420-6357 or email at [warrenbeliz@yahoo.com](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).

**PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it is important to the set up of the game.**

**Next Bunko night is Sat. Feb. 23**



## PaFISHioners Sponsoring Baked Fish Dinner

Would you like to be a "PaFISHioner Sponsor" for our famous Baked Fish Dinners? Available for \$25.00, we will add your name to our sponsorship line-up for the 2019 year. Please fill in the slip below, you can mail it or put it into the collection basket marked "PaFISHioner Sponsor". Dinners are Friday's March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12 in our Parish Center from 4:00-7:00PM.

**HOOK me up as a "PaFISHioner Sponsor"!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying with check, please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.

Thank You for your support.

## Pregnant? Need Someone To Talk To?

Call or Visit in the Syracuse Area:

- 1) **Birthright**, 346 North Midler Ave. #46, Syr. NY 13206 315-479-5807 or (800) 550-4900, <https://birthright.org/syracuse>
- 2) **New Hope Family Services**, 3519 James Street, Syr. NY 13206 315-437-8300 or (800) 273-3171, [www.newhopefamilyservices.com](http://www.newhopefamilyservices.com)
- 3) **Care Net Pregnancy Center of Central New York**, 4268 Wetzel Rd. Liverpool, NY 13090, 315-715-0500, <https://carenetcares.com/contact-us/liverpool>
- 4) **Catholic Charities of Onondaga County Expectant Parent Services**, 315-362-7647.

**All areas: Joseph's House for Women**, Hotline 315-288-0319, Office 315-701-4981, <https://www.jhfw.org>.





The Rectory will be closed Monday, Feb. 18 and there is no Noon Mass due to the Presidents Day Holiday.



Saturday, Feb. 23rd & Sunday, Feb. 24th

**LECTORS:**

5:30PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ Fran Brimfield

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

5:30PM ~ J. LaVergne, M.E. Caruso, L. Sanzone

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman

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

Sat. - Feb. 16, 2019 - Vigil - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - Feb. 17, 2019 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Joseph Spurchise - Ed Calucci

Louis & Frances Aiello - The Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Feb. 18, 2019 - Presidents' Day

12:00 Noon - No Noon Mass

Tues. - Feb. 19, 2019

12:00 Noon - Our first responders who protect  
and serve our community

Wed. - Feb. 20, 2019

Thurs. - Feb. 21, 2019 - St. Peter Damian,

bishop & doctor of the Church

Fri. - Feb. 22, 2019 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Our Pope and all religious

Sat. - Feb. 23, 2019 - Vigil - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - John Hessmiller - Mike Morga

Sun. - Feb. 24, 2019 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

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

Patricia Wall - Jack & Patrick Wall

Albert J. Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney

OLP/SP 11:00 am



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

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

**Exposition of Sacred Relics**  
**Tuesday, February 26 at 6:00PM**  
 The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 927 Park Ave, Syr, NY 13204 315-422-2343 welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred relics. Over 150 relics will be present, some as old as 2,000 years. Relics of St. Teresa of Avila, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lixieux (the little flower), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, a piece of a veil which belonged to Our Lady, and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross.

**Sunday Collection Feb. 9th & Feb. 10th**

Regular collection .....	\$3,013.00
Loose collection .....	\$567.00
Poor collection.....	\$170.00

**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for a  
Special Intention**  
**Requested by Mary Cellini**

**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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