

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 24, 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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7th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:35-36

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Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

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 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.



Treat others the way you want to be treated. God doesn't want us to treat other people the same way they treat you.
Choose to be kind, even when other people are mean.
Choose to forgive, even when someone has hurt you.

Mission for the Week

When someone hurts your feelings this week, instead of getting even, pray for that person.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to love other people the way you love me.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's Gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." We do not like hearing these words, but they are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. When we are hurt, we want to get defensive and fight back. We prefer engaging in battle with something that is negative and evil rather than returning a heart of love. It is easy to love those who will love us back and much harder to love those who may not. But there is no credit to be found in simply surrounding ourselves with friends. Jesus wants to push us out of our comfort zones. We still find ourselves judging others and condemning them when the order of the Gospel is forgiveness and mercy. Why are we so unwilling to let go of the control? Perhaps the answer is found in a failure to love and an absence of faith.



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: _____



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.

Lenten Day of Reflection

With Sr. Kathleen Osbelt

"Coming Home to Ourselves": Means that one can walk around inside one's heart, looking at what is there, and finding God's love within it.

Wed. March 6 from 10:00AM-3:00PM held at Christ the King Retreat House 500 Brookford Rd. Syr., NY 13224. For reservations call 315-446-2680 or register on site at www.ctkretreat.com. Offering is \$30.00 and includes lunch.



Cancer Benefit for Jason A. Smith

Jason was diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer Stage 3 in Nov. 2017. The tumor disappeared after he underwent 6 weeks of Chemo and radiation. The biopsy in Jan. 2019 showed that the cancer was now in his cells and is at Stage 4. A benefit will be held to help Jason and his family for his medical expenses on Sat., March 30 from 2:00-6:00PM at Madison Village (Casual Estates) 7330 Landsend Lane, Liverpool, NY 13090. Food, raffles, bake sale, 50/50, silent auction, music and more. Advance tickets \$10/pp and \$15/pp at the door. Children under 5 are free. Please call Lisa Smith at 315-516-2308 or 315-715-4977 or Kerri Lindsay at 315-491-0384. Please send donations to: Jason A. Smith Cancer Fund 5518 Grosvenor Rd. Liverpool, NY 13090. Jason and Lisa are SJB/HT parishioners.

WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

**Saturday, March 16, 2019
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

EVENT LOCATION: Cascades Indoor Waterpark at Greek Peak
COST: \$15 per person, which includes access to the waterpark and lunch!
Children under 2 years old are FREE

For more information and to register, go to <https://nfpwinterfun.eventbrite.com>

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

**Saturday, Mar. 2nd & Sunday, Mar. 3rd
LECTORS:**

5:30PM ~ Owen Donovan
9:00AM ~ Mary Barraco

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano
9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone, J. LaVergne
9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton

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

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

Mon. - Feb. 25, 2019

12:00 Noon - Those who live without shelter and food

Tues. - Feb. 26, 2019

12:00 Noon - Patty Schramm - Jerry Mott

Wed. - Feb. 27, 2019

Thurs. - Feb. 28, 2019

Fri. - Mar. 1, 2019 - World Day Of Prayer

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - For the prayers that we hold in
the silence of our hearts.

Sat. - Mar. 2, 2019 - Vigil - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Anthony Mattarazzo III -
Mother, Yolanda

Sun. - Mar. 3, 2019 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am



Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mass Schedule with the distribution of Ashes
is as follows: 9:00AM OLP/SP, 12:00 Noon
SJB/HT and 5:30PM SJB/HT. Lector available for Noon and
5:30 SJB/HT please call the rectory.



MARCH EVENTS

Sun. Feb. 24	Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Mar. 3	Group 2 Money counters
Sun. Mar. 10	Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. Mar. 17	Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Mar. 24	Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Mar. 31	Group 2 Money Counters
Tues. Feb. 26	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Tues. Mar. 5	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Fri. Mar. 8, 15, 22 & 29 Apr. 5 & 12	Baked Fish Dinners 4:00-7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Tues. Mar. 19	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Thurs. Mar. 21	Washington Square Assoc. Neighborhood Watch 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Tues. Mar. 26	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Sunday Collection Feb. 16th & Feb. 17th

Regular collection	\$2,366.00
Loose collection	\$331.00
Poor collection.....	\$125.00
Religious Education collection.....	\$186.00



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

**Please take a moment while you pray for our parishion-
ers and let the office know if any changes should
be made to this request list.**

Remember: Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield,
Lorna Dodge Burton, Nancy Campagna, Rosa-
ria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cush-
man, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank
DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Cathy DiPrimio, Anthony Dizenzo,
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, Rose-
mary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Joanne Lough-
ney, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Bernice
McClelland, Peggy Miccinelli, Helen Mnich, Michael
Morga, Darlene Noyes, Jean Padden, Cathy Galutz Sacco,
Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Jason A. Smith, Timothy K.
Suppes, Reita Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, and
Matthew Watkins.



The month of February; We laid to rest from our parish
community: Marguerite Bacola and Sharon Peparata.

Congratulations to Elijah Ramal Bailey on his baptism.

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