

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 10, 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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

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.

PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING

The Lenten devotions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are very

serious practices for us as we prepare to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

As our catechumens prepare for the Easter sacraments, we are called by the Church to model what it means to be a Catholic Christians. We are called, especially during this Lenten season, to pray, fast, and give from the wealth we have to those who need our assistance.

This season is not merely a season of obligation to act more intently as God calls us to act; it is a season of opportunity to practice the foundation of our faith more attentively: prayer, fasting, almsgiving.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Temptation is a part of our lives. Even Jesus wrestled with temptation. Our faith tells us that we are meant to live our lives in service of God's kingdom. Yet, we often find ourselves pursuing our own desires rather than God's. The Gospel clearly tells us that true power is found in the embrace of virtue - living lives of non-violence, mercy, and forgiveness. Yet, we still are not convinced and seek things that will hurt us and retaliate against those who harm us. When Jesus faced temptation, he found security in who he was, which firmly rooted him in his mission and gave him the determination to trust in God. We, too, must learn to find security in our identity as a son or daughter of God, to live out our mission rooted in that truth, and to be confident in God's abiding presence.



Basket Bonanza OLP/SP

Save The Date - Saturday, April 27th

You are invited to attend The Basket Bonanza which starts at 5:00pm in the school cafeteria.

It's a wonderful time that we hope you will consider attending. If you haven't been to the Basket Bonanza before, we know you will be delighted and will certainly enjoy the evening. If you have joined us before, you know what we are talking about!! Similar to other auction events you may have attended, the evening starts at 5:00pm and features around 65 incredible baskets (with themes such as entertainment, sports, food, drink, movie, dining, toys, gifts, pets, hobbies, lotto, seasonal, etc.) they are raffled by placing tickets in the bags of your choice placed in front of the baskets and at the end of the allotted time, a ticket is picked from each one as the winner. There are also a few wonderful silent auctions items. Baskets and Silent Auction items are already coming in and we know this year will be another fantastic Bonanza with great opportunities to win incredible items. We hope you will join us! Admission is \$10.00 which includes 2 free tickets for raffle baskets. Additional tickets are only \$2.00 each. Delicious food, and great company also! You do not need to be present to win. Call Lucy at OLP/SP 315-422-7163 or cell 315-345-0562.



PaFISHioners Sponsoring Baked Fish Dinner

We have had a terrific response for the PaFISHioners Sponsoring of our Baked Fish Dinners. Thank You all so very much for your thoughtful and generous donations, either in memory of a special request or just as a donation. This money will help defray the cost to our homebound who receive dinners at no charge, Syracuse Police Officers who dine with us at no charge, or for anyone unable to pay at the door. You can make a donation at any time during our fish dinners. Please call the rectory for information. Again Thank You all so very much. We truly are a Blessed Parish.

Religious Education News

The Confirmation students had their retreat at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters Convent on March 9th from 9:00am-2:00pm. There is no Confirmation class on March 10th. Pre-K - 8th will have class on March 10th. Please continue to pray for our children, especially those preparing for Sacraments this year.



Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted - food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what God wanted.



Prayer

Dear God, help me not to be selfish. Help me to be more like Jesus.

Mission for the Week

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness."

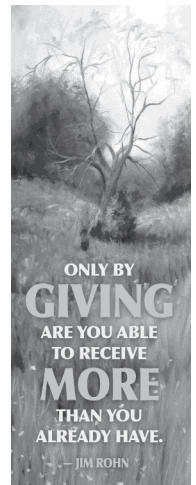
What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God's work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?



Vocation Blurbs 1st Sunday of Lent

St. Paul reminds us of the importance of confessing our faith in Jesus to the world. We are each called to spread the good news of the Gospel. There are many ways to share our witness with others. How is God asking you? To learn more about vocations, visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

**Don't let your worries get
the best of you: remember, Moses
started out as a basket case.**





Stations of the Cross: Friday's
Mar. 15, 22, 29 & Apr. 5, 12
OLP/SP - 12:15 PM ~ SJB/HT 7:00PM

Saturday, Mar. 16th & Sunday, Mar. 17th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ P. Serio, R. Copani, M.E. Cusano

9:00AM ~ E. Warren, L. Argiro, Michael Dykeman

Mass Schedule for
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Mar. 9, 2019 - Vigil - 1st Sunday of Lent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Vincenzo & Angela Abbatiello -

The Family

Alfred Mastriano, Sr. - Wife, Gloria & Children

Sun. - Mar. 10, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Lent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Barbara Russo - Her Daughters

Donald Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney

Pasquale & Margherita DelVecchio -

Anna DelVecchio & Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Mar. 11, 2019

12:00 Noon - Rosemarie Zellers - The Old Goats

Tues. - Mar. 12, 2019

12:00 Noon - Edwin Olmsted - Bill Lowe

Wed. - Mar. 13, 2019

Thurs. - Mar. 14, 2019

Fri. - Mar. 15, 2019

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Marie Summerwood - The Family

OLP/SP 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross

SJB/HT 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Sat. - Mar. 16, 2019 - Vigil - 2nd Sunday of Lent

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Mark Riley - Mike Morga

Steven P. Taddeo - The Family

Sun. - Mar. 17, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Enrica Cellini - The Family

Patty Schramm - The Warrens

OLP/SP 11:00 am



MARCH EVENTS

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

Fri. Mar. 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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In memory of Hannah P. Markert
Requested by The Family



Sunday Collection Mar. 2nd & Mar. 3rd

Regular collection	\$3,316.00
Loose collection	\$413.00
Fuel collection	\$364.00



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 parishioners 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, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, 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, 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, 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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