

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 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.

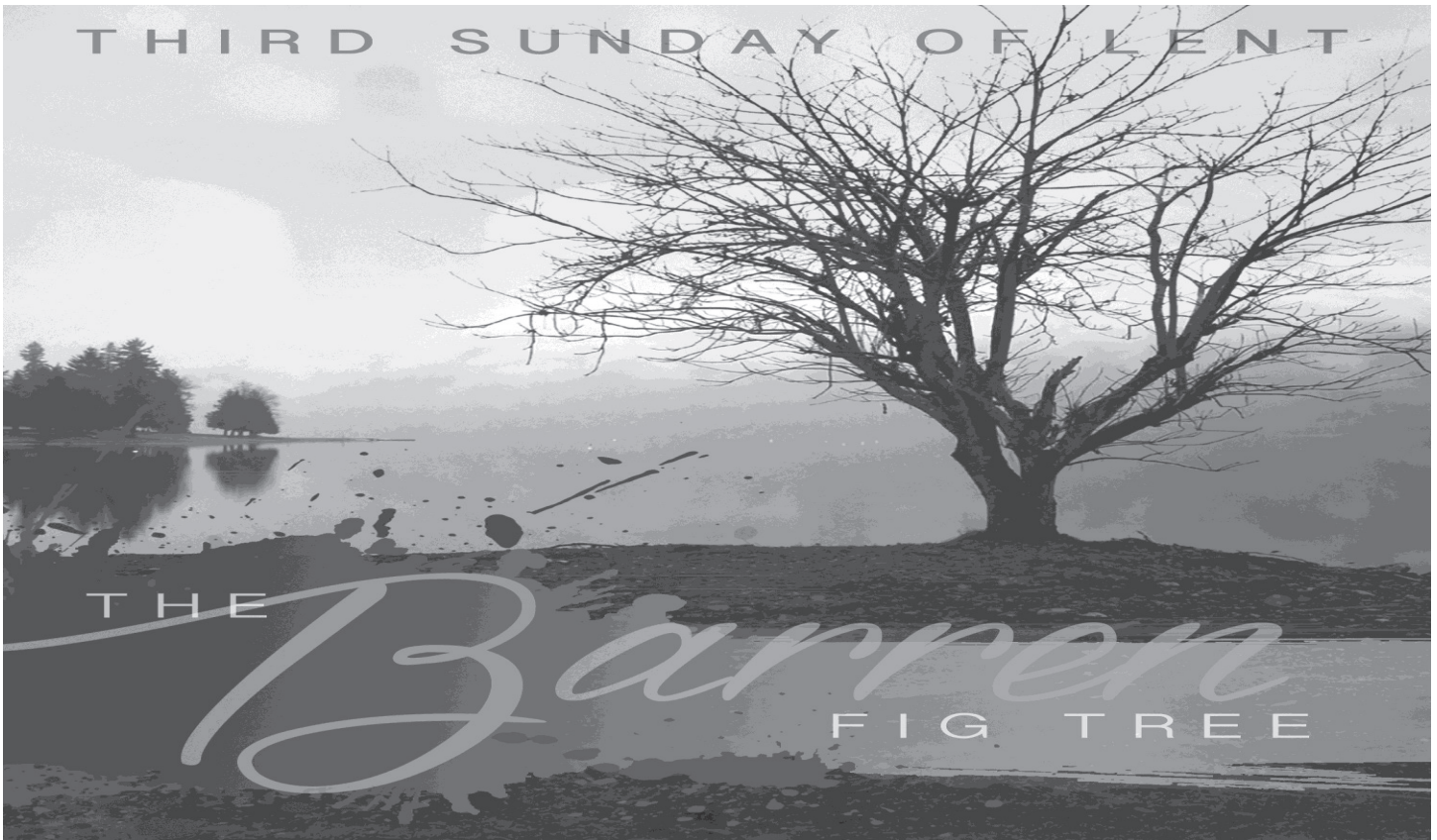
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## Third Sunday of Lent

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also ? it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

## 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.

## Message From Fr. Caruso

I pray that this Holy Season of Lent is going well for all of us at St. John the Baptist Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. I realize that there are a lot of demands on our time and that our lives are filled with many distractions. It is often difficult to take the extra time to allow our souls to be nourished and our faith to be strengthened. Very often we need to build the structures in our daily lives to help us to stay focused on what is most important. I would like to offer a few suggestions for helping to work on the discipline of prayer in our lives this Lenten season.

At the beginning of Lent we made available copies of the *Magnificat Lenten Companion*. This is a powerful resource that offers a brief reflection for each day of Lent. I encourage you to make the commitment to read this booklet each day

Daily Mass is another excellent way to help us to focus on our spiritual life. I know it is not always easy to make it to daily Mass, but the sacrifice we make can be part of the Lenten journey. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the "source and summit" of our Faith. What a wonderful gift to give God (and ourselves) if we could attend daily Mass at least once a week during Lent. Daily Mass is celebrated at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at Noon. Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter has daily Mass Tuesday – Thursday at 9:00AM and Friday at 12:15 during Lent.

The Stations of the Cross are an important part of our traditional Lenten experience. Many of us have gotten away from reflecting on the difficult road that Jesus walked for us. It is important for us to remember because we are asked to follow in His footsteps. At Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter, The Stations of the Cross will follow the 12:15 Mass on Fridays; at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity they will be prayed Fridays at 7:00PM in the Church.

Please know that you are all in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Caruso



## Religious Education News

Our Religious Education school year is quickly coming to an end. Our confirmation students only have 4 more classes and our Pre-K to 8th grade have 5 more classes over the next couple of months. Please continue to pray for our children, especially our 3 students receiving Sacraments this year. There are no classes on April 14 & 21 in observance of Spring break and Easter.

## Religious Education Special Announcement

**Aleda Guerrero** in our 7th grade class won the Diocesan Safe Environment Poster Contest for her age group (7th-12th grades). The poster was phenomenal. She did a great job. You will be able to see her poster on the Diocesan Facebook page and the website ([www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org)) during the month of April. There will also be an article in The Catholic Sun's May 2nd edition. Congratulations **Aleda!** We are very proud of you!



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

If salvation history teaches us anything, it's that God is very patient. Time and time again, people have wandered away from Him and He has sent prophet after prophet to lead them back. To show us just how much He does love us, He sent us His Son who revealed this unconditional love in all that he said and did. This Lenten season is an opportunity to repent and turn back. The mystery of God's presence is revealed in and through the ordinary events of life as the birth of Christ reminds us. God told Moses through the burning bush, "I am who am". And so he reminds us today. Let us turn away no more and turn back to truth.



## TV Mass For The Homebound

WNYS channel 43 (My43) at 8:30am. Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in the healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org). (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

I sin. You sin. Everybody sins. God knows that we cannot be perfect like God. But God wants you to love him and talk to him. God wants you to be sorry for your sins, learn from your mistakes, and grow closer to him every day.

## Mission for the Week

When you get into trouble, ask God to help you change so that you do not do it again.



## Prayer

Dear God, help me to grow closer to you with every day you give me.

## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

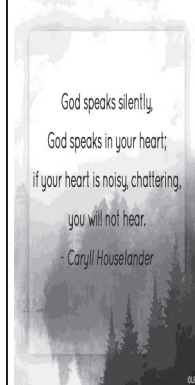
The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.



## Vocation Blurbs 3rd Sunday of Lent

You may notice a theme in this week's readings. God reaches out to us in our lives and accompanies us on our journey. He even calls some of us, like Moses, to lead his people in a special way. If you feel he is calling you, do not be afraid. Follow him. For help in discerning God's call, visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org) or call 315-470-1468.

God speaks silently,  
God speaks in your heart;  
if your heart is noisy, chattering,  
you will not hear.  
- Caryl Chessman







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

**Saturday, Mar. 30th & Sunday, Mar. 31st**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM ~ Owen Donovan**

**9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe**

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano**

**9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero**

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM ~ F. Sanzone, J. LaVergne, G. Larkin**

**9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton**

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

**Sat. - Mar. 23, 2019 - Vigil - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People**

**Sun. - Mar. 24, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am - Peter Cellini - The Family**

**Paul Ferretti - Marilyn**

**Sharon Peparata - The Brien Family**

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - Mar. 25, 2019 - The Annunciation of the Lord**

**12:00 Noon - Terry Boysen - Mary Lou Schug**

**Tues. - Mar. 26, 2019**

**12:00 Noon - Connie Pallotta - Mary Lou Schug**

**Wed. - Mar. 27, 2019**

**Thurs. - Mar. 28, 2019**

**Fri. - Mar. 29, 2019**

**SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions**

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

**Ira Johnson - The Family**

**OLP/SP 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross**

**SJB/HT 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross**

**Sat. - Mar. 30, 2019 - Vigil - 4th Sunday of Lent**

**OLP/SP - 4:00 pm**

**SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Paitro Paolo & Filomena Tomieno -**

**Antonio & Antonia Mazza**

**Sun. - Mar. 31, 2019 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am - Shirley Fornito - Rick & Kathy Charland**

**Paul Ferretti - Max & Karen Fekete**

**Clemente & Maria Grazia Viggliotti -**

**Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano**

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**



**MARCH EVENTS**

**Sun. Mar. 24** Group 1 Money Counters  
**Sun. Mar. 31** Group 2 Money Counters

**Fri. Mar. 29 Apr. 5 & 12**  
 Baked Fish Dinners 4:00-7:00PM  
 SJB/HT Parish Center

**Tues. Mar. 26** Knights of Columbus 4th Degree  
 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Hang It On The Cross**

If you have a secret sorrow,  
 a burden or a loss,  
 An aching need for healing...  
**Hang It On The Cross.**  
 If worry steals your sleep  
 and makes you turn and toss,  
 If your heart is feeling heavy...  
**Hang It On The Cross.**  
 Every obstacle to faith  
 or doubt you come across,  
 Every prayer unanswered...  
**Hang It On The Cross.**  
 For Christ has borne our brokenness  
 and dearly paid the cost  
 To turn our trials to triumph...  
**Hanging On The Cross.**  
 —Lisa Q. Engelhardt

**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
In memory of Peter Cellini  
Requested by The Family**

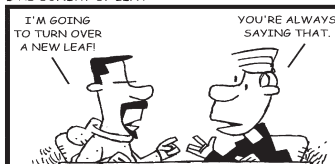


**Sunday Collection Mar. 16th & Mar. 17th**

Regular collection .....\$2,545.25

Loose collection ..... \$269.25

**5<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**



**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, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Cathy DiPrimio, Anthony Drenzo, Aaron Doty, Louise Epolito, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Darlene Files, 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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