

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 31, 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.

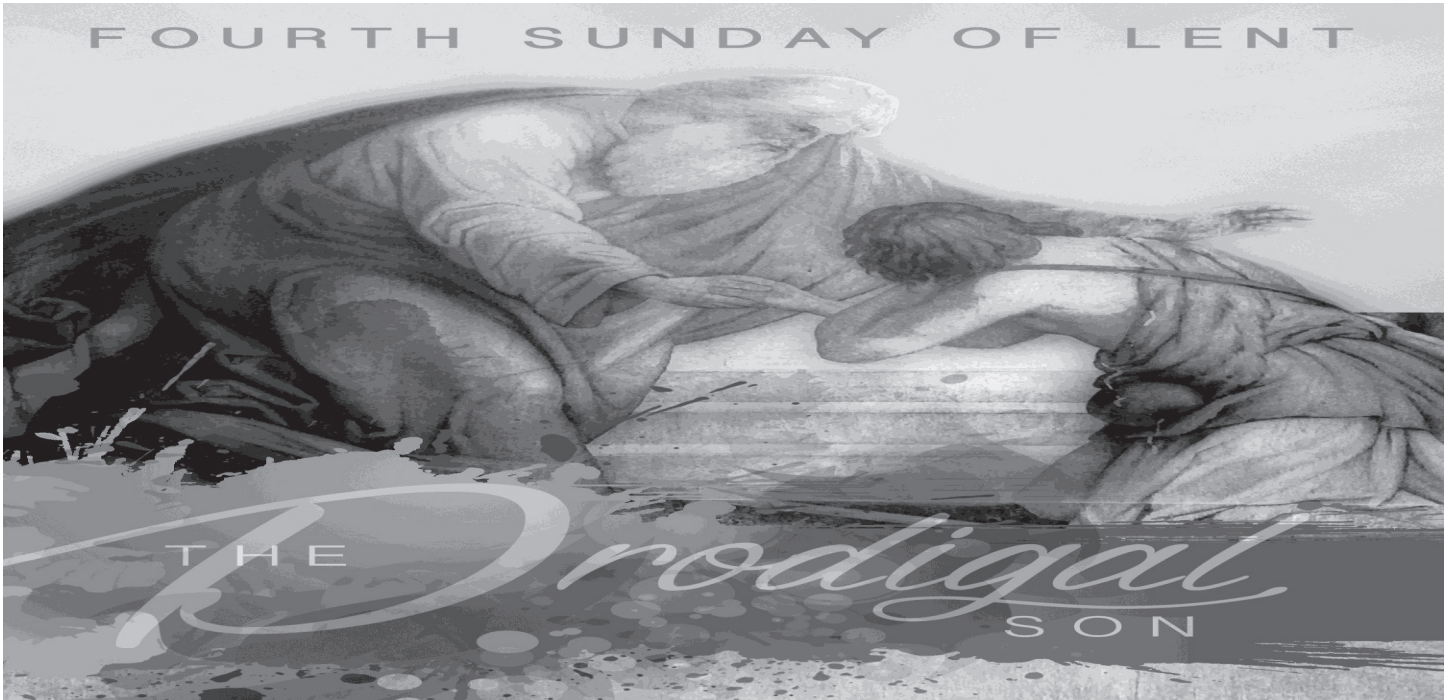
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to 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

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we observe the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the Latin words that begin our entrance antiphon today, "Laetare, Jerusalem," "Rejoice, Jerusalem." Our rose colored vestments are a sign of the anticipatory joy that underlies this penitential season. We know what lies at the end of our Lenten journey, the joyous Easter celebration of our Blessed Lord's victory over sin and death. Let us re-commit ourselves to a deeper spirit of prayer during the remaining weeks of this holy season. May Easter find us much closer to the Lord than we were at the beginning of Lent.

An important part of our Lenten journey is, or should be, repentance. As Catholic Christians, we must acknowledge that the Lord Jesus has left us a great gift in the Sacrament of Penance. We are able to confess our sins and be forgiven as surely as those people who Jesus forgave during His earthly ministry. It is a celebration of God's mercy and forgiveness and a vehicle of His Grace. I know that many of us have gotten away from the celebration of this Sacrament. I think Lent is a good time to come back to Penance. Besides the regularly scheduled weekly Confessions, I will be hearing Confessions from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter from Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. On the evening of March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese will be participating in the "Light Is On For You" campaign and I will be hearing Confessions at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Also, at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00PM. I hope you will take the time to come and celebrate God's Mercy during this Holy Season.

You are all in my prayers, please keep me in yours.

In Christ's peace,  
Fr. Caruso



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

God does not coerce us into anything. Rather, He gives us the freedom and the means to live like adults, taking responsibility for our choices and the direction our lives take. As our loving Father, He desires that our home be made with Him but understands when we choose to pursue our own passions and desires, which lead us away from Him. We have to learn our own lessons if conversion is to be tangible and real. We cannot return to God simply because we are told to or because we are expected to. We have to come to God freely, and when we do, God is there with loving, open arms ready to welcome us back home. We can celebrate because we were dead and have found life again!



## 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.)

Everything you have is a gift from God -- your body, your mind, your food, your clothes -- everything! Sometimes people become proud, and they think they have earned God's gifts. Sometimes people run away from God, and they waste God's gifts. Just remember, it is never too late to run back to God. Every good gift comes from God.

## Mission for the Week

Name three good things God has given you. Say "thank you" to God for those gifts in a prayer.



## Prayer

Dear God, help me to be truly thankful for all the gifts you have given me.



## Religious Education News

Our Religious Education school year is quickly coming to an end. Our confirmation students only have 3 more classes and our Pre-K to 8th grade have 4 more classes over the next couple of months. Please continue to pray for our children, especially our 3 students receiving Sacraments this year. Confirmation students will have their interviews with Fr. Dan during their April 7th class. Letters to the Bishop will also be due on April 7th. Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00pm at St. Margaret's Church. If you can, please join us to support our 2 candidates as they become adults in the eyes of the Church. There are no classes on April 14th & 21st in observance of Spring break and Easter. Last Confirmation II class will be April 28th. Last class for Pre-K to 8th grade will be May 12th.

## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the Gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?



## Vocation Blurbs 4th Sunday of Lent

In the story of the Prodigal Son, we see a father who runs to his son with mercy and love. Today, God is calling men to be merciful and compassionate as priests for his people. For help in discerning God's call, visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org) or call 315-470-1468.







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

**Saturday, Apr. 6th & Sunday, Apr. 7th**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Jack Normoyle  
**9:00AM** ~ Ashley Murphy

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano  
**9:00AM** ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ M.A. Bergamo, J. LaVergne, G. Larkin  
**9:00AM** ~ M.E. Cusano, C. Horton, Michael Dykeman

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

**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  
 Bennie Sobon, Jr. - Norm & Pat Jaquin  
 Clemente & Maria Grazia Viggliotti -  
 Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - April 1, 2019**

**12:00 Noon** - Souls of the dearly departed

**Tues. - April 2, 2019 - St. Francis of Paola, hermit**

**12:00 Noon** - Fair and just Government

**Wed. - April 3, 2019**

**Thurs. - April 4, 2019 - St. Isidore,  
 bishop & doctor of the Church**

**Fri. - April 5, 2019 - St. Vincent Ferrer, priest**

**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. - April 6, 2019 - Vigil - 5th Sunday of Lent**

**OLP/SP - 4:00 pm**  
**SJB/HT - 5:30 pm** - Mary Kwasigroch - Rose Mary Connors  
 The D'Avirro Family - Maria DiMichele

**Sun. - April 7, 2019 - 5th Sunday of Lent**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - For The People  
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**



**APRIL EVENTS**

**Sun. Mar. 31** Group 2 Money Counters  
**Sun. Apr. 7** Group 3 Money Counters  
**Sun. Apr. 14** Group 4 Money Counters  
**Sun. Apr. 21** Group 1 Money Counters  
**Sun. Apr. 28** Group 2 Money Counters

**Tues. Apr. 2** Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree  
 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

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

**Tues. Apr. 16** Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree  
 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Thurs. Apr. 18** Washington Square Assoc.  
 Neighborhood Watch Group  
 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Wed. Apr. 24** St. John Catholic Golden Agers  
 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Tues. Apr. 30** Knights of Columbus 4th Degree  
 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Lent Schedule For Confessions**

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters will offer confession April 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 from 4:30pm-6:00pm. **"The Light Is On" will be at St.**

**John the Baptist/Holy Trinity on Monday, April 15 from 4:00-7:00pm.** Also, confessions at SJB/HT April 16 & 17 from 4:30-6:00pm.



**Sunday Collection Mar. 23rd & Mar. 24th**

Regular collection .....\$2,810.05  
 Loose collection ..... \$327.00  
 Fuel collection ..... \$70.00

The month of March; We laid to rest from our parish community: Nancy Campagna & Rosemarie Zellers

**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, Chris Gabriell, 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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