

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 14, 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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PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me." Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.

We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else do we see? Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.

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 begin the most important week of the Church's year. It is full of wonderful celebrations as we reflect upon the central mysteries of our Faith. Too often we may choose not to attend these services because they are not "days of obligation." Perhaps we have never been to some of them and hesitate to go because we are not sure what takes place. I assure you that you will not be disappointed in the beauty and prayerfulness of our Holy Week celebrations. Once again this year, the parish communities of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter join together in prayer during these wondrous days. The parish staffs have worked very hard to prepare for these sacred days. If we all celebrate this week in its true spirit, I am sure we will all grow in holiness.

Today, Passion (Palm) Sunday, we begin by celebrating the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where He is welcomed by the crowds. However, by the time the Passion is proclaimed, these crowds have turned on Him and seek to have Him crucified. Perhaps there is a lesson there for all of us, who may at one moment acknowledge Christ's kingship and at the next moment seek to crucify Him in our sinfulness.

The "heart" of the Church's liturgical year, The Sacred Triduum ("The Three Days"), begins on Holy Thursday with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On that day we commemorate two lasting gifts of the Lord to His Church, The Sacred Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. **The Mass of the Lord's Supper that evening will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity at 7:30.** At that Mass we will have a service of commitment for all who are engaged in ministry at our two parishes. The Gospel that evening is the account of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. After the homily, I will wash the feet of twelve parishioners as a reminder to all of us of the connection between Eucharist and service. The Mass ends with the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church will be open until 11:00 PM so that people can come and pray in the presence of our Blessed Lord. We are invited to reflect on how on that first Holy Thursday, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples to stay awake with Him as He prayed.

Good Friday is the only day of the year when Mass is not offered. The Good Friday service is the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. It consists of the Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and a Communion Service (using the Eucharist consecrated the night before). It is one of the starkest, simplest, and most moving services in the Church year. **The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated for the combined parish community at 3:00PM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. On Good Friday evening we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.**

The only Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil. The Church waits anxiously to celebrate Christ's glorious victory over sin and death. St. Ambrose called the Easter Vigil the "Mother of all Vigils." It is a beautiful celebration that includes the lighting and blessing of the new fire, the blessing of the Easter water, the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and the renewal of Baptismal promises. It is the grandest of the Church's celebrations. This year we have nobody to be baptized, but two members will be received into full communion and Confirmed at this celebration. **The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.**

As we prepare once again to celebrate these sacred days, I encourage you to join us in prayer. We continue to seek to grow as a community of Faith. What better way to do this than to celebrate, as a family, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior?

If you haven't had the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent, it's not too late. On Monday evening, in observance of the Light Is On For You Campaign, I will be at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity for Confessions from 4-7PM. On Tuesday and Wednesday I will be hearing Confessions from 4:30 – 6:00PM at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.

You will be in my prayers during Holy Week; please keep me in yours.

In Christ,
Fr. Caruso



Bunko Date - Sat. April 27th

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. April 24th for details. Phone is 315-420-6357 or email at warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.

PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it is important to the set up of the game.
Next Bunko night is Sat. April 27th

Sunday Collection April 6th & April 7th

Regular collection	\$5,126.25
Loose collection	\$524.00
Religious Education collection.....	\$63.00
Poor collection.....	\$45.00

PALM SUNDAY



Saturday, Apr. 20th & Sunday, Apr. 21st

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ No Mass Easter Vigil at OLP/SP 8:00PM

9:00AM ~ Pat Minnoe

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ No Mass Easter Vigil at OLP/SP 8:00PM

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ No Mass Easter Vigil at OLP/SP

9:00AM ~ Available Ministers Please

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

Sat. - April 13, 2019 - Vigil - Palm Sunday

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Anthony Sansone - The Family
Joan E. Dominic - Her Daughters

Sun. - April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Enrica & Louis Cellini - The Family
Peter Cillini - the Family
Loretta Cooney - Fran & Judy Cooney
Teresa & Olaverio Natale - Anna DelVecchio & Family
OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - April 15, 2019

12:00 Noon - Salvatore Fornito - The Family

Tues. - April 16, 2019

12:00 Noon - Pat & Nancy Campagna - The Dunlap Family

Wed. - April 17, 2019

Thurs. - April 18, 2019 - Holy Thursday

SJB/HT 7:30 pm

Church will remain open until 11:00PM

Fri. - April 19, 2019 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord

(Good Friday)

OLP/SP 3:00 pm Service

SJB/HT 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Sat. - April 20, 2019 - Easter Vigil

SJB/HT - 12:00 Noon Blessing of the Easter Food

OLP/SP - 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sun. - April 21, 2019 - Easter Sunday

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for
Enrica, Louis & Peter Cellini
Requested by Mary Cellini**



APRIL EVENTS

Sun. Apr. 14 Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Apr. 21 Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Apr. 28 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Apr. 14 Coffee and Special Treats with
the Easter Bunny after the 9:00AM Mass
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

Sat. Apr. 27 BUNKO 6:30PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

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

Religious Education News



There are no classes today and April 21 in observance of Spring Break and Easter. Our Religious Education school year is quickly coming to an end. Our confirmation students only have 1 more class and our Pre-K to 8th grade have 2 more classes over the next couple of months. Please continue to pray for our students, especially our 3 students receiving Sacraments this year. 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. Last Confirmation II class will be on April 28.

We will be celebrating First Communion and the May Crowning on Mothers' Day, May 12th. Please consider joining us for this triple celebration. We will have practice for this celebration on April 28th and May 5th. The last class for Pre-K to 8th will be on May 12th.



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, 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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