

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 28, 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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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### Second Sunday Of Easter (Sunday Of Divine Mercy)

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

### 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

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This is one of the newer Feasts that the Church celebrates. St. John Paul II added it to the Church's Calendar of Feasts in 2000. The devotion to the Divine Mercy (including the Feast of the Divine Mercy) has its origins in the private revelation of Our Lord to St. Faustina. It is my hope and prayer that our devotion to the Divine Mercy will increase.

What a spectacular celebration of Holy Week and Easter we had. I was impressed, once again, with how members of both communities were willing to attend services wherever they were scheduled. This flexibility is an indication of the strength of our communities in the future.

There were so many who worked so hard to prepare for our celebrations. Thank you to Jim Stanley, Jonathan Howell, the altar servers, the Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, and to everyone else who made our celebrations so wonderful. Thank you to Nancy Bergeson for her hard work in the parish office; to Fr. Smith and Fr. Major for their assistance; to Bob Warren for doing such a great job in overseeing the upkeep of our church; and to all who decorated the Church so beautifully for Easter.

You are all in my prayers as we continue our Easter journey; please keep me in yours.

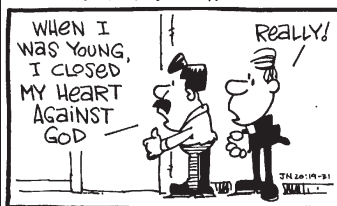
In Christ's peace,  
Fr. Caruso



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Peace be with you! Of all of the things the resurrected Christ could have said, he chose this: Peace be with you! These calming words lessened the disciples' anxiety and gave them a wonderful sense of reassurance. Words have the power to do that. Jesus touches his friends with his breath and breathes his Spirit upon them. This intimate gesture of peace begins to alleviate the uncertainty and fear that no doubt consumed their thoughts and hearts. Words and gestures are so important in doing God's work. Even the simplest of greetings and actions can profoundly move people and direct them to God. On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, we are reminded that God's all-forgiving and merciful love comes to us through the risen Christ. By our words and actions, may we show that forgiveness and merciful love to others.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

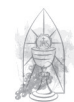


## Sunday Collection April 13th & April 14th

Regular collection .....\$3,586.50  
Loose collection ..... \$619.00

## Religious Education News

All classes resume today. This is the last class for our Confirmation students. 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. Pre-K to 8th will have practice this week and next week in the preparation for First Communion and The May Crowning on Mothers' Day, May 12th. Please consider joining us for this. May 12th is also the last day of class for Pre-K to 8th.



## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's Gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were afraid people would want to hurt them, too. They stayed together in a room and locked the door. Then Jesus came to his friends, to show them he was really alive again. Jesus changed their fear into gladness. Have you ever been so afraid that you just wanted to hide? Remember that Jesus is with you when you are afraid, too.

### Mission for the Week

I will talk to God  
whenever I am



### Prayer

Dear God, thank you  
for being with me  
when I am afraid.

## Baked Fish Dinner Thank You

A very BIG Thank You to all you helped to make the 2019 Baked Fish Dinners an amazing success. Thank you to Jerry Mott, without him it wouldn't work right. Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen with lunches served to the school children and teachers, everyone who helped at the dinners who took orders, cooked and cleaned up each week, those who set up for each dinner, organizing dinners for the shut-ins and those who drove dinners to our shut-ins. You are all many and we Thank You each and everyone for your dedicated help. Thank you to our "PaFISHioner" Sponsors, how very blessed we were with your generosity. And to all our parishioners and visiting dinner guests, we Thank You for your support this year. Fish Dinners are a great fundraiser for SJB/HT, but more so Fish Dinners help to bring about a happy community gathering and good times. Next year dinners will begin on Friday, February 28, 2020. Just an FYI!!



## HOPE Appeal

The 2019 HOPE Appeal Commitment weekend will begin on Saturday and Sunday, May 18th & 19th. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children, college and seminary students, evangelization, Catholic Charities services, and more. Please respond generously when asked to pledge.

**Saturday, May 4th & Sunday, May 5th**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Jack Normoyle

**9:00AM** ~ Chet Wisniewski

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ G. Larkin, F. Sanzone, M.E. Cusano

**9:00AM** ~ M.E. Cusano, E. Warren, R. Warren

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

**Sat. - April 27, 2019 - Vigil - 2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Ruth Smith - The Smith Family  
Martin Schotthoefer - Mother  
Anthony Matarazzo, Jr. - Wife, Yolanda

**Sun. - April 28, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Shirley Fornito - Peter & Maureen White  
Patty Schramm - Max & Karen Fekete  
Lorraine & Angelo Coppola - The Family  
Rocco & Maria Rosano - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano  
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - April 29, 2019 - St. Catherine of Siena,  
virgin & doctor of the Church**  
**12:00 Noon** - The Pope and all religious

**Tues. - April 30, 2019 - St. Pius V, pope**  
**12:00 Noon** - Shirley Fornito - The Family

**Wed. - May 1, 2019 - St. Joseph the Worker**

**Thurs. - May 2, 2019 - St. Athanasius,  
bishop & doctor of the Church**

**Fri. - May 3, 2019 - St. Philip & James, apostles**  
**SJB/HT 11:30 am** - Confessions  
**SJB/HT 12:00 Noon** - Marie Summerwood - Rosemary Lane

**Sat. - May 4, 2019 - Vigil - 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**  
**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - For The People

**Sun. - May 5, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**OLP/SP 7:30 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Patty Schramm - Ginger Gedney  
Catherine More - Mary Cellini  
Carol McGuire - Edward McGuire  
Mary Hennessy - Fran & Judy Cooney  
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**



**Thursday,  
May 2nd**

*National Day of Prayer*

**APRIL EVENTS**

**Sun. Apr. 28** Group 2 Money Counters

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

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

**Vocation Blurbs**

Sometimes you may be doubting whether God is calling you to serve either as a Priest or as a religious. Are you like Thomas? Do you need to see to believe? Pray for faith and trust and doubt no more, come and serve the Lord. For help in discerning God's call, visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org) or call 315-470-1468.

HE HAS  
YOU IN  
MIND



Pope Francis released *Christus Vivit* ("Christ Lives") April 2. A majority of the document is a summary of the conversation at the 2018 synod and a presynod meeting of young adults about ways to progress youth and young adult ministry, but perhaps the most exciting part is chapter eight: Vocation. Of vocations, the Holy Father writes:

*"If we are indeed convinced that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, we can "once more cast out the nets" in the Lord's name, with complete confidence. We can dare, as we should, to tell each young person to ask whether this is the path that they are meant to follow."*

Please visit [vocations-syracuse.org](http://vocations-syracuse.org) for prayer tools, videos, and more resources that will assist you in fostering a culture of vocations. During this Easter season, please pray in a special way for young men and women discerning the priesthood and religious life!



**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, Brian Warren and Matthew Watkins.



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