

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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May 512, 2019

## Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. - 12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am

Reconciliation Fri. 11:30 am. Or by appointment.

## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

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### Fourth Sunday Of Easter

We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.

#### **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 is truly a wonderful weekend in our parish. On Sunday morning one young member of our community will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. She has promised to pray for all of us, her fellow parishioners, on this special day. Please be sure to continue to pray for her. May we always imitate her love and devotion to Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist.



At the same Mass we will have our annual May Crowning. As we crown the statue of Our Blessed Mother, may we all remember, especially during this Month dedicated to Mary, that She is indeed our Queen, our Mother, our Model, and our Intercessor. May we always seek her prayers that we may always follow her example and strive to conform our will to the Will of God.

This weekend we also celebrate Mother's Day. How fitting it is that during the month of May, when we as a Church honor Mary, our Blessed Mother, as Queen of Heaven, that we as a nation honor our own earthly mothers. Let us remember and pray for all of our own mothers, living and deceased. May we see in their love for us a reflection of God's love. Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms.

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

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Caruso



## Religious Education News

Today is our last class for Religious Education for the 2018-2019 year. We will be celebrating Gabriel-Ann Jones' First Communion, The May Crowning and Mothers' Day. Please congratulate Gabby when you see her. We had a fantastic year this year. We may be a small group, but we are a dedicated group. I would like to Thank Fr. Smith for visiting our classrooms throughout the year. I would also like to thank our very dedicated teachers, Karen Fekete, Mary Wisniewski, Pat Jaquin and Chet Wisniewski. Without these teachers we would not be able to offer Religious Education Classes at our parish. So please thank them for their dedication and commitment to their faith when you see them. Please also consider joining our team and pass on your wisdom and faith to our young people. Have a blessed Spring and Summer, and we will start up in the Fall for 2019-2020.



**A heartfelt Thank You to Betty Warren for leading the Religious Education Program for SJB/HT.**



## Save The Date Info

**Fr. Caruso Celebrates 25 years of Priesthood**

On June 4th, Father Caruso will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination. We will use this occasion to celebrate a special Liturgy at the 11:00AM Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter's on Sunday, June 2nd, in which we will thank God for the gift of Priestly Ministry and to ask His blessing upon his faithful priests. Mass will be followed by an Open House in the school cafeteria.

## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week



When something delights us, it touches us in a unique and special way. We are stirred within, filled with happiness, glee, and joy. The object of our delight captivates us, and we are eager, sometimes beyond words, to obtain it. Have you ever been delighted by your faith, the Gospel, God's Word, or an encounter with God? The Gentiles were delighted when they learned they were sharers in the Good News and ecstatic that they were included. They recognized their shepherd and realized that they discovered something or someone unlike any other before. We can easily become lukewarm in our relationship with God and forget just how life-changing the Good News of our faith really is. We are brought to the springs of life-giving water and are gifted with something secular life simply cannot provide: Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

## A Family Perspective Family Life Education



Today's Gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

Jesus loves you so much! He knows what makes you happy and what makes you sad. You are his precious child, and he wants to be close to you forever. Get to know Jesus by reading about him in your Bible. Find out what makes him happy. Learn how he loves people who need help, and try to follow his example.

### Mission for the Week

Every night before you go to bed, read from a Bible story-book. Ask God to help you love him more and more.



### Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to stay close to you.



## HOPE Appeal

Next weekend is HOPE Appeal Commitment Weekend, when we join with faithful across the Diocese of Syracuse to support the HOPE Appeal. You will receive a letter from Bishop Cunningham asking for your support of the HOPE Appeal. Please review the HOPE Appeal brochure and prayerfully consider making a donation. You can make a pledge to our parish's campaign online, using your debit or credit card, at [Syracuse.weshareonline.org](http://Syracuse.weshareonline.org). If you did not receive the HOPE Appeal mailing or have questions please call the parish office.

## Sunday Collection April 27th & April 28th

Regular collection .....	\$2,223.00
Loose collection .....	\$233.00
Easter collection .....	\$450.00
Fuel collection .....	\$353.00

## Sunday Collection May 4th & May 5th

Regular collection .....	\$3,030.00
Loose collection .....	\$567.76
Easter collection .....	\$50.00
Poor collection.....	\$129.00

Saturday, May 11th & Sunday, May 12th

**LECTORS:**

5:30PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ John Robinson

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

**EUCCHARIST:**

5:30PM ~ J. LaVergene, P. Serio, M.A. Bergamo

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, K. Fekete, M. Piazza

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

Sat. - May 11, 2019 - Vigil - 4th Sunday of Easter

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Angela Abbatiello - The Family  
Gioacchino & Tina Bruno - The Family  
Vincent Kwasigroch - Rose Mary Connors  
Raffael DiMichele - Maria DiMichele & Family

Sun. - May 12, 2019 - 4th Sunday of Easter

**Mother's Day**

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - All Mothers Deceased

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - May 13, 2019 - Our Lady of Fatima

12:00 Noon - Bridget Salanger - Mary Salanger

Tues. - May 14, 2019 - St. Matthias, apostle

12:00 Noon - Arlene (Weber) Young - Janet Vogt

Wed. - May 15, 2019 - St. Isidore

Thurs. - May 16, 2019

Fri. - May 17, 2019

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confessions

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Nick LaRose - Rosemary Lane

Sat. - May 18, 2019 - Vigil - 5th Sunday of Easter

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Patty Schramm

Sun. - May 19, 2019 - 5th Sunday of Easter

OLP/SP 7:30 am

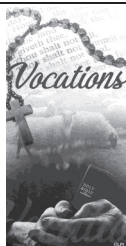
SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am



**Vocation Blurbs**

Who will shepherd God's people? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our Church. Have you ever considered to be part of this joy filled with the Holy Spirit. For help in discerning God's call, visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org) or call 315-470-1468.



**Monday, May 27 there is no Noon Mass and the Rectory will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.**

**MAY EVENTS**

Sun. May 12 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. May 19 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. May 26 Group 2 Money Counters

Thurs. May 16 Washington Square Assoc.  
Neighborhood Watch Group  
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Tues. May 21 Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree  
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. May 22 St. John Catholic Golden Agers  
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Mon. May 2 No Noon Mass & Rectory is closed

Tues. May 28 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree  
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Mothers Day Blessing**

Good and gracious God,  
creator of all good things in the universe,  
your Son, Jesus Christ, loved his Mother  
and modeled for us how we should love our mothers.

Bless all the women in our lives  
who model for us the love of a mother.  
Protect them and encourage them  
to love as you have loved us.

Bless and protect those men in families  
who have no female partners  
and give them courage and strength  
to love their children in the absence of a mother.  
We ask all this in your name.  
Amen.



**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, Lena Campanino, 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, Antonio McLaughlin, Peggy Miccinelli, Helen Mnich, Bill Moran, 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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