

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 1, 2019

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. - 12:00 Noon held in our Chapel
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
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Mt 24:44

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First Sunday Of Advent

“I’m never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be ‘asleep’?” In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. “In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.” When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world’s darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. “Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ’s first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

“At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” There’s another hour, too, both known and unknown. It’s the present moment. Whether it’s a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it’s attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative’s bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let’s pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon.

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.



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin our observance of Advent, one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. For me, much of its beauty comes from the fact that it approaches the next few weeks in such a different way than the world around us does. The secular world is already decorated for Christmas; in fact, much of the world is already celebrating Christmas. We, however, as a Catholic Christian community have just begun to prepare. While the outside world is being overwhelmed with the commercialism of the “shopping season”, we are called to prayerfully prepare for the coming of Christ.

Because society jumps right into Christmas after Thanksgiving (for some, Halloween), we are often in danger of losing sight of the true nature of the Advent season. This is a time of joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ, not just as a babe in Bethlehem, but also for His coming at the end of time. I realize that we all have to take some time to prepare for the physical celebration of Christmas, but I also hope and pray that we all take time to spiritually prepare during this Advent season. Without this spiritual preparation, all the shopping, wrapping, baking, decorating, etc., is ultimately worthless because it is not a reflection of the joy we should have at the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Next Sunday, December 8th, Bishop Lucia will be awarding the Immaculata Award. This award was instituted in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Syracuse. The award is given to a lay-person from each parish who generously and unselfishly volunteers time and service to their parish. I am pleased to announce that this year’s recipients of the Immaculata Award from St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity are Bob & Betty Warren. Betty & Bob have been long time volunteers in the parish and are involved in many aspects of parish life. They are truly a blessing to the parish and I am extremely pleased that the Bishop is recognizing the great contribution they make to our community.

As we begin our Advent journey, I assure you of my continued prayers for all of you; please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. Caruso



International Food Festival

What a GREAT DAY we had! Simply put, this year was the best ever! Food was outstanding with many sell outs, baskets over the top, baked goods delicious every sold out bit. Thank you everyone who cooked, baked or donated baskets. Thank you to all who helped get the cafeteria ready with setting up tables and electrical needs. And those who stayed to take down the festival. There is so much start up and clean up to which we are truly grateful for you. We had a lot of positive feed back from many who attended. We’ll see you all again next year.



Immaculate Conception Monday Dec. 9

Mass at OLP/SP 9:00am.
Mass at SJB/HT 12:00 Noon in the Church, **Owen Donovan**

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Tues. Dec. 24 - Mass at OLP/SP and SJB/HT 4:00pm **Owen Donovan** and at SJB/HT 9:00pm **Cathy Schotthoefer**
Wed. Dec. 25 - Mass at SJB/HT 9:00am (**lector needed**).
OLP/SP 11:00am.

New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day

Tues. Dec. 31 Masses are 12:00 SJB/HT (**lector needed**).
OLP/SP 4:00pm.
Wed. Jan. 1, 2020 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses are 9:00am SJB/HT (**lector needed**).
OLP/SP 11:00am.

******Thank you to those who have responded for lecturing. The two dates that lector’s are still needed are Wed. Dec. 25 the 9:00am Christmas Mass and Wed. Jan. 1, 2020 Solemnity of Mary, New Year Day 9:00am Mass.******



Sunday Collection Nov. 16th & Nov. 17th

Regular collection	\$2,634.00
Loose collection	\$331.00
Fuel collection	\$85.00



Faith Formation Classes SJB/HT

There are no classes this week. Our 3 First Communion Candidates will be making their First Penance next week. Please pray for them as they take this first step towards receiving First Eucharist in May. There is still room for more students age 4 & up for Pre-K to Confirmation 1. Any questions please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357. Please pray for our youth and our Faith Formation Program.

Parish Photo Directory

We have started out very nicely with appointments to have pictures taken on Thurs. Dec. 5, Fri. Dec. 6 or Sat. Dec. 7. You can make an appointment after the Masses up until Dec. 1. Times available vary. You can call LIFETOUCH at 1-866-756-0281 Mon.—Fri. 9:00am-5:00pm and they will be happy to schedule your appointment. Keep in mind and for your convenience, you are able to have your picture taken at both sites, OLP/SP or SJB/HT as this is a joint parish directory.



Upper Parking Lot

Parking is permitted in the Upper Lot, Carbon St., for our parishioners at all times. Masses and use for Food Pantry. The signs are meant for our neighbors who park at all times and overnight. We are sorry for any misunderstanding with the signs.



Saturday, December 7th & Sunday, December 8th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ Lisa Primerano

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ A. Chouinard, R. Copani, M.E. Cusano,

9:00AM ~ E. Warren, K. Fekete, R. Warren,

L. Argiro, M.E. Cusano

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Nov. 30, 2019 - Vigil - First Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Kevin Donovan -

Peggy Donovan Kennedy

Sun. - Dec. 1, 2019 - First Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Shirley Fornito - Mary Olmsted

Larry James - Bob & Betty Warren

Veronica & George Wittwer - The Family

Rosemary Conte Grosso - Anna DelVecchio

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Dec. 2, 2019

12:00 Noon - The hungry and the homeless

Tues. - Dec. 3, 2019 - St. Francis Xavier, priest

12:00 Noon - The Pope and all religious

Wed. - Dec. 4, 2019 - St. John Damascene,

priest & doctor of the Church

Thurs. - Dec. 5, 2019

Fri. - Dec. 6, 2019 - St. Nicholas, bishop

SJB/HT 11:30 am Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Our silent intentions

Sat. Dec. 7, 2019 Vigil - Second Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Steve P. Taddeo - Wife, Peg

Sun. - Dec. 8, 2019 - Second Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am



DECEMBER EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 1	Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Dec. 8	Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. Dec. 15	Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. Dec. 22	Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Dec. 29	Group 1 Money Counters

Tues. Dec. 3 & 17 Knights of Columbus
3rd Degree 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center

Sun. Dec. 8 SJB/HT OLP/SP
Christmas Party 5:00pm Traditions at the Links

Sun. Dec. 15 Breakfast with Santa
8:00-12:00 SJB/HT Parish Center

Thurs. Dec. 19 Washington Square Assoc.
Neighborhood Watch
7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center

The Rectory will be closed as follows;
Tues. Dec. 24 Closed
Wed. Dec. 25 Closed
Thurs. Dec. 26 Closed
Fri. Dec. 27 Closed No Noon Mass
Tues. Dec. 31 Close at Noon

Christmas Mass Schedule;
Tues. Dec. 24 - 4:00pm SJB/HT & OLP/SP
9:00pm SJB/HT & 12:00 Midnight OLP/SP
Wed. Dec. 25 - 9:00am SJB/HT &
11:00am OLP/SP
Tues. Dec. 31 - 12:00 Noon SJB/HT
4:00pm OLP/SP
Wed. Jan. 1, 2020 - 9:00am SJB/HT
11:00am OLP/SP



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of

Michael Aiello & James Caprilozzi

Requested by **The Family**

Pat DiBello - Requested by **Pete & Odetta**

Serving Our Country Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Rob Smith, Bryan M. Oakes & Anthony Cangemi.**



Remember: Nancy Bailey, Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lena Campanino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Gen DiMento, Cathy DiPrimio, Anthony Drenzo, Aaron Doty, Louise Epolito, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Chris Gabriell, Ellen Gangemi, David Galvagno, Gladys Graham, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Leder-mann, 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, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Brian Warren and Matthew Watkins.

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