

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 24, 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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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"The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus." Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, "they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin." In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us. Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity "make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least." Christ's kingship, and our own participation in it, requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. "The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity." Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together "be with [him] in Paradise!"

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.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at OLP/SP 9:00am.

Immaculate Conception Monday Dec. 9

Mass at OLP/SP 9:00am.

Mass at SJB/HT 12:00 Noon in the Church (**lector needed**).

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Tues. Dec. 24 - Mass at OLP/SP and SJB/HT 4:00pm (**lector needed SJB/HT**) and at SJB/HT 9:00pm.

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.

Lectors

Please see above list of Masses and where there is a need for a Lector. Please call me during office hours if you are able to commit to reading. I would rather not put calls as it is very time consuming and can become complicated. Thank you.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Today's Gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom.

Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of ones enemy.



Thanksgiving

As you prepare for Thanksgiving, look back on this year to all the moments God visited your family in unexpected blessings, or disasters avoided, or kindness and compassion received. Realize and give thanks for "The Lord is with you."

Live The Liturgy -

Inspiration For The Week

Are we looking for Christ to be our earthly king or our eternal one? We often go back and forth with God on this question. What we find in the content of our prayer usually reveals the answer. Because life can be difficult, we may desire that God cushion our earthly experience a bit, make it more tolerable, remove the crosses, and do the miraculous. Preserving our earthly lives can take too much precedence and be of too much concern. Christ the eternal king offers a different promise and hope. The eternal king offers us a way through suffering and hardship to the greater glory to be revealed when our journey is completed in heaven. The eternal king is not the king of earthly comfort but the king who advocates for the poor, vulnerable, lost, broken, marginalized, and hurting. We are asked to become like the eternal king, Jesus Christ, both in this life and in the life to come.



Thanksgiving Rectory Hours

The Rectory will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 27, Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. There is **NO NOON** Mass on Friday, Nov. 29.



Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving



SJB/HT OLP/SP Christmas Party

This year our Annual Christmas Party is Sunday, Dec. 8 at Traditions at the Links, 5900 North Burdick St. East Syr. 13057. Party starts at 5:00PM.

Reservations are required and we will need them by Friday, Nov. 29. Cost \$30.00 per person or \$40.00 if choosing the steak dinner option. The rest of the menu is, mixed field green salad, Chicken Florentine or Crab Stuffed Filet of Sole. Sides are oven roasted red potatoes and sautéed garden vegetables, dessert is creamy cheesecake with pecan and caramel with a Belgian chocolate lace! Live entertainment & cash bar. You can make reservations after each Mass or call the Rectory. Payment is required at time of reservation.

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and he forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.

Mission for the Week

Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to forgive my sins, too.



Faith Formation Classes SJB/HT

This is the last class before our thanksgiving break. There are **NO CLASSES** next week, Dec. 1st. 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.



**Saturday, November 30th & Sunday, December 1st
LECTORS:**

5:30PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ Mary Barraco

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ A. Chouinard, M.A. Bergamo, J. LaVergne,
P. Serio, G. Larkin,

9:00AM ~ E. Warren, R. Warren, K. Fekete,
L. Argiro, M.E. Cusano

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

**Sat. - Nov. 23, 2019 - Vigil - Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Kevin Donovan - Mr. & Mrs. M. Morga

**Sun. - Nov. 24, 2019 - Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Joy Wittwer - The Children
Rosemary "Pat" Markert - The Family
Clemente & Maria Grazia Viggliotti -
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano
Paitro Paolo & Filomena Tomieno -
Antonio & Antonia Mazza

OLP/SP 11:00 am

**Mon. - Nov. 25, 2019 - St. Catherine of Alexandria,
virgin & martyr**

12:00 Noon - Those alone for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Tues. - Nov. 26, 2019

12:00 Noon - Joseph Lawless - Sherrie Johnson

Wed. - Nov. 27, 2019

Thurs. - Nov. 28, 2019 - Thanksgiving Day

OLP/SP 9:00 am

Fri. - Nov. 29, 2019

SJB/HT 11:30 am - No Confessions

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - No Noon Mass

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

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sun. Nov. 24 Group 4 Money Counters

Tues. Nov. 26 Knights of Columbus
4th Degree 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. Nov. 27 Rectory Closed

Thurs. Nov. 28 Rectory Closed

Thanksgiving Day Mass OLP/SP 9:00am

Fri. Nov. 29 No Noon Mass Rectory Closed

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father, Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



CHRIST THE KING



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of
Rosemary "Pat" Markert
Requested by **The Family**

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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