

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 15, 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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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” - Mt 11:10

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Third Sunday Of Advent

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. “What did you go out to the desert to see?” There is something innately human about “seeing.” Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. “What are you looking for?” “What are you longing for?” “Whom do you seek?”

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. “Go and tell John what you hear and see.”

God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin “regain their sight.” People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work 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.



Dear Parishioners,

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” These words, from Philippians 4: 4-5, form the entrance antiphon at Mass this weekend, the Third Sunday of

Advent. Traditionally, this Sunday is called Gaudate Sunday (“Gaudate” is the Latin word for “rejoice” that is used in the antiphon). When we light the third candle on the Advent wreath, it is rose colored, as are the vestments worn by the priest at Mass. What does all this mean? Is the change in color just a signal that Christmas is fast approaching and we are running out of time to shop? Hopefully, it means much more than that.

The season of Advent is a time of expectation, anticipation, and preparation. We are called to turn away from sin and to prepare our hearts for the long awaited Messiah. This Sunday helps us to remember that our preparation is not for an event to be feared, but for one that is the source of our joy. All too often, we can lose sight of this and our “holiday season” is anything but joyous. Let us all remember that the time of the Lord’s arrival is near; and, as people who are prepared to receive Him, let us rejoice and show the world what the real joy of the season is. “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.”

If we have let the first weeks of Advent pass us by without taking the time to be renewed and strengthened in spirit, to truly prepare for the celebration of the Lord’s birth, it is not too late. Perhaps this week we can all set aside a few extra minutes each day for prayer. If we haven’t celebrated the Sacrament of Penance to prepare our hearts to receive Christ, maybe we can take the time this week. On Monday evening (December 16th) the Diocese of Syracuse will be participating in the Light is On for You Campaign. Priests will be hearing confessions in churches throughout the diocese from 4-7PM. I will be hearing confessions at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. Confessions are also scheduled Tuesday-Friday, December 17-20 from 4:00-5:30 at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. Let us all take time to be reconciled to the Lord and to each other as we prepare to celebrate the dawn of our Salvation.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our parish Christmas party a great success and I hope all those who attended had a wonderful time. I know I did!

Please know that you are in my prayers during these holy days of Advent; please keep me in yours.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. Caruso



Faith Formation Classes SJB/HT

This is our last class before the Christmas/New Year break. Classes will resume on Jan. 12 (as the city school district is on break from Dec. 23-Jan. 6, 2020). 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.



Reverse Advent Calendar

The Food Wagon is in place and you are able to bring in, in any way you choose, your donations for the All Faith Food Pantry. Lists are available at the Food Wagon and a reminder, please use paper or reusable bags. Thank you.



Eucharistic Ministers

The schedules were prepared before the decision to suspend the Chalice, Precious Blood, with cold and flu season upon us. We will only be using 3 Eucharistic Ministers for the Host. So, if you are scheduled for the Chalice, please just ignore it for now. All Eucharistic Ministers, when you do see a need to help on the Altar, please feel free to do so. Thank you all for your dedication in this ministry.

Christmas Flowers For The Altar



If you would like to donate to the Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one please complete the slip below and have it returned to the rectory no later than Thurs. Dec. 19. You can mail it, or save a stamp and put a plan envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” into the collection. Please print.

Donor: _____

Phone number: _____ Donation: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Sunday Collection Dec. 7th & Dec. 8th

Regular collection	\$3,768.50
Loose collection	\$525.00
Fuel collection.....	\$164.00
Poor collection.....	\$108.00
Cathedral collection.....	\$104.00
Christmas collection.....	\$90.00



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Do you ever feel inwardly dry and parched? Where do you turn to gain a refreshed sense of being and purpose? Just as we often do not refresh our physical bodies with what is healthiest, we make the same mistake with our soul. We do not always reach for the healthiest spiritual food. We confuse our inner dryness with something else and reach out for the wrong thing. It is no wonder why so many people are lost and confused. We will never be completely satisfied or whole this side of our journey. A good measure of patience and waiting is needed as we hope for the rain water of God’s presence to fall upon us. When are we going to finally realize that Jesus is the One who has come to refresh us, and we no longer have to search for another? Our souls will find refreshment and rest only when they rest in God.

The Light Is On

Confessions will be available on Mon., Dec. 16 from 4:00-7:00pm at OLP/SP. Also, Confession will be at OLP/SP on Tues. Dec. 17, Wed. Dec. 18, Thurs. Dec. 19 and Fri. Dec. 20 4:00-5:30pm.



Saturday, December 21st & Sunday, December 22nd LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ John Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ A. Chouinard, J. LaVergne, P. Serio

9:00AM ~ L. Argiro, M.E. Cusano, Michael Dykeman

With cold and flu season upon us, we have suspended the Precious Blood.

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Dec. 14, 2019 - Vigil - Third Sunday Of Advent
OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Rosanna Pennacchia - Peg & Mary
Kevin Donovan - Georgiann Larkin

Sun. - Dec. 15, 2019 - Third Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Anna Warn - Norm & Pat Jaquin
George Tibbetts - Wife & Family
Patty Schramm - Schramm's & Piper's
Georgio DelVecchio - Anna DelVecchio & Family
OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Dec. 16, 2019

12:00 Noon - For those who struggle with depression

Tues. - Dec. 17, 2019

12:00 Noon - Gloria Vincovitch - Janet Vogt

Wed. - Dec. 18, 2019

Thurs. - Dec. 19, 2019

Fri. - Dec. 20, 2019

SJB/HT 11:30 am Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Our silent intentions

Sat. Dec. 21, 2019 Vigil - Fourth Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Raymond Majeske - Michael Morga

Sun. - Dec. 22, 2019 - Fourth Sunday Of Advent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Catherine James - Bob & Betty Warren
Albert Bleskoski, Jr. - The McGuire Family
All Deceased of St. John Golden Agers - Golden Agers

OLP/SP 11:00 am



DECEMBER EVENTS

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

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

Tues. Dec. 17 Knights of Columbus
 3rd Degree 7:00pm 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
Robert Leo Saucier, Jr.

Requested by

Robert & Patricia Saucier & Family

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



Remember: Christopher Aldrich, 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 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, Rosemary Radlowski, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Jason A. Smith, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, and Matthew Watkins.

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