

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 29, 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
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The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

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,

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas Season, I want to thank everybody who worked so hard to make our celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so special. So many people contributed their time and talent to help us celebrate the birth of Christ. Thank you to all the volunteers for the wonderful job they did in preparing the church for Christmas. The music for our celebrations was, as always, outstanding and thanks are due to James Stanley, the members of our choir, the instrumentalists, and our cantors. Thank you to our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers who assisted at our Christmas Masses. A special thanks to Fr. Smith and Fr. Major for all they do for our community, especially during this Joyful Season. Finally, I want to thank all of you who joined us in worship on Christmas. Your prayerful presence is appreciated throughout the year.



It is important to remember that Christmas is not over. The Christmas Season doesn't end until January 12th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Perhaps we find Christmas such a let down because all of our attentions are focused on the commercial aspects of the season. For too many of us, after the presents are opened on Christmas Day there is nothing else. However, in Faith we continue to celebrate. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the model for us as a family at home and also as a parish family. Today the Church invites us to stop and think about the qualities that must have been present in the Holy Family: Love/charity, patience, and forgiveness are a few that come to mind. Let us pray that these same attributes will mark all of our families, including our parish family.

Please remember that Wednesday, January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, but I hope we come together that day for more reasons than "we have to." I can't think of a better way to start the new year than celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is a vigil Mass on Tuesday at 4:00 at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and then on New Year's Day Mass will be at 9:00AM at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity & 11:00AM at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.

Fr. Smith, the staff and I wish to thank all those who sent cards, gifts, and goodies to the rectory for Christmas. They were all greatly appreciated.

My prayers remain with all of you for a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

In the Peace of the New Born King
Fr. Caruso



The month of December:

We laid to rest from our parish community: Richard Stewart. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to Santino Michael Bombardo on his Baptism. God Bless you and your family.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

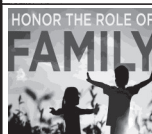
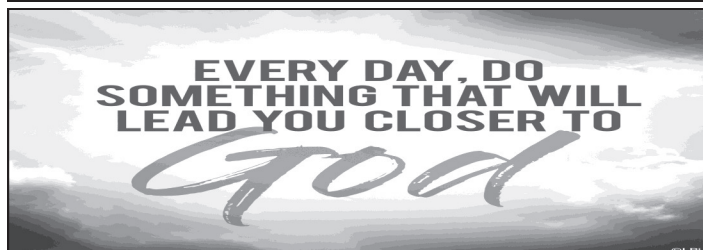
Today's Gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live "anyplace," live at HOME!



Solemnity of Mary

January 1, Mary, Mother of God

The Gospel tells us "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." We would do well to imitate Mary in our New Year's resolution. Instead of criticizing let's "keep it in our hearts." Criticism isn't productive or well received anyway!



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Families can be challenging. As much as they can be places of love, growth, and life, they can also be places of hurt, conflict, and despair. What has been your experience of family? There is no way around it: being human requires family life. We have to learn how to celebrate and embrace as well as forgive and understand. Virtue is required. St. Paul asks us to "put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." We are asked to bear with one another and forgive one another. These are tall orders for anyone, but they are not impossible achievements. If we keep our eyes on Jesus and trust in God as the Holy Family did, St. Paul's vision is obtainable. Our families can take on a sacramental character and become places where God's love is revealed.

Faith Formation Classes SJB/HT

Happy New Year. There are no classes this week. 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.



**Saturday, January 4th & Sunday, January 5th
LECTORS:**

5:30PM ~ Owen Donovan
9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano
9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ A. Chouinard, M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin
9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton, E. Warren

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

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

**Sat. - Dec. 28, 2019 - Vigil - The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

OLP/SP 4:00 pm
SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Lucy Cannavino - Daughter

**Sun. - Dec. 29, 2019 - The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

OLP/SP 7:30 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People
OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Dec. 30, 2019
12:00 Noon - Pray for those who are terminally ill

Tues. - Dec. 31, 2019 - New Year Eve
SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - For The People (Mass in the Chapel)

**Wed. - Jan. 1, 2020 - The Solemnity of
Mary, Mother Of God**
SJB/HT 9:00am - For The People (Mass in Church)
OLP/SP 11:00 am

**Thurs. - Jan. 2, 2020 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church**

Fri. - Jan. 3, 2020 - Holy Name of Jesus
SJB/HT 11:30 am Confession
SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Our silent intentions

Sat. Jan. 4, 2020 Vigil - The Epiphany of the Lord
OLP/SP 4:00 pm
SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Ralph Smith - The Smith Family

Sun. - Jan. 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord
OLP/SP 7:30 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - Caralee Humberstone - Sue Slack
OLP/SP 11:00 am



HOLY FAMILY



January

Sun. Dec. 29 Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Jan. 5 Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. Jan. 12 Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. Jan. 19 Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Jan. 26 Group 1 Money Counters

The Rectory will be closed as follows;
Tues. Dec. 31 Closed at Noon
Wed. Jan. 1 Closed
Tues. Dec. 31 - 12:00 Noon SJB/HT (Chapel)
4:00pm OLP/SP
Wed. Jan. 1, 2020 - 9:00am SJB/HT
11:00am OLP/SP
Tues. Jan. 7 & 21 Knights of Columbus
3rd Degree 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center
Thurs. Jan. 16 Washington Square Assoc.
Neighborhood Watch
7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center
Mon. Jan. 20 No Noon Mass & Rectory Closed
Tues. Jan. 28 Knights of Columbus
4th Degree 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center



HOPE Appeal Pledge Deadline

SJB/HT Parish has a total of \$15,502.50 pledged/collected. Our HOPE Appeal goal is \$21,926.89. Thank you all who gave to the 2019 HOPE Appeal. The 2019 HOPE Appeal has ended. **Please note, donations received will go towards the 2020 campaign.**

Sunday Collection Dec. 14th & Dec. 15th

Regular collection	\$3,291.00
Loose collection	\$340.00
Christmas collection	\$225.00
Fuel collection	\$180.00
Poor collection	\$140.00
Religious Education collection	\$219.00

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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