

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 8, 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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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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### Second Sunday Of Advent

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?

#### **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.

## Christmas Eve/Day Mass Schedule

**Lectors:** Please contact the rectory if anyone is available for the Christmas Eve 9:00pm Mass. All other Masses have been scheduled. Thank You.



**Monday, Dec. 9th Immaculate Conception ( not a Holy Day of Obligation) 9:00am OLP/SP. 12:00 Noon (in Church) SJB/HT.**

**Tuesday, December 24th**  
**Christmas Eve - 4:00pm SJB/HT and also OLP/SP.**  
**11:2:00 Midnight Mass OLP/SP.**

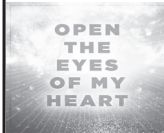
**Wednesday, December 25th**  
**Christmas Day - 9:00am SJB/HT and 11:00am OLP/SP.**

**Tuesday, December 31st**  
**New Year Eve - 12:00 Noon SJB/HT (Chapel) and 4:00pm OLP/SP**  
**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**  
**9:00am SJB/HT and 11:00am OLP/SP**



## Last Weeks Bulletins

Due to a major black out in programming for our publishing company, last weeks bulletins were not delivered until very late Saturday night. No bulletins were handed out on Saturday or mailed to our shut-ins. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. For our publishers as well as for SJB/HT, this was very frustrating.



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

World, church, and local events continue to challenge our faith. This is all the more reason to continue to come together and find encouragement and hope in God's word, sacraments, and our faith community. We are people of hope who are called to persevere, even in the midst of confusion and darkness, as we wait for what is to come. We are asked to repent, especially from our tendency to fall into doubt and despair. We are asked to repent and place our trust in Isaiah's words that God's world of innocence will be restored. We need to hear John the Baptist's words today more than ever: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Rather than being disappointed by what human beings and world cannot give, let us commit anew to what God can and will provide.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask: "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Noon Mass and Winter Storms

With winter weather and storms upon us, if there is any question regarding our Noon Masses, please call the rectory to check that that Mass has not been cancelled.

## Thanksgiving Dinners Delivered



20 complete Thanksgiving Dinners were delivered to our shut-ins on Sunday, Dec. 24. Thank you to all who made this very appreciated and delicious ministry possible. The cooks, Jerry, Mary Anne, Cathy and Dave and the delivery team Terry Bailey, Dan Viggiano, Sue Retschle and Fran & Judy Cooney. Thank you all so very much.



## Friendly Reminder

With winter here please give the rectory a call if you would like a communion visit at home for our homebound. 315-478-0916.

## Reverse Advent Calendar



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



## 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 plain envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" into the collection. Please print.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sunday Collection Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st

Regular collection .....	\$2,791.01
Loose collection .....	\$332.00
Fuel collection .....	\$416.00



## Faith Formation Classes SJB/HT

Our 3 First Communion Candidates will be making their First Penance after 9:00 Mass today. Please keep these students and all of our Faith formation students in your prayers. 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.

## Breakfast With Santa

Come and visit Santa and have breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 15th from 8:00-11:00am in the SJB/HT Parish Center. Adults \$8.00, Children (5-12) \$4.00, under 5 free with adult purchase. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, home-fries, toast, choice of bacon or sausage, tea, coffee or juice.



## 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 and Thurs. Dec. 19 4:00-5:30pm.



**Saturday, December 14th & Sunday, December 15th**

### LECTORS:

**5:30PM** ~ Jack Normoyle  
**9:00AM** ~ Chet Wisniewski

### ALTAR SERVERS:

**5:30PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano  
**9:00AM** ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith

### EUCCHARIST:

**5:30PM** ~ A. Chouinard, J. LaVergne, M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin, P. Serio  
**9:00AM** ~ J. Mott, C. Horton, E. Warren, R. Warren, K. Fekete

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

**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

**Mon. - Dec. 9, 2019 - The Immaculate Conception  
Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Holiday of Obligation**  
9:00 am - OLP/SP  
12:00 Noon (in the Church) - For The People

**Tues. - Dec. 10, 2019**  
12:00 Noon - Joseph Lawless - Sherrie Johnson

**Wed. - Dec. 11, 2019 - St. Damasus I, priest**

**Thurs. - Dec. 12, 2019 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Fri. - Dec. 13, 2019 - St. Lucy, virgin & martyr**  
SJB/HT 11:30 am Confession  
SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Our silent intentions

**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



## DECEMBER EVENTS

<b>Sun. Dec. 8</b>	Group 2 Money Counters
<b>Sun. Dec. 15</b>	Group 3 Money Counters
<b>Sun. Dec. 22</b>	Group 4 Money Counters
<b>Sun. Dec. 29</b>	Group 1 Money Counters
<b>Sun. Dec. 8</b>	SJB/HT OLP/SP Christmas Party 5:00pm Traditions at the Links
<b>Sun. Dec. 15</b>	Breakfast with Santa 8:00-11:00am SJB/HT Parish Center
<b>Tues. Dec. 17</b>	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center
<b>Thurs. Dec. 19</b>	Washington Square Assoc. Neighborhood Watch 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center
<b>The Rectory will be closed as follows;</b>	
<b>Tues. Dec. 24</b>	Closed
<b>Wed. Dec. 25</b>	Closed
<b>Thurs. Dec. 26</b>	Closed
<b>Fri. Dec. 27</b>	Closed No Noon Mass
<b>Tues. Dec. 31</b>	Close at Noon
<b>Christmas Mass Schedule;</b>	
<b>Tues. Dec. 24 - 4:00pm</b>	SJB/HT & OLP/SP
<b>9:00pm SJB/HT &amp; 12:00 Midnight</b>	OLP/SP
<b>Wed. Dec. 25 - 9:00am</b>	SJB/HT & 11:00am OLP/SP
<b>Tues. Dec. 31 - 12:00 Noon</b>	SJB/HT 4:00pm OLP/SP
<b>Wed. Jan. 1, 2020 - 9:00am</b>	SJB/HT 11:00am OLP/SP

**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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