

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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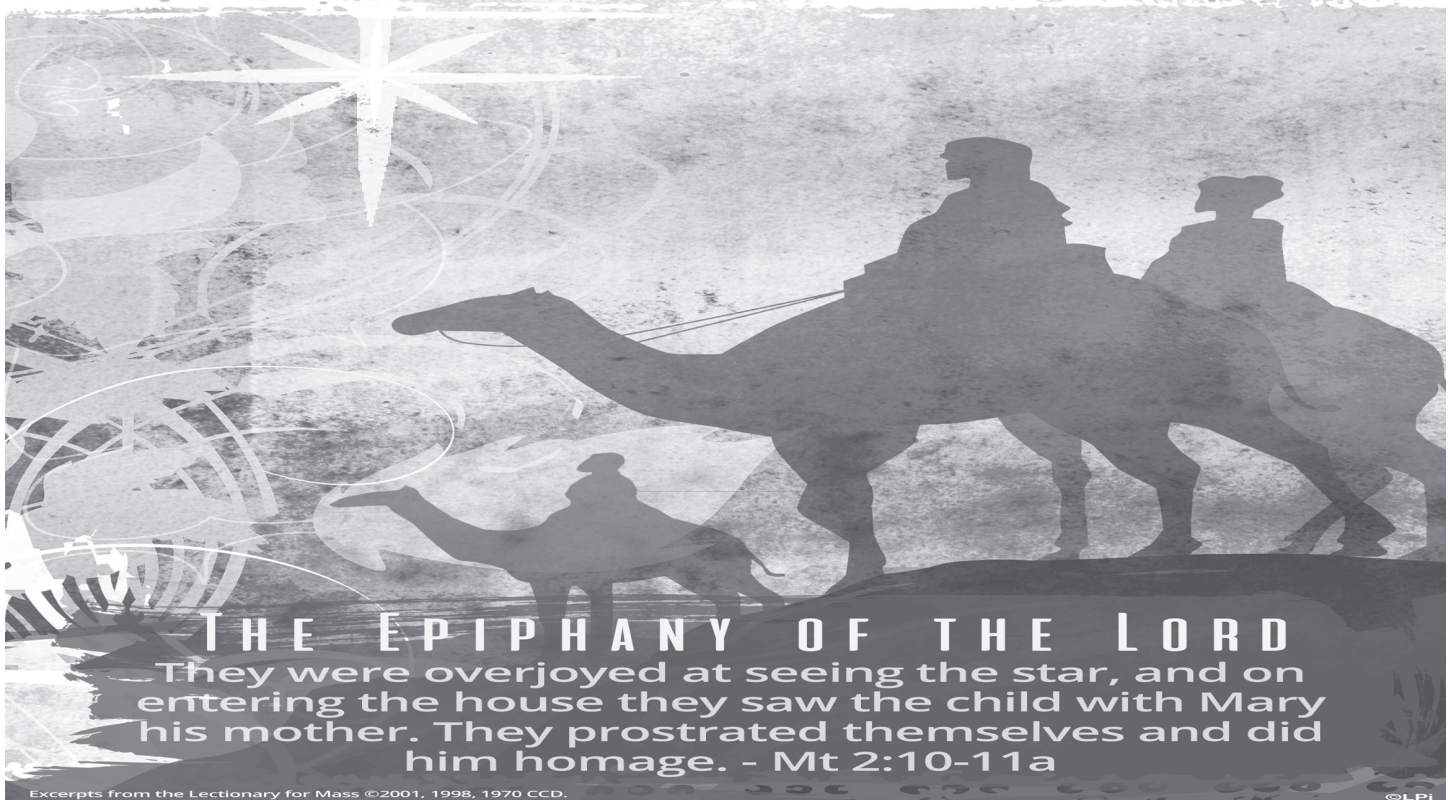
January 5, 2020

## 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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## Epiphany of the Lord

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.

## 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,

While the world around us has moved on to the next holiday, our celebration of Christmas continues. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast commemorates the manifestation of God through Christ to the whole world, symbolized by the arrival of the Magi from the east. The Magi were led to Christ by following the light of the Star of Bethlehem. Let us pray that others in this world that is so often filled with the darkness of doubt, despair and sin may be led to Christ by the light of our example.

Our celebration of Christmas continues even beyond this weekend. Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which will mark the end of the Christmas season. Many thanks to all those who made our celebration of this joyous season so special.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's peace,  
Fr. Caruso



### Thank You

How very beautiful our Church was decorated this Christmas. A very heartfelt and sincere Thank You to Marian Smith and her family and Maryanne Bergamo for all their help in decorating the Church for Christmas. As well the same Thank You to Dave William, Vince Aldrich, Max Fekete, Butch & Brian Mott, Paul Hunter, Jerry Mott and Bob Warren who put trees and garland up. SJB/HT is, as always, very grateful to you all.

### A Family Perspective

#### Family Life Education



Today's Gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

When Jesus was born, angels sang. I'll bet you never thought stars could sing for Jesus, too. But the stars in the sky sang in their own way, just by moving and twinkling in the sky. The Savior was born. Jesus was the King that God's people had been waiting for. Magi who had been watching the sky saw a star much brighter than the rest. They followed that star until they found Jesus, and they worshipped their new king.

#### Mission for the Week

Ask your family if you can visit a planetarium, or look through a special telescope, so you can see the stars God made.

#### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the stars move and twinkle in a special way, so that the Magi could find Jesus.



### Faith Formation Classes SJB/HT

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.

### Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2019 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, 315-478-0916, email us at [nbergeson@syrdio.org](mailto:nbergeson@syrdio.org), fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention "Nancy".

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.**

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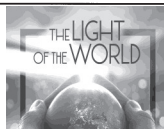
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### Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Have you ever experienced a time in your life when everything came together and became abundantly clear? You may have been confused about something, in the dark, at a point of doubt, or unclear as to how to act. You may have questioned someone's motivation and found yourself coming to the wrong conclusion. Then out of nowhere, the insight came and reality dawned. You experienced an epiphany of sorts! Today, we celebrate Christ's manifestation to all of the nations of the world. Has it dawned on you yet that Jesus Christ is the answer humanity has been seeking? Jesus is truly the beginning and end of all things and the key to understanding God's presence in every human heart. Once this real Epiphany dawns on us, we can never see God, ourselves, or one another in any other way. The Divine Light illumines everything and connects the dots.



### Do You Pray?

What is prayer? Prayer doesn't just happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That's a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That's a prayer. When we send off our near and dear ones and say, "dive safely" or "be safe". That's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive someone by your heart. That is prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being. \*Keep praying always\* Amen.





**Saturday, January 11th & Sunday, January 12th  
LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Jack Normoyle

**9:00AM** ~ Mary Barraco

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ A. Chouinard, J. LaVergne, R. Copani

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

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

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

**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, 2020 - The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**OLP/SP 7:30 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Caralee Humberstone - Sue Slack  
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - Jan. 6, 2020 - St. Andre Bessette, religious**  
**12:00 Noon** - An end of war and violence

**Tues. - Jan. 7, 2020 - St. Raymond of Penafort, priest**  
**SJB/HT 12:00 Noon** - The Pope and all religious

**Wed. - Jan. 8, 2020**

**Thurs. - Jan. 9, 2020**

**Fri. - Jan. 10, 2020**  
**SJB/HT 11:30 am Confession**  
**SJB/HT 12:00 Noon** - Our own silent intentions

**Sat. Jan. 11, 2020 Vigil - The Baptism of the Lord**  
**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**  
**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - For The People

**Sun. - Jan. 12 - The Baptism of the Lord**  
**OLP/SP 7:30 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Ray Grilli - Mary Cellini  
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**



THERE IS NO  
BETTER WOOD FOR  
FEEDING THE FIRE  
OF GOD'S LOVE  
THAN THE WOOD  
OF THE CROSS  
St. Ignatius of Loyola



### Rectory Closed and No Noon Mass

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,  
the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 20  
and there is no Noon Mass this day.

*January*

**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

**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

#### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



#### Sunday Collection Dec. 21st & Dec. 22nd

Regular collection .....	\$2,645.01
Loose collection .....	\$457.00
Christmas collection .....	\$125.00
Religious Education collection .....	\$77.00

**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 Campan-  
ino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine  
Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio,  
Peter DiBello, Gen DiMento, Cathy DiPrimio, Anthony  
Direnzo, 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. Sup-  
pes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, and Matthew Watkins.

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

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