

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 23, 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
E-mail - nbergeson@syrdio.org
Web Site - www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com

PRAY

“Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you.”

MATTHEW 5:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

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.

PaFISHioners Sponsoring Baked Fish Dinners

Hook me up as a "PaFISHioner Sponsor"!

1) I would like to sponsor in memory of:

Requested by: _____

2) I would like to sponsor the dinners for our shut-ins.

Requested by: _____

3) I would like to just be a sponsor:

Name: _____

If paying by check, please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.

Thank You for your support.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's Gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be family to others.

Faith Formation Classes SJB/HT

There are no classes today due to Winter recess. Enjoy your time off. Pre-K to 8th will resume on March 1st but Confirmation 1 classes will not resume until March 22nd. You can call Betty Warren with any concerns or questions at 315-420-6357. Please pray for our youth, especially those preparing for Sacraments this year and our Faith Formation Program.



Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 26th.

The following is the schedule of Masses with Ash distribution;

OLP/SP 9:00am

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon & SJB/HT 5:30pm



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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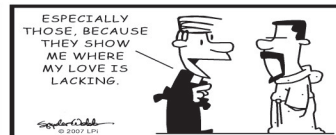


No Baptisms During Lent

During the weeks of Lent, no baptisms will be scheduled. Lent starts Wednesday, Feb. 26th through dusk on Holy Thursday, April 9th.



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Z: _____ Envelope Number: _____

Lenten Baked Fish Dinners

Our famous and our delicious Baked Fish Dinners will begin on Friday, Feb 28 and March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3. Dinners are served in the St. John/Holy Trinity Parish Center from 4:00-7:00PM. We run a 50/50 raffle each night and the Girl Scouts will be here selling cookies, each Friday except April 3. If you are interested in helping please call the rectory. We need a hand setting up the cafeteria, help during dinners inside and outside the kitchen and clean up.



Before you sleep, **PRAY**
When you wake up, **PRAY**.
When life gets hard, **PRAY**.
When you're happy, **PRAY**
If you are unsure, **PRAY**.
God is always with us.
Amen!

You Are Very Special

~Menu~

Baked Fish Dinners w/2 sides \$9.00

Fish Sandwich w/1 side \$5.00

Toasted Cheese Sandwich \$2.00

New England Clam Chowder \$1.50 Sides: fries, cole slaw, mac & cheese or baked beans (additional \$1.50 ea.)

**Saturday, February 29th & Sunday, March 1st
LECTORS:**

5:30PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ Lisa Primerano

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ R. Copani, J. LaVergne, G. Larkin

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, C. Horton, R. Warren

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

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

Sat. - Feb. 22, 2020 Vigil - 7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - Feb. 23, 2020 - 7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Teresa Greenfield - The Family

Maria Limongi - Son Egerio & Family

Albert J. Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney

Patricia Wall - Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Smola & Pat & Jack

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Feb. 24, 2020

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Amelia Fiore Clemente -

Fr. Lester Smith

Tues. - Feb. 25, 2020

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Joyce & George Vogt &

Arlene Young - Janet Vogt

Wed. - Feb. 26, 2020 - Ash Wednesday

OLP/SP 9:00 am

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - For The People

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Thurs. - Feb. 27, 2020

Fri. - Feb. 28, 2020

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Robert & Raymond Schmitt - Robin

SJB/HT 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sat. Feb. 29, 2020 Vigil - 1st Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Angie Brauchle - The Family

Anne & Bob Paris - The Paris Family

Sun. - March 1, 2020 - 1st Sunday Of Lent

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am



February

Sun. Feb. 23 Group 1 Money Counters

Tues. Feb. 25 Knights of Columbus
4th Degree 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday
Masses: OLP/SP 9:00am,
SJB/HT 12:00 Noon & 5:30pm

Fri. Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3 & 10
SJB/HT 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Fri. Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Apr. 3
Lenten Baked Fish Dinners
SJB/HT Parish Center 4:00-7:00pm

The Bishop Grimes Theatre Presents



Friday & Saturday, March 6 & 7, 2020

General Admission \$12 Tickets available at the door or online at:
bishopgrimestheatre.ludus.com

Bishop Grimes 6653 Kirkville Rd; East Syracuse; 13057

"Grease" is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord
Theatricals Company. Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.

Sunday Collection Feb. 15th & Feb. 16th

Regular collection\$2,830.00

Loose collection \$350.00

Religious Education collection..... \$128.00



The month of February:

We laid to rest from our parish community: Cath-
erine Wagner, Mario Fiacchi and Josephine Spuches
Murphy. May they rest in peace.



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 Bai-
ley, Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Chris-
topher Brown, Lena Campanino, Rosaria
Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman,
Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank De-
Yulio, Peter DiBello, Gen DiMento, Cathy DiPrimio, An-
thony Drenzo, Aaron Doty, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti,
Beverly Frey, Chris Gabriell, Ellen Gangemi, David Gal-
vagno, 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, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sher-
wood, Jason A. Smith, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino,
Shelly Visco, and Matthew Watkins.



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