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March 15, 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 - <u>nbergeson@syrdio.org</u> Web Site - <u>www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com</u>



Third Sunday Of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and 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.



Third Sunday of Lent

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is

stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

Faith Formation Classes SJB/HT

Pre-K to 8th classes have resumed as normal. Confirmation 1 class will resume on March 22.





A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."

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Thank You for your support.



Save The Date: Basket Bonanza **Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters Church**

We hope you will save the date for the Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters Basket Bonanza. It will be held on Saturday March 28th at 5:00pm in their school cafeteria! It's always a wonderful time with incredible baskets and silent auction items. The cost is only \$10.00 which includes your admission, chance to win door prizes and 2 free raffle tickets to use towards the 60+ baskets to take a chance on. It also includes incredible food and of course, as always, o0ts of fun and comradery! We hope you will be part of it. Tickets are now on sale after all Masses at OLP/SP, or by visiting or calling their parish offices at 315-422-7163. We know it will be another fantastic Bonanza with great opportunities to win incredible items. Hope you will join in!

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/Holv 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.



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.)



Religious

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Easter Flowers For The Altar

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please fill out the form below and send it in to the rectory separate from your weekly collection dona-

tions please. You can put them in the collection basket marked "Flowers" or mail them back to the rectory. Donations should be in by Monday, April 6, 2020. Donor

Phone Donation

In Memory of

In Honor of

Sunday Collection Mar. 7th & Mar. 8th Regular collection\$2,658.25 Loose collection \$486.00 Poor collection.....\$101.00

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Saturday, March 21st & Sunday, March 22nd March **LECTORS: 5:30PM** ~ Cathy Schotthoefer Sun. March 15 Group 4 Money Counters Sun. March 22 9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe Group 1 Money Counters Sun. March 29 Group 2 Money Counters **ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano Fri. Mar. 20, 27, Apr. 3 & 10 SJB/HT 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith Fri. Mar. 20, 27 & Apr. 3 **EUCHARIST:** Lenten Baked Fish Dinners 5:30PM ~ A. Chouinard, J. LaVergne, M.A. Bergamo SJB/HT Parish Center 4:00-7:00pm 9:00AM ~ J. Mott, R. Warren, C. Horton Tues. Mar. 17 3rd Degree Knights of ****With cold and flu season upon us, we have Columbus Meeting suspended the Precious Blood.**** 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center Thurs. Mar. 19 Washington Square Assoc. **Mass Schedule for** Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity 4th Degree Knights of Tues. Mar. 24 Sat. - March 14, 2020 Vigil - 3rd Sunday Of Lent Columbus Meeting **OLP/SP 4:00 pm** 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Steve P. Taddeo - The Family Pietro Paolo & Filomena Tomaino -Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Mazza **Reconciliation Schedule** Josephine Spuches Murphy - The Spuches Crisafulli Family At OLP/SP: March 30-April 3 ~ 4:00-5:30PM "The Light Is On" Sun. - March 15, 2020 - 3rd Sunday Of Lent ~ SJB/HT April 6 ~ 4:00-7:00PM OLP/SP 7:30 am At SJB/HT: April 7 & 8 ~ 4:00-5:30PM SJB/HT 9:00 am - Enrica Celline - The Family John Lancette - Beverly Frey Dourine Restiff - Jake & Pat Jaquin Irish Blessing Josephine Murphy - Debbie, Carol & Donna nere always be work for OLP/SP 11:00 am your hands to do May your purse always hold coin or two Mon. - March 16, 2020 May the sun always shine on SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - All those in the medical community your window pane. May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. Tues. - March 17, 2020 - St. Patrick, bishop May the hand of a friend alv SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Our silent intentions be near you. May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you. Wed. - March 18, 2020 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church Serving Our Country Always keep in prayer all Thurs. - March 19, 2020 - St. Joseph, servicemen and women. From our parish: **Rob** spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Smith, Bryan M. Oakes & Anthony Cangemi. Fri. - March 20, 2020 SJB/HT Confession 11:30am Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Nancy Bai-SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Ira Johnson - The Family lev, Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Chris-SJB/HT 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross topher Brown, Lena Campanino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Sat. March 21, 2020 Vigil - 4th Sunday Of Lent Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank De-OLP/SP 4:00 pm Yulio, Peter DiBello, Gen DiMento, Cathy DiPrimio, An-SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People thony Direnzo, Aaron Doty, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Chris Gabriell, Ellen Gangemi, David Gal-Sun. - March 22, 2020 - 4th Sunday Of Lent vagno, Gladys Graham, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, OLP/SP 7:30 am Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary SJB/HT 9:00 am - Peter Celline - The Family Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Joanne Loughney, Peggy Mitchell - Mary Cellini Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Bernice Pasquale & Margherita DelVecchio -McClelland, Antonio McLaughlin, Peggy Miccinelli, Helen

Mnich, Bill Moran, Michael Morga, Darlene Noves, Jean

wood, Jason A. Smith, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino,

Padden, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sher-

Shelly Visco, and Matthew Watkins.

Anna DelVecchio & Family Giorgio DelVecchio - Anna DelVecchio and Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

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