

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 3, 2021

Mass Schedule:

M,T,W,TH,F - 12:00 Noon
Saturday 9:00 am & 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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Web Site - www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com

St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday, 9:00am & 5:30pm

Sunday, 9:00am

Monday –Friday Noon in Church

Our Lady of Pompei/St.Peter Church

Saturday, 4:00pm

Saturday, 6:00pm Vietnamese

Sunday, 7:30am & 11:30am & 5:00pm

Sunday, 9:30am Vietnamese

Monday –Friday 9:00am in Church

Welcome:

Listed below are the safety measures that we have in place for our parishes, Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and St. John the Baptist/ Holy Trinity. If you have not attended Mass recently but are thinking about returning, below are the guidelines we are following:

- The church is completely sanitized after each Mass/Funeral.
- Pews are taped off to ensure 6 feet social distancing.
- Ushers will seat you after you check in wearing your mask (required) and bring sanitizer (to be used before receiving Communion).
- When it is time for Communion, there will be ushers to help guide you one pew at a time, starting from front to back on one side and then from back to front on the other side. There are markings on the aisle floor for distancing from the person ahead of you and then you will go to the side aisle to return to your seat.
- Upon the conclusion of Mass, the ushers will guide you to the side aisles and exit out the front doors only. Please do not congregate in the Gathering Space.
- We request that you call the OLP/St.P. Parish Office at 315-422-7163 or St. J/HT, 315-478-0916 to register for the Mass you would like to attend. Please be assured that if you call the Parish Office and leave a message on the voice mail to register for Mass, that you will be accounted for.
- The Collection Basket can longer be passed so there is a collection box at the entrance of the main Church for your offering.

These precautions are taken for the safety of all parishioners. Thank you for your cooperation at this time.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso

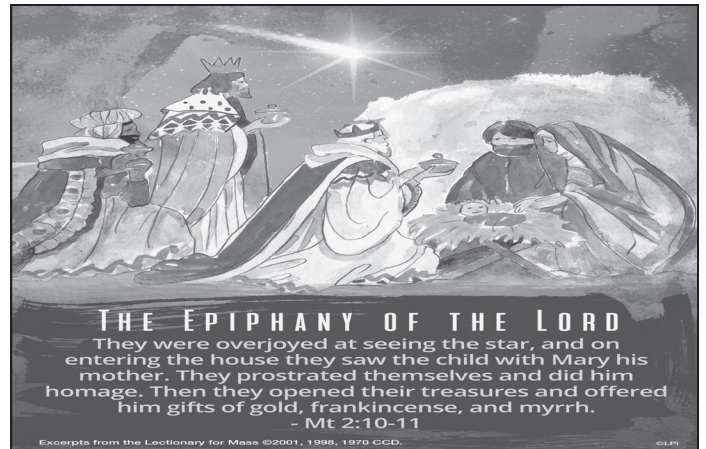
Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

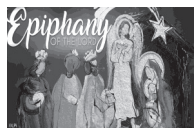
Office Assistant Mary Olmsted

Senior Priest in Residence Fr. Lester Smith

Music Director/Organist James Stanley

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. As we begin this new year, the world is very dark. 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.

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

In Christ's peace,
Fr. Caruso

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

In observance of this day, Monday, January 18, the Rectory office will be closed and there is no Noon Mass this day.



SJB/HT Religious Education

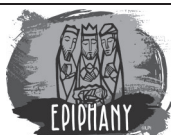
Religious Ed classes have been cancelled and are scheduled to resume on Jan. 17. We offer classes from Pre K (4 years old) to Confirmation II. If you wish to have your child participate, please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357. Classes run from 9:45-10:45am. We are following all CDC COVID 19 requirements to maintain the safety of all the students and teachers. If you have any concerns for your child's safety, please contact me so we can discuss your concerns.

I am confident if we all work together (parents, students, teachers and staff) we can provide a healthy and successful Religious Education program for your children. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their anticipated cooperation during this "new normal" process.....**Betty Warren, DRE**

The Three Wise Men

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...
...who were they?



Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

Live The Liturgy

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

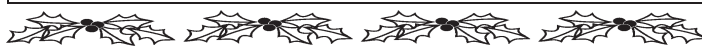


A Family Perspective Family Life Education

The Magi in today's Gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Do not let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to the guiding star in the life of your children.

2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass Book is now open for your requests. Keeping social distancing in mind, please call the rectory if you would like to book an intention. Masses are \$10.00 as well as Sanctuary Lamp requests. Payment can be made by mail or if you attend Mass can be dropped into the collection box. Use a separate envelope and address it to "Nancy or Office, Mass Payment". If you would like to come to the office please call ahead. You will be required to have temperature taken and wear a mask.



EPIPHANY



**Mass Schedule for
SJB/HT & OLP/SP**

Monday, Jan 4, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Special intentions for
Vincent Caracci - Joanne
12:00pm SJB/HT - No Intention

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Josephine Formica - Maryann Panto
12:00pm SJB/HT - No Intention

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Lee Martarelli - Joanne Licitra
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances
12:00pm SJB/HT - No Intention

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Jenny Leone - Cheryl Giarrusso
12:00pm SJB/HT - Bruce Johnson - Sue Slack

Friday, Jan. 8, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Michael Ronnell Williams - Joe Ruggeri
12:00pm SJB/HT - No Intention

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021

9:00am SJB/HT - No Intention
4:00pm OLP/SP - Ann Salvatore & Maria Calebrese -
Connie & Carlo & Family
Robert Fletcher - Mr. & Mrs. Alberto Fabrizi
Doris Spinoso - Mr. & Mrs. Alberto Fabrizi
John Pascarella - Esther & Henry
Maria Laura Pallotta - Antoinette Carapella - Frank & Sue
5:30pm SJB/HT - Ralph Smith - The Smith Family
Giuseppe Migliore - The Family
Vincenzo Abbatiello - The Family
Etaucchio & Giovanna Bruno - The Family

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021

7:30am OLP/SP - Maria A. Salvatore -
Roseann & Stanley Sobon
9:00am SJB/HT - Thomas Gibbons - Jerry Mott
11:30am OLP/SP - Angelo Borreggine -
Wife, Frances Borreggine
Tina & Santo Nitopi - Louis & Madaline Argiro
Antoinette M. Sacco - Children
V. James Magnarelli - Pat & Fran
Connie Carioti - Marie, Ron & Grandchildren
5:00pm OLP/SP - The parishioners of OLP/SP & SJB/HT



Liturgical Ministers– Jan. 2nd & Jan. 3rd

Lectors

4:00pm OLP/SP:
5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schotthoefer
7:30am OLP/SP:
9:00am SJB/HT: John Robinson
11:30am OLP/SP:
5:00pm OLP/SP: Fr. Caruso



Our Health Care Workers: Please pray for all health care workers of our parish serving in this crisis of COVID 19. That God helps to guide their decisions and to keep them safe as well. From our parish: **Dr. Patrick Abt, Alisa Albanese, PA., Christopher Jacques, EMS, Lynda Keller, Nurse, Ross Mathewson, Joseph & Rita Nicoletti, Nurses, Robert C. Palucci, Nurse, Dr. Alyssa Toia, Stacy Toia, Nurse and Lauren Townley, Nurse.**

Serving Our Country: Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Anthony Cangemi, Richard L. Cooper, Jack McAndrew, Matthew McAndrew, Bryan M. Oakes & Rob Smith.**



Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Margaret Brigandi, Lena Campanino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Rosemarie Capriotti, Cheryle Cacchione, Lucy Copani, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Peter DiBello, Gen DiMento, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, David Gehres, Gladys Graham, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Keith Horton, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Mattia Kinslow, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Madge Maffei, Peggy Miccinelli, Bill Moran, Michael Morga, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Sandy Pisani, Frank Procopio, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Samuel and Sue Wilson.

Christmas Flower Donations

Requested for: Robert Brimfield
Requested by: Fran Brimfield
Requested for: Mario & Antoinetta Palma
Requested by: Sam, Toni Sgroi & Family
Requested for: Frank & Antoinette D'Eredita & Ernest Maffei
Requested by: Frank & Donna (Maffei) D'Eredita



HOPE Appeal Update

To date SJB/HT has pledged/donated \$12,355.00.

If you received a donation envelope in the mail already addressed to HOPE Appeal, you may mail it directly or you can put your donation into the collection box in a separate envelope marked for "HOPE Appeal". Thank you.

Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

Week Dec. 19th & 20th

SJB/HT Collection: \$3,601.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$7,356.00

Thank you to all those parishioners who have faithfully been mailing their envelopes because they still cannot attend Mass. If you have been away or have been unable to attend Mass, please remember to send your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate whatever you can do to help with expenses.

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