

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 20, 2020

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, 5:00pm Vietnamese
Sunday, 7:30am & 11:30am & 5:00pm
Sunday, Vietnamese 9:00am
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 no 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,

This weekend we observe the Fourth (and last) Sunday of Advent. Christmas is just a few days away. The emphasis of our prayer has shifted from looking forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time to preparing to celebrate His Holy Birth in Bethlehem. While we are all busy with the last minute physical preparations for Christmas, we should all take a step back to see if we are spiritually prepared.

If we have let the first three weeks of Advent pass us by without taking the time to be renewed and strengthened in spirit, to truly prepare for the celebration of the Lord's birth, it is not too late. Perhaps over the next few days we can all set aside a few extra minutes each day for prayer. Confessions are scheduled from 4PM to 7PM on Monday, December 21 at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity for those who would like to celebrate the sacrament during this season of preparation.

On behalf of the staff (including Mary & Petey, the Wonder-Puppies), Sr. Elizabeth, Fr. John, Fr. Major, Fr. Smith and myself, I would like to wish you all a Blessed Christmas. This has been a difficult year for all of us. I pray that the love of God will fill all of our hearts this Christmas and that the true peace of the season will be with each of us.

Please know that you are all in my prayers during these final days of Advent; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Caruso



Rectory and Mass Holiday Hours

To allow our parish staff some time for a rest and to be with their families during the Christmas season, the rectory office will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Jan. 1 and we will open Monday, Jan. 4. **The Noon Masses at SJB/HT for the week of Dec. 28-31 are cancelled.** Masses for New Year Day Friday, Jan. 1 are 9:00am SJB/HT and 11:30am OLP/SP. Please call asap for reservations to these Masses.



SJB/HT Religious Education

Religious Ed classes have been cancelled and are scheduled to resume on Jan. 17. Merry Christmas! 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**

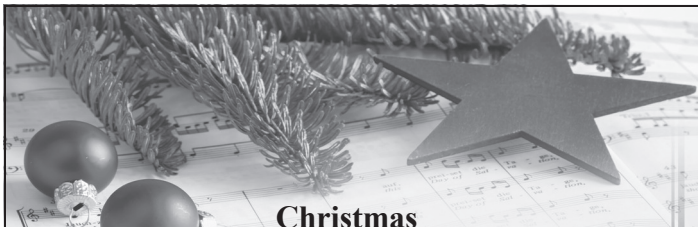
Live The Liturgy

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Question: What do you call a family, which began with an unmarried pregnant teen, and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal? Answer: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: 1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." 2) "Do not be afraid" for nothing is impossible with God.



Christmas

December 24th, marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God,
you became human through the obedience
of a simple young woman named Mary.
Mary is our model of faith.
May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.
Give us the courage to face each day
with the yes that Mary gave to you.
We ask this through the incarnate God,
who comes to us again during this Christmas season.
Amen.

O Come All Ye Faithful

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

Monday, Dec. 21, 2020

9:00am OLP/SP - Mary Kalska - Son, Paul
12:00pm SJB/HT - No Intention

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020

9:00am OLP/SP - Curly Paris - The Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - No Intention

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020

9:00am OLP/SP - Luke, Joseph & Rose Oscuro - Estate
12:00pm SJB/HT - No Intention

Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020 Christmas Eve

4:00pm OLP/SP - The parishioners of OLP/SP
4:00pm SJB/HT - The parishioners of SJB/HT
9:00pm SJB/HT - The parishioners of SJB/HT
Midnight Mass OLP/SP -

Friday, Dec. 25, 2020 Christmas Day

9:00am SJB/HT - The parishioners of SJB/HT
11:00am OLP/SP - The parishioners of OLP/SP

Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020

9:00am SJB/HT - No Intention
4:00pm OLP/SP - Libby Scalzo - OLP/SP Office Staff
Frank, Tony & Louise Donati - Laura & Family
Frank & Anna Pascarella - Esther & Henry
Anne & Alfonso Carfagno - MaryAnne Frank
Frankie Pascarella - Esther & Henry
Adele & Enrico Fabrizi - The Family
Roseann & James Iannuzzo - The Family
Frank Giannantonia & Julio DeLorio - Frank & Sue
Gennaro Salvatore - Roseann & Stanley Sobon
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
5:30pm SJB/HT - The parishioners of SJB/HT

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020

7:30am OLP/SP - Robert Kalska - Son, Paul
9:00am SJB/HT - The parishioners of SJB/HT
11:30am OLP/SP - Santina Sindoni - The Family
Mary, Philip & Anthony Catalino - The Family
Victoria, John, Carmella & Frank Vicchiarelli - The Family
Pasquale & Giovannian Geremia - Gilda
The Notcher, Caracci & Roffo Families - Fran & JoAnne
Joseph Manfredi - Daughter, Rose
Karen Magnarelli - The Family
Tony Felicia - Wife, Maryann
5:00pm OLP/SP - The parishioners of OLP/SP



Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." — Lk 1:30-32

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

Liturgical Ministers– Dec. 26th & Dec. 27th

Lectors

4:00pm OLP/SP:
5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan
7:30am OLP/SP:
9:00am SJB/HT: Lisa Primerano
11:30am OLP/SP:
5:00pm OLP/SP: Fr. Caruso



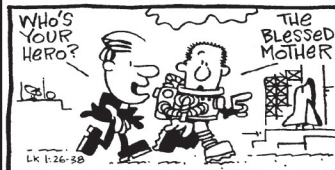
Our Health Care Workers: Please pray for all health care workers of our parish serving in this crisis of COVID 19. That God helps to guide their decisions and to keep them safe as well. From our parish: **Dr. Patrick Abt, Alisa Albanese, PA., Christopher Jacques, EMS, Lynda Keller, Nurse, Ross Mathewson,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

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sacrificial Giving

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

Week Dec. 6 OLP/SP \$7,325.00

Week Dec. 12th & 13th

SJB/HT Collection: \$TBA OLP/SP Collection: \$TBA

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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