

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 21, 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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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.

Stations Of The Cross

Stations are each Friday through April 2nd. Stations will follow the Friday 12:15 Mass at OLP/SP and at 7:00pm at SJB/HT Church.

Please enter as usual, each Church and you will be signed in and seated. **** We will provide printed copies of the Stations when you come in. You may keep the copy and use it each time you attend. OLP/SP and SJB/HT will use the same format for the Stations.**



Gospel Meditation

1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

No Baked Fish Dinners

After much discussion and thought, it has been decided that we will not have our Baked Fish dinners this year. We do thank you all who have inquired and asked. We just do not feel, at this time, that the health and safety of our volunteers is worth the risk.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to mend and forgive!

Live The Liturgy

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!



The Story Of The Lenten Pretzels

The pretzel has a deep spiritual meaning for Lent. In fact, it was the ancient Christian Lenten bread as far back as the fourth century. In the old Roman Empire, the faithful kept a very strict fast all through Lent: no milk, no butter, no cheese, no eggs, no cream and no meat. They made small breads of water, flour and salt, to remind themselves that Lent was a time of prayer. They shaped these breads in the form of crossed arms for in those days they crossed their arms over the breast while praying. Therefore they called the breads "little arms" (bracellae). From this Latin word, the Germanic people later coined the term "pretzel." (CatholicCulture)

The Trio

The three holes in the pretzel have been used as symbols for the teaching of the faith. They can represent:

1. The Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
2. The Three Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Love (Charity) And during Lent...
3. The Three Disciplines of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.



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

Monday, Feb. 22, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - For the people
12:00pm SJB/HT - Edward Page - Georgiann Larkin

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Robert Kalska - Son, Paul
12:00pm SJB/HT - Antonio McLaughlin
& David McLaughlin - Uncle Rocco & Virginia Cannata

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021

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

Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - William M. Merriett - Paul
12:00pm SJB/HT - No Intention

Friday, Feb. 26, 2021

12:00pm SJB/HT - No Intention
12:15pm OLP/SP - John Gadaleta - Aunt Maria
OLP/SP Stations of the Cross will follow after Mass
7:00 pm SJB/HT - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021

9:00am SJB/HT - No Intention
4:00pm OLP/SP - Josephine Crisalli - Jessie
Danny Campolo - Family
Michael Duffy - Mom & Dad
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
5:30pm SJB/HT - Jeanne Viggiano -
Georgiann & Paul Larkin

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021

7:30am OLP/SP - Deceased members of the
Salvatore & Pallotta Families - Roseann & Stanley Sobon
9:00am SJB/HT - Angeline Brauchle - Husband & Family
Albert J. Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney
Marie A. Tassone - Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Panzino
11:30am OLP/SP - Pasquale Siseria - Wife & Children
Giuseppe & Giuseppina DiLorenzo - Sister, Gilda
5:00pm OLP/SP - For the people of OLP/SP & SJB/HT



**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 wor-
ries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints; contemplate
simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from
bitterness; fill you hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and
be compassionate. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast
from words; be silent and listen.



**Liturgical Ministers– Feb. 27th & Feb. 28th
Lectors**

4:00pm OLP/SP: R. Fabrizi
5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan
7:30am OLP/SP: J. Magnarelli
9:00am SJB/HT: Patrick Minnoe
11:30am OLP/SP: M. Merola
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, Kristen Fekete, 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, Rose Mary Connors, 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, 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, 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.



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15

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

Sacrificial Giving

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

Week Feb. 13th & 14th
SJB/HT Collection: \$3,757.00 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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