

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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August 22, 2021

## Mass Schedule:

M,T,W,TH,F - 12:00 Noon  
Saturday 9:00 am & Vigil - 5:30 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am  
Reconciliation OLP/SP Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm  
SJB/HT Thursday 4:00-5:00pm

## Office Hours for SJB/HT

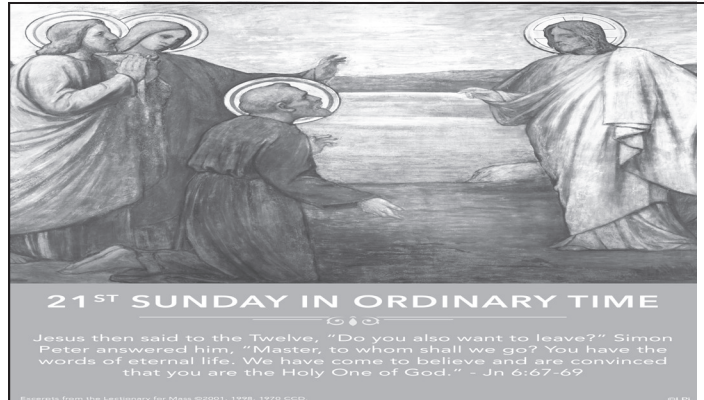
Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm  
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm  
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## St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



## The Celebration Of The Sacraments In Time Of Pandemic

The following summary is based on updated to the Diocesan *Instructions for the Celebration of the Sacraments In Time of Pandemic* after consulting new guidelines provided by the CDC, NYS and the advice of medical professionals. It is important to note that appropriate measures are being taken to accommodate the faithful with the awareness that they include both the vaccinated and unvaccinated members. **We rely on the goodness and honesty of our people to follow State guidelines regarding those fully vaccinated and unvaccinated.**

### UPDATED PROTOCOLS

- Parishioners are no longer required to pre-register for Mass, but we will take names as you enter church at least until the end of June. This is just a precaution we are taking.
- Parishioners who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face mask at Mass.
- All who prefer to continue wearing facial covering are free to do so.
- Those who are **NOT** fully vaccinated should observe social distancing of six feet from individuals not in their households. They **ARE** to wear a face mask at Mass. Even if fully vaccinated, social distancing from those who are wearing a mask is requested.
- We have created "a physical distance section" within the church for those who are required to wear masks and engage in social distancing and/or for those who may be fully vaccinated but wish to continue to follow distancing practices. This section is on the left side of the Church facing the Altar. The right hand side of the church facing the Altar will be fully open. Parishioners may be seated in a staggered fashion while respecting six feet social distance, where required.
- Lectors, servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and sacristans must continue to follow prescribed hand washing and sanitizing practices.
- The Offertory processions with the gifts of bread and wine will resume. The Offertory collection will continue with the use of the collection box in the center aisle.
- At the Sign of Peace there still should be no physical contact.
- For the distribution of Holy Communion, those distributing the Eucharist will continue using hand sanitizer, masks. While in the Communion line, communicants should maintain social distancing from those not in their household.
- Holy Water fonts will remain empty.
- The use of permanent worship aid, missalettes and hymnals may resume.
- Bulletins may be distributed at Mass and may also be distributed electronically.

### 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

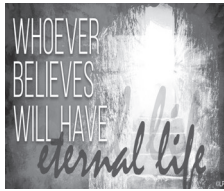
**Call the Rectory to arrange** for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist and cantor directly. Baptisms and hospital/home visits.

## Gospel Meditation

August 22, 2021

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.



The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

## Pray for Vocations

In the Gospel, we hear: “It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail.” It is only when we seek the things above that we will have everlasting joy. Have you considered what God wants of you lately as opposed to what the world expects of you? Reflect this week on whether it might be a vocation to the priesthood. Don’t be afraid to reach out to Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468, or write [vocations@syrдио.org](mailto:vocations@syrдио.org).



## Religious Education News

We will once again be starting in person Religious Education classes beginning in September (start date to be determined). We will be having classes from Pre-K (4 yrs. old) to Confirmation II. If you wish to have your child participate, please call me at 315 420 6357 to let me know (even if your child attended last year), so I can determine how many teachers we will need. Be assured that all CDC Covid 19 requirements will be strictly enforced 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. After I speak with you, confirming your child's enrollment, a letter and registration forms will be mailed to you within a few weeks. Please fill out all the necessary forms and bring them to our 1st class. All forms need to be filled out and returned to me to keep accurate records for the Diocese. 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.



### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST/ HOLY TRINITY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP.

As you know our youth are the future of our Parish and without them, we will not continue to thrive and may cease to be a presence on the Northside. It is important that we nurture them, ignite their desire to continue their Faith Formation Journey and to become adult participants in our Parish. To do this, we need adult volunteers to help share their Faith with our youth. This year we are in need of 1 to 2 teachers, but we can always use more. The more teachers we have the less work for everyone. I am asking you to please, please, please consider teaching. You do not need to be a Certified Teacher to volunteer. We provide all the necessary material and training to assist you and we have veteran volunteers who are always willing to help or answer questions. It only takes a few hours of your time each week to teach and it is very rewarding. If you have any questions, please contact me at 315 420 6357 or [warrenbeliz@yahoo.com](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).



“The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.” As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. — Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66

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## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus “difficult”, He did not back down. In our families, it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.



## Morning, Noon Mass and Confession Announcement

Mark your calendars; there will be no Noon Mass at SJB/HT August 23-27 and no 9:00am Morning Mass on Saturday August 28. There will be no 9:00am Morning Masses at OLP/SP August 23-27. There will be no confessions at OLP/SP on Wednesday Aug. 25 or at SJB/HT on Thursday Aug. 26.



**HAPPY LABOR DAY** In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, the rectories at SJB/HT and OLP/SP will be closed on Monday Sept. 6. There is no 9:00am Mass at OLP/SP or Noon Mass at SJB/HT.

## Liturgical Ministers– Aug. 28th & Aug. 29th Lectors

4:00pm OLP/SP: Jackie Antonacci  
 5:30pm SJB/HT: Annette Marchbanks  
 7:30am OLP/SP: Jim Magnarelli  
 9:00am SJB/HT: John Robinson  
 11:30am OLP/SP: Frank Brice  
 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.**



**Prayer List** **Remember:** Christopher Aldrich, Larry Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arthur Bertolo, Marge Brigandi, Lena Campanino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Cheryle Cacchione, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Gen DiMento, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Keith Horton, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, 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, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen surface, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Patrick Vassalo, Mary Vigliotti and Matthew Watkins, .

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

Week August 14th & August 15th  
 SJB/HT Collection: \$2,009.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$6,784.00

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.

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

### Monday, Aug. 23, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - No Mass  
 12:00pm SJB/HT - No Mass

### Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - No Mass  
 12:00pm SJB/HT - No Mass

### Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - No Mass  
 12:00pm SJB/HT - No Mass  
 4:00pm-5:00pm No OLP/SP Confession

### Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - No Mass  
 12:00pm SJB/HT - No Mass  
 4:00pm-5:00pm No SJB/HT Confession

### Friday, Aug. 27, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - No Mass  
 12:00pm SJB/HT - No Mass

### Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021

9:00am SJB/HT - No Mass  
 4:00pm OLP/SP - Mary Ann Militi - Jessie Crisalli  
 John Pascarella - Henry & Esther  
 Rosita Simiele - Ginnie Lostumbo  
 Anthony "Midnight" Silvaggio -  
 Wife, Sally & Sons Jeff & Tony Jr.  
 5:30pm SJB/HT - Jeanne Contrastano - Sister, Gloria  
 Rose Mary Connors - Gloria Mastriano

### Sunday, August 29, 2021

7:30am OLP/SP - For the people  
 9:00am SJB/HT - Pat Wall - Husband, John Wall  
 Peter DiBello - Maddalena DelVecchio  
 Thomas Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Bleskoski  
 11:30am OLP/SP - Jim Aiello - Kathy & Jim  
 Jane Lostumbo - Daughter, Ginnie  
 John Nave - Son, Marty & Family  
 Peter Cappuccilli, Sr. - The Family  
 Angeline Carlucci -  
 Niece & Nephew, Maria, Sam & Children  
 5:00pm OLP/SP - For the people



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