# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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August 29, 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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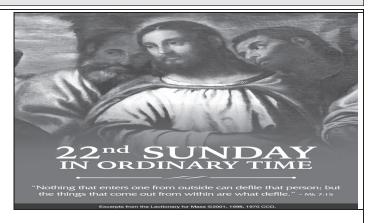
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# St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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 29, 2021

# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not end



quires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

# **Pray for Vocations**

In the second reading James says, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." Is God calling you to proclaim His Word as a priest, deacon, or religious? Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468, or write vocations@syrdio.org.





Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

— M k 7 : 5 b - 6

# **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.

# A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns, "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a lifetime are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That is the good news! That can also be the bad news!





Congratulations to Noah Joseph St. Thomas on his baptism. God's blessings to you and your family.



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

Monday, Aug. 30, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Emily Maggio - Angelo Angeloro Angeline Carlucci - Don Rosati & Family

12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Leon Saya - Laureen & Silvio Ascenzo

12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Annelise Stenner - Marty Nave

12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Angeline Carlucci -

Tony & Marie DiBello

12:00pm SJB/HT - Bob Smith - Marian & Kids

4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday, Sept. 3, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Pasqualina & Nicolangelo Pallotta -

Angela & John

12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021

9:00am SJB/HT - Anneite Cannavino - Georgiann Larkin

4:00pm OLP/SP - Joan Rey - Joanne Licitra

Marie Ciarla - Mary Osborne Patrick Conley - Aunt Mary Prince Nina & John Prince - Sister, Mary Prince Gino Fabrizi - Tony & Antonette Grosso Angela Frontale - Len & Maria DiBello Angeline Carlucci - Sister & Husband, Carmen & Pete Vasineli

5:30pm SJB/HT - Peter DiBello - Gloria Mastriano Grazia Mucci - Immaculate Migliore Al Decirce - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morga

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021

7:30am OLP/SP - Esther Spadaro - Husband, Sam

9:00am SJB/HT - Grazia Mucci - Steve & Rita Tatem

Arthur Muhl - Joan Depperschmidt

Giulia Palucci - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Palucci & Family Deceased class members of SJBA Class of 1971 -

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11:30am OLP/SP - Vito Toia - Sam Spadaro Mary Pennacchia - Sisters

Anthony Nuzzo - Angelo Angeloro Helen & John Falge - Son, Joseph Falge

Carmen Emmi, Sr. - Rosemarie & Children

Gus Mancuso - Daughter, Rosemarie & Grandchildren Michael Patello - Antimo, Maryann Vigliotti & Family Frances Vigliotti Vick - Antimo, Maryann Vigliotti & Family 5:00pm OLP/SP - Mary Anne Scarfino -

Henry & Esther Pagano





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-Sept. 4th & Sept. 5th Lectors

4:00pm OLP/SP: Al Petragnani

5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schotthoefer 7:30am OLP/SP: Maryann Iannottone

9:00am SJB/HT: Mary Barraco

11:30am OLP/SP: Jim Taft

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, Larry Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arthur Bertolo, Marge Brigandi, Lena Campanino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Cheryle

Cacchione, Catherine Cushman, Gravce 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, .

Weekly collections will be added to the Sept. 12 bulletin due to early transmitting.





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