

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 5, 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

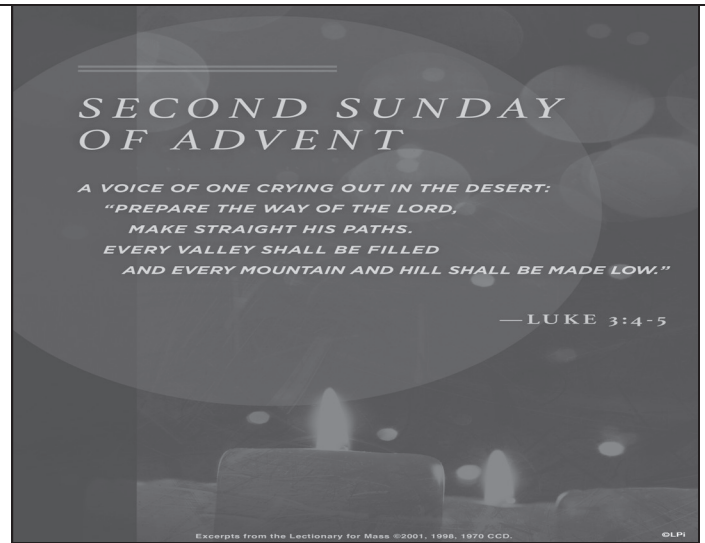
Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday, 9:00am & Saturday Vigil 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



Gospel Meditation

December 5, 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem insurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

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
Religious Education Betty Warren

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.

HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

Mass Schedule

Tuesday Dec. 7 - Vigil

The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

5:30pm SJB/HT

Wednesday Dec. 8

The Immaculate Conception of the BVM Holy Day

9:00am OLP/SP

12:00 Noon SJB/HT.

Friday Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm OLP/SP

4:00pm SJB/HT - Lector Needed please contact the rectory

9:00pm SJB/HT - Lector Needed please contact the rectory

12:00 Midnight Mass OLP/SP

Saturday Dec. 25 Christmas

7:30am OLP/SP

9:00am SJB/HT - Lector Needed please contact the rectory

11:30am OLP/SP

Friday Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

5:30pm SJB/HT - Lector Needed please contact the rectory

Saturday Jan. 1, 2022 New Year's Day

9:00am SJB/HT - Lector Needed please contact the rectory

10:30am OLP/SP



HOPE Appeal 2021

All checks should be made out to "The HOPE Appeal". You are encouraged to mail directly your donation to the address on the envelope. Please Do Not add your HOPE Appeal donation to your weekly Church envelope. We thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful donations. 2021 HOPE Appeal will run through Dec. 31, 2021. To date, our HOPE Appeal pledges are \$16,910.00. The assessment for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity is \$22,000.00.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Today's Gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"



Sacrificial Giving

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

Week Nov. 20th & Nov. 21st

SJB/HT Collection: \$3,006.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$6,776.00

Week Nov. 27th & Nov. 28th

SJB/HT Collection: \$1,680.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$7,506.00

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.



Parking Lot Entrance

Please be advised that we will now have the parking lot side entrance door unlocked for all Masses. You may now enter that door or the center doors on Park St. only. There is a basket for your contribution envelopes near the confessional.

Lector Schedule - Dec. 11th & Dec. 12th

4:00pm OLP/SP: Al Petraghani

5:30pm SJB/HT: Annette Marchbanks

7:30am OLP/SP: Joe Nicoletti

9:00am SJB/HT: Lisa Primerano

11:30am OLP/SP: G. Lostumbo

5:00pm OLP/SP: Fr. Caruso



Religious Education News

Religious Ed classes resume this week. 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.

Christmas Shopping With AmazonSmile (Any Shopping)



We are seeing some cash back results with AmazonSmile and SJB/HT. If you are an Amazon OnLine Shopper please remember to sign into AmazonSmile and choose St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity as your charity of choice. Here is how you can do it. 1) Visit smile.amazon.com 2) Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials 3) Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice, US! We are listed as **St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity** 4) Start shopping 5) Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. With Christmas just around the corner, many of us will online shop for our gift needs. It really is very simple to use your Amazon or Amazon Prime to add AmazonSmile and choose St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity as your charity. It costs nothing and it changes nothing in your Amazon ordering. Please spread the word to family and friends who shop with Amazon.

Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Larry Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, David Bertrand, Marge Brigandi, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, 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, Kara Horvath, Jim Ianuzi, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Christina MacNulay, Madge Maffei, Peggy Miccinelli, Michael Morga, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Sandy Pisani, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Anthony "Tony" Sobon, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen Surface, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Patrick Vassalo, Mary Vigliotti and Matthew Watkins.



Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021

9:00am SJB/HT - No intention

4:00pm OLP/SP - John Cannata - Ang & Zita
Dorothy Yaizzo - Carm Bowen
Rose Campolo - Daughter, Famia
Tony Pascarella - Henry & Esther
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Frank & Orsola Razzano - Antoinette Perrotta
Frances Mallaro - Anne, Guy, Nick & John & Family
Egidio Fabrizi - Wife, Ruth, Children & Grandchildren
5:30pm SJB/HT - Lena Campanino -
Frank Musuraca & Family

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021

7:30am OLP/SP - Theodore & Catherine Barbuto -
Daughter-in-law, Rose
Leonard & Florence Stefanelli
Anita & Mike Stefanelli
9:00am SJB/HT - Barbara Varre - Patricia Miller
Giorgio DelVeccio - Anna & Family
Salvatore & Shirley Fornito - The Family
11:30am OLP/SP - William Bowen - Wife Carm
Brian Demetrick - The Family
Vito Toia - Rosemary Monticello
Vincent Carucci - Fran & Joanne
Graziella Ianno - Daughter & Family
Lou Pennacchis - Ron & Karen Reagan
In honor of St. Nicholas - Devotees (Nick)
Carmen Emmi, Sr. - Rosemarie & Children
Louise Marzocchi - Martin Dillon & Sandy Wickwire
Ann Mancuso - Daughter Rosemarie & Grandchildren
Frances Mallaro - Antimo, Maryann Vigliotti & Family
Francis Vigliotti Vick - Antimo Maryann Vigliotti & Family
5:00pm OLP/SP - No Mass

Monday, Dec. 6, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Francis, Mary, Thomas, Theresa & Joseph
- Dung Tran Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - Steve P. Taddeo - The Family

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Santina Sindoni - The Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - Ray & Betty (O'Grady) Jerge -
Mary (Jerge) & Tim Reifd & Family
5:30pm Vigil The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 - Holy Day
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am OLP/SP - For the people
12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Guy DeMascole - Nick & Teresa Lore
12:00pm SJB/HT - Michael Cannavino - Georgiann
4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday, Dec. 10, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Special intentions - Pat Sacco
Annette DelGiorno -
Byrnedette Welsh Schonhart & Mary Ann DeMario Baichi



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. **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.**



Mass schedule cont.

Friday, Dec. 10, 2021

12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021

9:00am SJB/HT - No intention

4:00pm OLP/SP - Guy P. Blasi Sr. - Children
Joseph DeLoro - Frank & Sue
Theodore Barbuto - Wife, Rose
Rita & Phil Coppozzi, Sr. - Son
Dominic Giambattista - Frank & Sue
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Dorothy Yaizzo - Janet & Al Petragrani
Phyllis & Peter DelGiorno - The Family
Frank & Carmine Carapella - Frank & Sue
Kate Paris -
5:30pm SJB/HT - Antonio & David McLaughlin - Mother

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021

7:30am OLP/SP - Maria LeChac - The Family
Santina Sindoni - The Family
9:00am SJB/HT - Lena Campanino - Jim Fix
William (Bill) Murphy - SJBA Class '55
Michael Timothy Crossman - Owen & Ginny
11:30am OLP/SP - Guy DeMascole - John Piraino
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances
Giuseppe Surrusca - Daughter, Isabella
Carmela Corasaniti - Fran & Tony Brigandi
Ann & Gus Mancuso -
Daughter, Rosemarie & Grandchildren
Salvatore & Catherine Bonvino - Louis & Madaline Argi
Agatha & Filippo Ragone - Daughter, Lucia & Joe Tritto
Frances Vigliotti-Vick - Antimo, Maryann Vigliotti & Family
Anthony James Cannizzaro -
Cannizzaro & Stagnitta Families
5:00pm OLP/SP - No Mass



“Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

- Lk 3:5-6

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