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December 12, 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

St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday, 9:00am & Saturday Vigil 5:30pm Sunday, 9:00am Monday –Friday Noon in Church

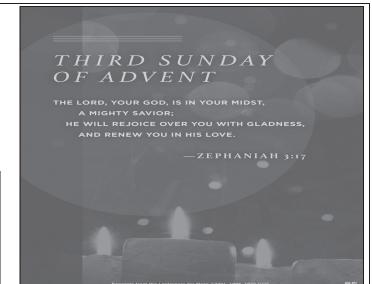
Our Lady of Pompei/St.Peter Church

Saturday, 4:00pm ------ Saturday, 6:00pm Vietnamese Sunday, 7:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm Sunday, 9:30am Vietnamese Monday –Friday 9:00am in Church



Office Hours for SJB/HT

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm Friday 9:00am-2:30pm E-mail - <u>nbergeson@syrdio.org</u> Web Site - <u>www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com</u>



Gospel Meditation December 12, 2021 3rd Sunday of Advent

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

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.



Mass Schedule

Friday Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 4:00pm OLP/SP 4:00pm SJB/HT - Owen Donovan 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 - Cathy Schotthoefer 10:30am OLP/SP

HOPE Appeal 2021

HOPE Appeal 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 \$17,410.00. The assessment for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity is \$22,000.00.

Lector Schedule - Dec. 18th & Dec. 19th

4:00pm OLP/SP: Rene Fabrizi 5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schottoefer 7:30am OLP/SP: Jim Magnarelli 9:00am SJB/HT: Ashley Stoddard 11:30am OLP/SP: Frank Brice 5:00pm OLP/SP: Fr. Caruso



Religious Education News

* Religious We offer classes from Pre K (4 years old) to EDUCATION Confirmation II. If you wish to have your child participate please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357.



Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances. Week Dec. 4th & Dec. 5th

SJB/HT Collection: \$6,205.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$8,332.00

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.

Light Is On: Confessions

OLP/SP will be open for the Light Is On this year, Monday, Dec. 20th from 4:00-7:00pm. We will SERVICE have our regular confession schedule, OLP/SP Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm and SJB/HT Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm as well.

Did you know that the chopping down of the Christmas tree represents the death of Christ and putting it back up represents the resurrection of Christ. Did you know the wreaths we hang are never ending circles, that represent eternity? Candy canes were made to look like shepherd hooks and the colors red, Jesus' blood and white for purity. The gifts, represent the 3 gifts the wise men brought for Jesus. So when you're running around trying to find the "perfect gift" stop yourself, take a deep breath & remember we all have been given the most

perfect gift, Jesus Christ was given to us to remove all of our sins.

Nerry Christmas

A Message From The **All Faith Food Pantry**



Thank you for your contributions and donations to the pantry. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



🐏 Christmas Giving Wagon

Though we are a bit late with this request, we will be putting out the "Giving Wagon" this year for the All Faith Food Pantry. This year the All Faith Food Pantry is requesting personal hygiene products for women, all toiletry products for men and women and children, shampoo's, bath soaps, toothpaste and brushes, tissues and toilet paper, etc. The wagons can be found in the vestibule of the Park Street entrance and also the parking lot vestibule.

Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Larry Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, David Bertrand, Marge Brigandi, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Cheryle Cacchione, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Co-



stantini, 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, 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. 11, 2021 9:00am SJB/HT - No intention 4:00pm OLP/SP - Kate Paris - The Family 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 Petragnani Phyllis & Peter DelGiorno - The Family Frank & Carmine Carapella - Frank & Sue 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 & Philippo Ragone - Daughter, Lucia & Joe Tritto Frances Vigliotti-Vick - Antimo, Maryann Vigliotti & Family Anthony James Cannizzaro -Cannizzaro & Stagnitta Families 5:00pm OLP/SP - No Mass Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 9:00am OLP/SP - Phyllis Ludovico - Tara, Lyra & Bill In honor of St. Lucy - Mary D'Amato 12:00pm SJB/HT - Roseanna Pennacchia - The Family Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 9:00am OLP/SP - Mary Kalska - Son, Paul Lucille Veronica Dwyer - Vinnie & Denise **12:00pm SJB/HT** - For the people Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 9:00am OLP/SP - Robert Kalsa - Son, Paul **12:00pm SJB/HT** - No intention 4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021 9:00am OLP/SP - William M. Merriett - Paul 12:00pm SJB/HT - Edward Page - Georgiann Special intention for Parker - Grandpa Wall 4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 9:00am OLP/SP - Alex Cimino, Sr. - Michelle & the Kids

Frank & Virginia Albanese - Jim & Angela Albanese 12:00 Noon SJB/HT - No intention

Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021 9:00am SJB/HT - No intention



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, Jack McAndrew & Matthew McAndrew, Bryan M. Oakes & Rob Smith.



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4:00pm OLP/SP - Joan Rey - Joanne Licitra
Grace Ianno - The Family
Virginia Lanza - The Family
Rosita Simiele - Joanne Licitra
Angie Cacciotti - Mary Prince
Dorothy Yaizzo - Grace Frontali
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Marianna E'Ambrosio - Frank & Sue
Larry DeSantis - Sandy, Dan & Danny
Antoinette Silvaggio - Tony, Neil & Joe
Helen & Dorothy Dali - Bertha & Family
Frank & Anna Pascarella - Henry & Esther
Anthony "Midnight" Silvaggio - Nick & Joe
Frank Giannantonio & Julio DeLorio - Frank & Sue
Matteo & Antonietta Paduano - Daughter, Cora Cooper
5:30pm SJB/HT - Angeline Viggiano - The Family

Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021

7:30am OLP/SP - Rose Duchessi - Children Eugene Penizotto - Wife, Kathleen Frances DeGilorno - Joanne Licitra Michael Iacampo - Daughter, Caterina Eleanor Zaccaria -Cousins, Frances Borreggine & Ann Selicato 9:00am SJB/HT - Maria Condelo - Niece Angeline Banac - Twin Cousins Antonio & Maria Princi - Daughter Nancy Hali McLaughlin - Mother-in-law 11:30am OLP/SP - Merino Merola, Jr. - Wife, Joanne Michael & Rose Russo - The Family Phil & Sharon Catalino - Pam & Gary David Petragnani - Aunt Marietta Blasi Mary & Anthony Catalino - The Family Guy DeMascole - Joe & Gloria Falcone Mary Ellen Sunser - Rosemarie Losurdo Mary & Larry Sunser - Sons, John & Larry James Carioti - Maria, Ron & Grandchildren Maria & Domenico LaFrace - Son, Lorenzo & Family Victor, Gert & Annette DelGiorno -Peter, Marian Robert & Pamela 5:00pm OLP/SP - Cathy DiBello - The Family James Arena - Karen O'Connell Mary Anne Scarfino - Cathy Saya Frank Scarfino III - Niki & Pete Penizotto Delores DiBello - Jack & Melanie Tymofy

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