

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 19, 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

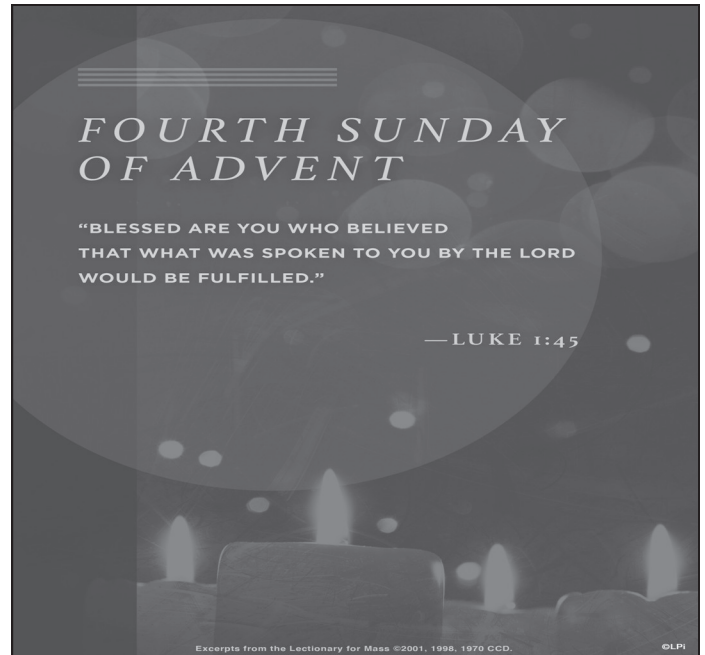
Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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.



Dear Parishioners,
This weekend we observe the Fourth (and last) Sunday of Advent. Christmas is just a few days away. The emphasis of our prayer has shifted from looking forward to the Second

Coming of Christ at the end of time to preparing to celebrate His Holy Birth in Bethlehem. While we are all busy with the last minute physical preparations for Christmas, we should all take a step back to see if we are spiritually prepared.

If we have let the first three weeks of Advent pass us by without taking the time to be renewed and strengthened in spirit, to truly prepare for the celebration of the Lord's birth, it is not too late. Perhaps over the next few days we can all set aside a few extra minutes each day for prayer. Confessions are scheduled from 4PM to 7PM on Monday, December 20th at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter for those who would like to celebrate the sacrament during this season of preparation.

On behalf of the staff (including Mary & Petey, the Wonder-Puppies), Sr. Elizabeth, Fr. John, Fr. Major, Fr. Smith and myself, I would like to wish you all a Blessed Christmas. This has been a difficult year for all of us. I pray that the love of God will fill all of our hearts this Christmas and that the true peace of the season will be with each of us.

Please know that you are all in my prayers during these final days of Advent; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Daniel Caruso

HOPE Appeal 2021

All checks should be made out to "The HOPE Appeal". 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 \$17,805.00. The assessment for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity is \$22,000.00.



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

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 Dec. 11th & Dec. 12th
SJB/HT Collection: \$3,270.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$6,569.00

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.



New Mass Schedule for 2022

The following Mass schedule will begin January 2022. If there are any questions or concerns please call the rectories at SJB/HT 315-478-0916 or OLP/SP 315-422-7163.

For SJB/HT

Noon Mass will be Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm and Sunday 9:00am.
Confessions will be Thursday 4:00-5:00pm.

For OLP/SP

9:00am morning Mass will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm and Sunday 7:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm.
Confessions will be Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm.

Pampered Chef Results

First and foremost, thank you to everyone who purchased Pampered Chef products for this fundraiser. Total Sales- \$1,869.00 (our consultants biggest party ever!) Total orders- 15 Total profit shared by Pampered Chef is \$280.00 (so \$140.00 for each parish).



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.

Religious Education News

There are no Religious Ed classes for the next 2 weeks Dec. 26 & Jan. 2, but classes will resume on Jan. 9. Merry Christmas. 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.



Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Larry Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, David Bertrand, Marge Brigandi, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Cheryle Cacchione, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Constantini, 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. 18, 2021

9:00am SJB/HT - No intention

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 Condello - 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 Petraghani - 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

Monday, Dec. 20, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Santina Sindoni - The Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Lucy Licitra - Daughter, Joanne
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Curly Paris - The Family
Jacqueline Farone Price - The Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Lector Schedule - Dec. 25th & Dec. 26th

9:00am SJB/HT: TBA
7:30am OLP/SP: TBA
9:00am SJB/HT: Chet Wisniewski
11:30am OLP/SP: TBA
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. **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.**



Mass schedule cont.

Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Mary Anne Pagano - Veronica & Henry
12:00pm SJB/HT - Albert Bleskoski, Sr. -
The McGuire Family
Albert Bleskoski, Jr. - The McGuire Family

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

Friday, Dec. 24, 2021 - Christmas Eve

4:00pm OLP/SP - For the people
4:00pm SJB/HT - For the people
9:00pm SJB/HT - For the people
12:00 Midnight OLP/SP - For the people

Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021 - Christmas Day

7:30am OLP/SP - For the people
9:00am SJB/HT - For the people
11:30am OLP/SP - For the people

Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021

7:30am OLP/SP - Santa Sindoni - The Family
Luke, Joseph & Rose Oscuro - Estate
Anne & Alfonso Carfagno - Maryann & Frank

9:00am SJB/HT - Tony Spaganola - Friends
Mary Billion - Ann Billion
Giovanni Failla - The Family
Clemente & Maria Vigliotti - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

11:30am OLP/SP - Gennaro Salvatore - The Family
Teresa LaGalante - Joanne Merola
Nino & Enza Mule - Margherita & John
Santa Saroca - Daughter Gina & Family
Francesco Savoca - Daughter Gina & Family
Frank & Nancy Fugale - Steve & Beth Fugale
Dr. George C. Heitzman - Wife Gina & Family
Pasquale & Giovanina Geremeal - Niece, Gilda
Anthony Nuzzo - Wife, Children & Grandchildren

5:00pm OLP/SP - Frank Scarfino III - Rosalie Trinca
Mary Anne Scarfino - Connie & Skip Smithes
Anne & Alfonso Carfagno - Maryann & Frank

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