

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 6, 2022

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., Fri. - 12:00 Noon
Saturday 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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Web Site - www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com

St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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Gospel Meditation

February 6, 2022 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God's Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It's easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn't require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God's providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God's presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn't seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own "god" and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso
Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Senior Priest in Residence Fr. Lester Smith

In Residence Fr. Paschal Anionye
Office Assistance Mary Olmsted

Buildings/Grounds Robert Warren

Religious Education Betty Warren

Music Director/Organist James Stanley

Distribution Of Ashes For Homebound

If you are homebound, or know of a parishioner who is, and would like to receive Ashes and Communion, Wednesday, March 2nd, please call the rectory to arrange to have your name put on a visitation list. Ashes will be distributed with all Covid guidelines in place. Please call by Friday, February 25th so that arrangements for visits can be mapped out. 315-478-0916.



Religious Education News

Please pray for our 5 Confirmation Candidates and our 4 First Communion Candidates as they complete their final preparations for their Sacraments. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357.

HOPE Appeal 2021

We thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful donations. The 2021 HOPE Appeal has ended. To date, our HOPE Appeal pledges are \$18,603.00. The assessment for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity is \$22,000.00.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to go further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

Pray For Vocations

Jesus said to Simon: "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." And then, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

This short phrase to Somon is an invitation to leave everything behind and follow Christ. If you feel God is calling you to the priest hood, please call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.



Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2021 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, 315-478-0916, email at nbergeson@syrdio.org or fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention "Nancy".

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.

Name: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Z: _____ Envelope Number: _____

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.



Mask Wearing/Social Distance Seating

Until further notice, all who attend SJB/HT Church are asked to wear a mask at all Masses and when visiting the rectory. We have also gone back to both sides of the Church with social distance seating. Thank you for your understanding and patience with this, albeit a difficult task to go back to, we will follow with what Bishop Lucia has asked us to do.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

When we encounter or even ponder God's magnificence, power, and awesomeness, we easily begin to feel our own smallness and perceived insignificance. After all, who can compete with eternal greatness, seraphim, or the ability to catch great numbers of fish? We unfortunately think that God's presence somehow overrides us, reduces our importance, and only seeks to judge our inadequacies and doubts. Things begin to change a bit when we realize that what we may have seen as overwhelming and frightening is really only unconditional, unmerited love. Love has tremendous majesty and power. When we listen to this power and stop seeing it as threatening or dooming, our fear dissipates and Divine friendship takes root. Remaining close to what we once preferred at a distance, we can journey to places we never thought possible and do things we never thought we could do. Strengthened by Divine friendship and encouraged by its life-giving power, we can say "here I am, send me!" when God asks, "whom shall I send?" Sin and fear no longer are of concern to the one who remains close to God in a bond of trust.



Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. — Lk 5:5-6

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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, Feb. 5, 2022

4:00pm OLP/SP - Jo Gillette - St. Therese Society
Gino Fabrizi - Frances Borreggine
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Dr. Joanne Merluzzi - Father, Anthony & Debra
Frank Giannantonio & Julio DeLorio - Frank & Sue
5:30pm SJB/HT - For the people

Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022

7:30am OLP/SP - Anne Falvo -
Daughters, Marietta & Annie
9:00am SJB/HT - Margaret & Irving Geiger - Marilyn
Alfred Mastriano, Sr. - Daughter, Diana
11:30am OLP/SP - Frank Taft - Jim & Julie
Mary Discenza - Betty Toia
Vito Toia - Carol & Pat Nesci
Angelo Borreggini - Wife, Frances
5:00pm OLP/SP - Frank Scarfino III - Annette Simiele

Monday, Feb. 7, 2022

12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Rosalie Giardina -
John & Angela Cappuccilli
12:00pm SJB/HT - David McLaughlin -
Uncle Rocco & Aunt Vincenza Canata

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Antoinette Musolino - Cora Cooper
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday, Feb. 10, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Donna Murray - Joe Ruggeri
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday, Feb. 11, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Michael Ward - The Ward Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - Antonio McLaughlin -
Uncle Rocco & Aunt Vincenza Canata

Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022

4:00pm OLP/SP - Lucrezia Blasi - Children
Carmine Carapella - Anna
Nancy Rossi - Emil & Daughters
Robert Sawmiller - Wife, & Family
Dominic Giambattista - Frank & Sue
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Antoinette Silvaggio - Tony, Nick & Joe
5:30pm SJB/HT - Anne & Bob Paris -
David & Pat Speech & Children
Francis & Adaline Speech - David & Pat Speech & Children

Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022

7:30am OLP/SP - Jen Gillette - Joanne Licitra
9:00am SJB/HT - Margaret Robinson - Patricia Miller
Giovanni Faillia - Raffaella & Family
11:30am OLP/SP - Ben & Celia Pisano -
Daughter, Anita & Family
Anthony James Cannizzaro -
The Cannizzaro & Stagnitta Families



Offices Closed/No Noon Mass

In observance of Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 21st, the offices at SJB/HT and OLP/SP will be closed. There is no Noon Mass at SJB/HT on this day as well.

Lector Schedule - Feb. 12th & Feb. 13th

4:00pm OLP/SP: Jackie Antonacci
5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schotthoefer
7:30am OLP/SP: Joe Nicoletti
9:00am SJB/HT: John Robinson
11:30am OLP/SP: Ginnie Lostumbo
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.**



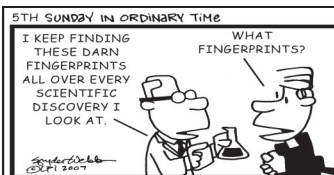
Sacrificial Giving

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

Week Jan. 29th & Jan. 30th

SJB/HT Collection:\$2,717.00 OLP/SP Collection:\$5,301.00

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 continued

5:00pm OLP/SP - Frank Scarfino III - Rose Trinca
Dolores DiBello - Margaret Carno

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