

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 20, 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

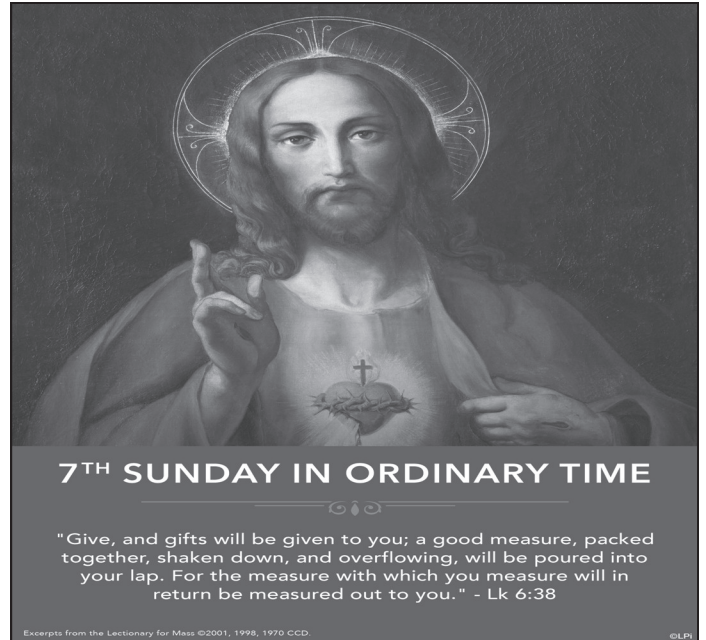
Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



Gospel Meditation

February 20, 2022 Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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

There are no Religious Ed classes this week or next, Feb. 27th for Winter Recess. Classes will resume on March 6th. 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.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's Gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."



Pray For Vocations

In today's Gospel we hear a lot of commands: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. But there is also a special one, If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood 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 of-fice 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: _____

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"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." — Lk 6:35-36

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

With the recent mandate being lifted, here at SJB/HT we will go back to the right side of the Church with or without mask and to sit freely. The left side of the Church is for those who wish to still wear a mask and social distance seating is still in place. Please remember to still use hand sanitizer provided or your own. Thank you for your patience and participation in keeping our parish community healthy and safe.



Ash Wednesday

This is the schedule of Masses with distribution of Ashes for Wed., March 2nd, Ash Wednesday.

OLP/SP 9:00am

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon

SJB/HT 5:30pm

Question:

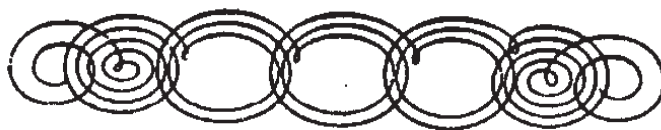
Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

Answer:

Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a concept rather than something particular and concrete.



Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.



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. 19, 2022

4:00pm OLP/SP - Louise Pascuzzi - Ang & Zita
Jane Rudari - David J. Rudari
Joseph Prince, III - Mom & Kids
Richard Tortora, Sr. - Rita & Family
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
5:30pm SJB/HT - Alfred Mastriano, Sr. - Wife Gloria

Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022

7:30am OLP/SP - Billy Fuccillo - Angelo Angeloro
9:00am SJB/HT - Mark Ferretti - Mom
David McLaughlin - Mother
Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
Salvatore Romano - Sister, Maddalena & Family
11:30am OLP/SP - Gaitano Piraino - John
David Montgomery - The Family
Phil & Sharon Catalino - Pam & Gary
Mary & Anthony Catalino - The Family
The Snyder Family - Anna Giannantonio
Giuseppe & Giuseppina DiLorenzo - Sister, Gilda
5:00pm OLP/SP - For the people

Monday, Feb. 21, 2022

12:00pm SJB/HT - No Mass

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Anne Marie DiBello - John D'Amato
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Augustine & John Hanlon - Joanne Licitra
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Mary Kalska - Son, Paul
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday, Feb. 25, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Natalie Losurdo - Joe & Sue Ruffolo
12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022

4:00pm OLP/SP - Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Danny Campolo - Daughter, Famia
Francesco Savoca - Daughter, Gina & Family
5:30pm SJB/HT - Dora Choe - Julia Choe

Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022

7:30am OLP/SP - Frances Mallaro -
John & Ann Marie Robinson
9:00am SJB/HT - Patty Wall - Husband, Jack
Teresa Greenfield - The Family
Albert J. Bleskoski - Fran & Judy
Maria Limogi - Son, Egerio & Family
11:30am OLP/SP - Emily Maggio - John Minozzi
Carmine & Concetta DiLorenzo - Daughter, Gilda
Giovanni Antonucci - The Mastrogiovanni Family
5:00pm OLP/SP - For the people



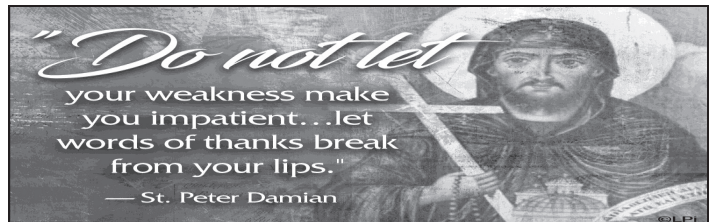
Offices Closed/No Noon Mass

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. 26th & Feb. 27th

4:00pm OLP/SP: Rene Fabrizi
5:30pm SJB/HT: Annette Marchbanks
7:30am OLP/SP: Maryann Iannottone
9:00am SJB/HT: Patrick Minnoe
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. **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 Feb. 12th & Feb. 13th

SJB/HT Collection:\$4,599.00 OLP/SP Collection:\$6,093.00

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.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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