

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 24, 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

April 24, 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso
Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

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In Residence Fr. Paschal Anionye
Office Assistance Mary Olmsted

Buildings/Grounds Robert Warren

Religious Education Betty Warren
Music Director/Organist James Stanley



Saturday Vigil Mass

The Saturday Vigil Mass will continue through December 2022. The Mass Book is open now for any Mass intentions for July through December 2022. Also, the Mass Book has many available weekday and Sunday Masses. The Sanctuary Lamp as well is available for a week, Sunday through Saturday. Visit or call the rectory during business hours to schedule Masses.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week



Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!



Religious Education News

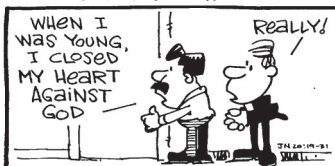
Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2021-2022 year. This is the last class for our Confirmation Candidates and there are 2 more classes for our Pre-K to 8th grade students. Our Confirmation students will be making their Confirmation on Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00pm, here at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church. Please keep the Candidates, their sponsors and their families in your prayers. Our First Communion Candidates will be making their 1st Communion on Mother's Day, May 8th during our May Crowning Mass. Please pray for them and their families. The rest of our students will be continuing their Faith journey for the next 2 weeks. Please keep them and all of our teachers in your prayers.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's Gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive on another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Pedro de San José Betancur

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of posadas, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II.

Pray For Vocations

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The Lord Jesus needs faithful men and women to go our and convert the nations, just like the early disciples. Have you considered the priesthood or religious life? Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.



Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Gen DiMento, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Mary Ann Felicia, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Keith Horton, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Peggy Miccinelli, Diane Moro, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Philomena Piraino, Sandy Pisani, Joe Ruggeri, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Noah Smith, Anthony "Tony" Sobon, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen Surface, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Maryann Vigliotti and Matthew Watkins.

Random Thoughts

~Retirement to-do list: "Wake up." - I just nailed it!
~Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.



Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday, April 23, 2022

4:00pm OLP/SP - Anne Carfagno - Jack & Melanie
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Mary & Vincent Pagano - Esther & Henry
Frank & Anna Pascarella - Esther & Henry Pagano
Anthony "Midnite" Silvaggio -
Wife, Sally, & Sons Jeff & Tony

5:30pm SJB/HT - Ruth Smith - The Smith Family
The DeMichele & D'Avirro Families - The Family

Sunday, April 24, 2022

7:30am OLP/SP - Robert Blasi - Mom, Marietta
9:00am SJB/HT - Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
Darlene Noyes Crawford - Mom
Tomaino Pietro & Paolo Filomena - Antonia Mazza
11:30am OLP/SP - Frank & Nancy Frugale - Children
Joseph Lostumbo - Daughter, Gianie
Phil & Sharon Catalino - Pam & Gary
Peter Corasaniti - Tony & Fran Brigandi
Mary & Anthony Catalino - The Family

5:00pm -

Monday, April 25, 2022

12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Natalie Losurdo - Joanne & Joe Corasaniti
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Frank & Louise Buda - The Family
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday, April 28, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - James Baker - Children
Joseph Milazzo - Children
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday, April 29, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Frances Mallaro - Cathy Saya
12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Saturday, April 30, 2022

4:00pm OLP/SP - Benny & Terry cimino - Son, Joseph
5:30pm SJB/HT - For the people

Sunday, May 1, 2022

7:30am OLP/SP - John Lobello - Angelo & Rosita Cannata
9:00am SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother
Margaret & Irving Geiger - Marilyn
11:30am OLP/SP - Barbara Milazzo - Children
Pasquale Sisera - Wife, Gilda
David Montgomery - The Family
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances
Josephine & Louis saya - Joanne & Family
Mary Brice - Antimo, Maryann Vigliotti & Family
Josephine Cama - Niece, Maryann Panto & Alhana
Norma & Gabe Convertino - Al & Janet Petragrani
Frances Vigliotti vick - Antimo, Maryann Vigliotti & Family

5:00pm -

Lector Schedule - April 30th & May 1st

4:00pm OLP/SP: TBA
5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan
7:30am OLP/SP: TBA
9:00am SJB/HT: Ashley Stoddard
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**



Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

**IF YOU ARE
WHAT YOU
should be,
YOU WILL SET
the whole world
ON FIRE!**
—St. Catherine of Siena

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

— Jn 20:28-29

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Sacrificial Giving

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

Week April 16th & April 17th

SJB/HT Collection:\$6,367.00 OLP/SP Collection:\$7,960.00

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.

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.



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