

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 18, 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

Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

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 Chapel



Gospel Meditation

December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday Of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death. ©LPi

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso
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In Residence Fr. Paschal Anionye
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Religious Education Betty Warren
Music Director/Organist James Stanley



2023 Mass Book

The 2023 Mass Book is now open. Please call 315-478-0916 or stop by the rectory during office hours to request your intentions. The Masses available starting in January 2023 are Mon., Tues. & Fri. Noon, Saturday Vigil 5:30pm and Sunday 9:00am. Masses are \$10.00. As well, you may request to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of your loved one(s) for \$10.00. The Lamp will burn from Sunday through Saturday of the requested week.

Christmas Flowers For The Altar

SJB/HT invites you to make a donation towards our flowers and decorations for Christmas. A list of donors and their request will be printed as an insert to the bulletin the weekend of Dec. 24/25, 2022. Please put donations with the form below in an envelope marked "FLOWERS" in the collection basket, mail or drop it off to the rectory no later than Tues., Dec. 19, 2022. Checks should be made payable to SJB/HT. Please do not ass this form to your weekly contribution envelopes.



Donor _____
Phone _____ Amount _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____



Christmas Giving Wagon

To help along the All Faith Food Pantry this Advent/Christmas Season with items that are not readily available to their clients, once again we are asking our parishioners to help with personal hygiene products for women, all toiletry products for men, women and children, shampoo's, bath soaps, toothpaste and brushes, tissues and toilet paper, etc. The wagon will be in front of the Blessed Mother's Altar. Thank you for helping to support the All Faith Food Pantry's clients.

Breakfast With Santa/Basket Raffle

Breakfast With Santa and our Basket Raffle is Sunday, December 18th from 8:00-11:00am in the Parish Center. Please come join us for breakfast and say hello to Santa Claus. We have some awesome baskets to raffle off. Baskets will be raffled at 11:00am.



Religious Education

There are no Religious Ed classes for the next two weeks, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1, 2023, but classes will resume on Jan. 8, 2023. Merry Christmas! We offer classes from Pre-K (4 yrs. Old) to Confirmation II. If you wish to have your child participate, please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

The child born to Joseph and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is Emmanuel, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

"God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

ADVENT

Remember: Anthony Aldrich, Christopher Aldrich, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Robert Capria, Joanna Federico-Cox, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Gen DiMento, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Mary Ann Felicia, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Frank Maraviglia, Diane Mackey, Peggy Miccinelli, Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, The Pavia Children, Philomena Piraino, Sandy Pisani, Joe Ruggeri, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen Surface, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Maryann Vigliotti and Matthew Watkins.



Did you know that St. John's/Holy Trinity has a PayPal account? We have 2 ways now that people can use it. You can either log into PayPal and donate through the site, or we now have a new QR Code that you can scan with your cellphone and it will take you directly to our page. 1) www.PayPal.com and follow the site directions. 2) QR Code above: Hold your cellphone up the QR Code as if taking a picture. The QR Code should prompt your phone for our PayPal page. It may go directly to the page or you may have to click "PayPal". Follow the site prompts for debit/credit card donations. Of course, you can always mail in a donation to the rectory as well. SJB/HT 406 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208.



SJB/HT has collected, thus far, \$13,792.00 towards the 2022 HOPE Appeal. Our assessment is \$19,653.32. Thank you to all who have made a donation.

Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday December 17, 2022

4:00pm OLP/SP - Virginia Lanza - The Family
Dorothy Yaizzo - Joanne Licitra
Larry DeSantis - Sandy, Dan & Danny
Alex J. Cimino, Sr. - Michelle & the kids
Antoinette Silvaggio - Tony, Nick & Joe
Frank & Anna Pascarella - Esther & Henry Pagano
5:30pm SJB/HT - For the people

Sunday December 18, 2022

7:30am OLP/SP - Rose Duchessi - Children
Cathy DiBello - The Family
Dolores DiBello - Margaret Carno
Eugene Penizatto - Wife & Family
9:00am SJB/HT - Angie Banac - Twin Cousins
Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
11:30am OLP/SP - Grace Ianno - Children
Jerry Vislosky - Wife, Anne
Gennaro Salvatore - The Family
Frank & Nancy Fugule - Children
Joseph Manfredi - Daughter, Rose
Michael & Rose Russo - The Family
Salvatore Mule - John & Margherita
Mary Discenza - Jeanne & Neil Shute
Merino Merola, Jr. - Joanne & Family
Phil & Sharon Catalino - Pam & Gary
Joanna Federico - Joe & Lena Dauccio
Nino & Enza Mule - Margherita & John
Mary & Anthony Catalino - The Family
Ann & Gus Mancuso - Rosemarie & Grandchildren
Eustachio & Rosaria Cannizzaro - John & Margheri
Anthony James Cannizzaro - The Cannizzaro

& Stagnitta Families

Deceased members of the Caracci, Roffo & Notchen Families
- Fran & Joanne

5:00pm OLP/SP - James Arena - The Family

Monday December 19, 2022

12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Tuesday December 20, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Anthony Lella - Frank Brice
12:00pm SJB/HT - Bernie Syrocki -
The Tim & Mary (Jerge) Reid Family

Wednesday December 21, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Mary Brice -
Deborah & Emelio Cashier Jr.
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday December 22, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Santina Sindoni - The Family
Curly & Catherine Paris - The Family
Jacqueline Farone Price - The Family
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday December 23, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Angel Pagano - Henry & Veronica
Luek, Joseph & Rose Oscuro - The Estate
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Christmas/New Year Masses

Saturday December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00pm SJB/HT & OLP/SP
9:00 pm SJB/HT
11:30pm Carols 12:00 Midnight Mass OLP/SP



Sunday December 25th Christmas Day

We will follow our regular Sunday Mass schedule. There is no 5:00pm Mass at OLP/SP.

Saturday Dec. 31st New Year Eve

We will follow our regular Saturday Mass schedule.

Sunday Jan. 1, 2023 New Year Day

We will follow our regular Sunday Mass Schedule. There is no 5:00pm Mass at OLP/SP.

Office Closed/Morning & Noon Mass Schedule

The offices of SJB/HT & OLP/SP will be closed on Mon. Dec. 26-Fri. Dec. 30th. Mon. Dec. 26 there is no 9:00am Mass at OLP/SP and no Noon Mass at SJB/HT. All other morning Masses and Noon Masses will be celebrated. Monday Jan. 2, 2023 the offices will be closed with no 9:00am Mass at OLP/SP and Noon Mass at SJB/HT.



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.**



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. — Mt 1:23-24

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



Saturday December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve

4:00pm OLP/SP - For the people
4:00pm SJB/HT - For the people
9:00pm SJB/HT - For the people
11:30pm Carols 12:00 midnight Mass OLP/SP -
For the people

Sunday December 25, 2022 Christmas Day

7:30am OLP/SP - For the people
9:00am SJB/HT - For the people
11:30am OLP/SP - For the people
No 5:00pm Mass



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