

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 25, 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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## St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



## The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



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### 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



### Dear Parishioners,

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born to you who is Christ and Lord.” These words which the angel used to herald the coming of the Lord Jesus on that first Christmas echo across the centuries and announce to us once again, on this Christmas, that God has not, and does not, forget His people. He has sent His only Son, born in the flesh, the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

“Do not be afraid” – how central these words are to the proclamation of the Lord’s birth. In a world filled with darkness and sin, the coming of Redemption and Light is startling. This is as true for us today as it was for the shepherds 2000 years ago. In our world today, where there is still sin, hatred and violence, we are called to leave behind the fear and live in the peace and hope that came to the world that first Christmas.

As your pastor, it is my hope and prayer that this Christmas we may move past the secular celebrations and find our joy, hope, and strength in the true message of Christmas – “a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”

On behalf of the staff (including Petey and Mary the Wonderpuppies), the other priests and myself, may God grant each of you a Blessed Christmas. I pray that the love of God will fill all of our hearts and that the true peace of the season will be with each of us.

Boun Natale!



In the Peace of the Babe of Bethlehem,  
Fr. Caruso



### Religious Education

There are no Religious Ed classes this week, 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



This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary’s: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving “Acceptance” of our children.



### 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 Giving Wagon



To help along the All Faith Food Pantry this 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 through January 8th. Thank you for helping to support the All Faith Food Pantry’s clients.

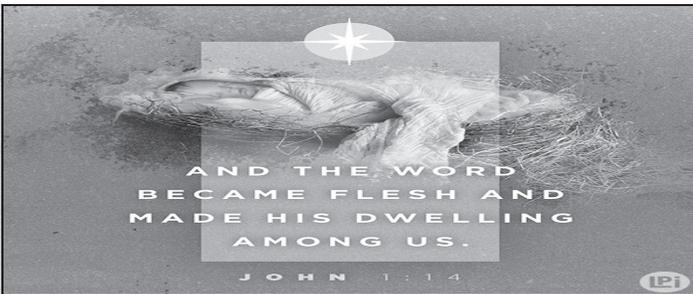
CHRISTMAS



**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, \$14,832.00 towards the 2022 HOPE Appeal. Our assessment is \$19,653.32. Thank you to all who have made a donation.



**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.



### Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

#### Saturday December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve

4:00pm OLP/SP - For the people  
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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

#### Monday December 26, 2022

12:00pm SJB/HT - No Mass Office Closed

#### Tuesday December 27, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Pasquali & Giovannina Gerimia - Gilda  
Antoninetta Pascarella - Tony & Liz Madonna  
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

#### Wednesday December 28, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Mary Brice - The Lozuidice Family  
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

#### Thursday December 29, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Dr. George C. Heitzman -  
Wife Gina & Family  
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

#### Friday December 30, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Antoinetta Pascarella - Pixie  
Pasquale Sisera - Wife, Gilda  
12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

#### Saturday December 31, 2022 New Year Eve

4:00pm - OLP/SP  
5:30pm - SJB/HT

#### Sunday January 1, 2023 New Year 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

### World Marriage Day Mass

Bishop Douglas Lucia invites all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating World Marriage Day on **February 19th, 2:00pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**. Special recognition and certificates will be given to couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of marriage in 2023. Please contact your parish to let them know you are a couple married 25, 50 or more years who would like to attend this Mass with Bishop Lucia. You will then receive a personal invitation. The Mass is not limited to couples celebrating special anniversaries, but only those couples should contact their parish to receive an invitation. All married couples and their families are invited to attend, and all married couples will be invited to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.



### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

### Office Closed And Mass Schedule

The offices of SJB/HT & OLP/SP will be closed on Mon. Dec. 26-Fri. Dec. 30. 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.

### Lector Schedule - Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st

5:30pm SJB/HT: TBA  
9:00am SJB/HT: TBA



**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 Dec. 10th & Dec. 11th

SJB/HT Collection: \$4,288.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$7,090.00

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.

### Christmas

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God,  
you became human through the obedience  
of a simple young woman named Mary.  
Mary is our model of faith.  
May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.  
Give us the courage to face each day  
with the yes that Mary gave to you.  
We ask this through the incarnate God,  
who comes to us again during this Christmas season.  
Amen.



Merry CHRISTMAS

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