

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 12, 2023

## 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



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,  
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all  
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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## **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

## 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



## Religious Education

There are no Religious Ed classes for the next 2 weeks, Feb. 19th and Feb. 26th for Winter Recess. Classes will resume March 5th. Please pray for our students as they continue their education.

## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's Gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.



## Pray For Vocations

Let your "Yes" mean "Yes," and your "No" mean "No." Be always ready to say Yes for God's calling. If you hear God's voice, please call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468, or write: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org).

## Amazon Smile Ended

If you signed up for the SJB/HT Amazon Smile program, it has officially ended per an email from Amazon. We thank you for choosing SJB/HT as your donation of choice over the years. No further information or instruction came with the email. Though you may want to check your Amazon settings and make any necessary changes to your account. But,

**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](http://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.



6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!

WHO HAS YOUR HEART?

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## Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2022 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, 315-478-0916, email at [nbergeson@syrdio.org](mailto: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.**

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## (Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman -

### Feelings and Shiny Things

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass... well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse.

These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison.

*"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away." — Matthew 5:30 ©LPi*



**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.



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

#### Saturday February 11, 2023

**4:00pm - OLP/SP** - Lucrezia Blasi - Children  
Mary Cellini - Easter & Family  
Carmine & Toni Carapella - Anna  
Joanna Federico Cox - Peg Mincher  
Antoninette Silvaggio - Tony, Nick & Joe  
Mary Sindoni - Carmine & Josephine Federico  
**5:30pm - SJB/HT** - For the people

#### Sunday February 12, 2023

**7:30am OLP/SP** - Michael Ward - Mom & Family  
**9:00am SJB/HT** - Patricia Salerno - Vincent Salerno  
**11:30am OLP/SP** - Nick Muraca - The Family  
Phero Vu Tao - Kim & Family  
Stephen "Jerry" Vislosky - Anne  
Nino & Enza Mule - Margherita & John  
Eustachio & Rosaria Cannizzaro - John & Margherita  
Anthony James Cannizzaro -  
The Stagnita & Cannizzaro Families  
**5:00pm OLP/SP** - Delores DiBello - Rose & Frank Larca

#### Monday February 13, 2023

**12:00pm SJB/HT** - End of the war in the Ukraine

#### Tuesday February 14, 2023

**9:00am OLP/SP** - Rosalie Angotti - Bertha Canina  
**12:00pm SJB/HT** - End of violence within our community

#### Wednesday February 15, 2023

**9:00am OLP/SP** - Maria Ascenzo - Prebish Family  
**4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession**

#### Thursday February 16, 2023

**9:00am OLP/SP** - Anthony Borelli - Children  
Giuseppe Mondo - Wife, Maria  
Louise Pascuzzi - Angelo & Zita  
**4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession**

#### Friday February 17, 2023

**9:00am OLP/SP** - Stephana Laury - Mary Linda Raccuia  
**12:00pm SJB/HT** - Frederick Caccamo, Sr. -  
Peter & Maureen White

#### Saturday February 18, 2023

**4:00pm - OLP/SP** - Mary Cellini - Julia DiBello  
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph  
The Snyder Family - Anna Giannantonio  
**5:30pm - SJB/HT** - For the people

#### Sunday February 19, 2023

**7:30am OLP/SP** - For the people  
**9:00am SJB/HT** - Louis Aiello - The Family  
Antonio McLaughlin - Mother  
**11:30am OLP/SP** - Guy Piraino - John  
Leonardo & Angela Colavita  
Lou Grillo - Ginnie Lostumbo  
Vincenzo Greco - Wife, Isabell  
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances  
Anthony Caruso - Maria & Tony Lamana  
Giuseppe & Giuseppina DiLorenzo - Sister, Gilda  
**5:00pm OLP/SP** - For the people



### Offices Closed and No Noon Mass

Monday, February 20 the offices at SJB/HT and OLP/SP will be closed in observance of the President's Day holiday. There is no Noon Mass this day.

### Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. The Mass schedule with distribution of Ashes is:  
**9:00am OLP/SP**  
**12:00 Noon SJB/HT**  
**5:30pm SJB/HT**



### Lector Schedule - Feb. 18th & Feb. 19th

**5:30pm SJB/HT:** Annette Marchbanks  
**9:00am SJB/HT:** Lisa Johnson

**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. 4th & Feb. 5th

SJB/HT Collection: \$4,068.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$5,821.00

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.



**Remember:** Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, 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, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Maryann Vigliotti and Matthew Watkins.



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