

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 19, 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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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



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” - Mt 5:44

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Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— 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 this week or next week, 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

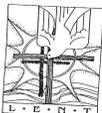
Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's Gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be family to others.



Pray For Vocations

Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. If God's calling you to follow him, be prepared for a long walk! If you feel God is calling you, please call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

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.



Lent - Frequently Asked Questions

What Is The Purpose Of Lent? It is a time of preparation for both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by the Rite Of Election, the Scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful are led to renew their baptismal promises through a spirit of repentance brought about by prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

When Dose It Begin And End? It begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. It ends of Holy Thursday, April 6th, before the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Who Must Abstain? Catholics ages 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wed. Feb. 22nd and Good Friday April 7th, as well as on all Fridays during Lent.

Who Must Fast And When? Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast (eat only on full meal; two smaller meals may be taken but may not be equal to the one full meal) on Ash Wednesday Feb. 22nd and Good Friday April 7th. When possible, the fast from Good Friday should continue until the Easter Vigil. This is called the "Paschal Fast." It is done to enter into the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare more fully to celebrate his Resurrection.

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 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 - The Hardness of Holiness



Want to know the words I find hardest to say? "Lord, give me the strength."

The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we're training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we're talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes "naturally" or without struggle it's supposed to be right.

Only God is perfect, the world tells us. What's the use of trying so hard?

I'm really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids' bedtime, when I really just want to watch Dateline and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I've committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that's just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I'm dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it's so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse.

It's not unlike my kids claiming they're too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them?

With a job to do, that's where.

"Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." — Leviticus 19:2 ©LPi



Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

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

Monday February 20, 2023

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

Tuesday February 21, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - N/A
12:00pm SJB/HT - Cora Sue Howe - Fr. Lester

Wednesday February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday

9:00am OLP/SP - For the people
12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people
5:30pm SJB/HT - For the people
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday February 23, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - N/A
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday February 24, 2023

12:15pm OLP/SP - N/A
OLP/SP Following Mass Stations of the Cross
12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people
7:00pm SJB/HT Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 25, 2023

4:00pm - OLP/SP - Dan Campolo - Daughter, Fania
Joseph Princi III - Mom & Family
Scott Foster - The Foster Murdock Families
5:30pm - SJB/HT - Anne & Bob Paris -
David & Pat Speach & Family
Adaline & Francis Speach -
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Sunday February 26, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - N/A
9:00am SJB/HT - Mark Ferretti - Mom
David McLaughlin - Mother
Teresa Greenfield - The Family
Albert J. Bleskoski - Fran & Judy
11:30am OLP/SP - N/A
5:00pm OLP/SP - N/A



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. 25th & Feb. 26th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schotthoefer
9:00am SJB/HT: Ashley Stoddard

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. 11th & Feb. 12th

SJB/HT Collection: \$3,230.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$5,727.00

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.

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IF YOU ASK ME, GOD, HERE'S WHAT I THINK YOU SHOULD DO...



GOD CAN USE A GOOD LAUGH NOW AND THEN...



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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