

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 26, 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

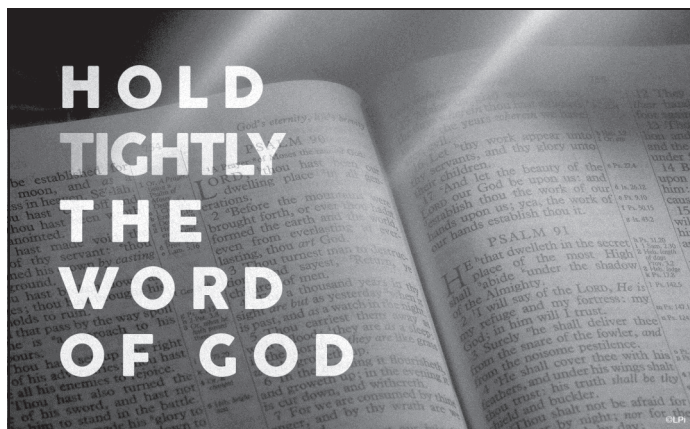
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm  
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm  
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## St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



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## 1st Sunday of Lent

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **“He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn’t it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held *fast* to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can’t manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they’ll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He’s showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh.

**“Man does not live by bread alone,”** he says, **“But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”** Jesus’ fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— 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 for Winter Recess. Classes will resume March 5th. Please pray for our students as they continue their education.

## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2023 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.



## Pray For Vocations

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Is the Lord calling you to worship and serve him specifically as a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother? Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468, or write: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto: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](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.



## 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.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## (Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman - Formed and Fallen



There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of pączki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — *submit to me, and you will have the whole world* — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?


I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

*"The gift is not like the transgression." — Romans 5:15*  
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# Bishop's Lenten Retreat

**MARCH 13, 14, 15  
2023**

6:30PM EACH EVENING  
CATHEDRAL OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
SYRACUSE, NY

**"AS I HAVE DONE  
FOR YOU,  
SO YOU SHOULD  
ALSO DO."**



**JOHN 13:15**

FEATURING  
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PREACHER  
FR. PATRICK BRISCOE, OP

MARCH 13 (MONDAY) WILL INCLUDE EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, AND VESPERS - THE EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH.

MARCH 14 (TUESDAY) WILL INCLUDE A LITURGY OF THE WORD, WITH EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION.

MARCH 15 (WEDNESDAY) WILL BE A CELEBRATION OF THE VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH BISHOP LUCIA PRESIDING.

**LIVE STREAMING** [YOUTUBE.COM/SYRDIO.ORG](https://www.youtube.com/syrdio.org)



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

#### Saturday February 25, 2023

**4:00pm - OLP/SP** - Dan Campolo - Daughter, Famia  
Joseph Princi III - Mom & Family  
Scott Foster - The Foster Murdock Families  
**5:30pm - SJB/HT** - Anne & Bob Paris -  
David & Pat Speech & Family  
Adaline & Francis Speech -  
David & Pat Speech & Family

#### Sunday February 26, 2023

**7:30am OLP/SP** - Joan Rey - Joanne Licitra  
**9:00am SJB/HT** - Mark Ferretti - Mom  
David McLaughlin - Mother  
Teresa Greenfield - The Family  
Albert J. Bleskoski - Fran & Judy  
**11:30am OLP/SP** - Nancy Rossi - Marty Nave  
Leon Saya - Frank Scarfino  
Tony Mule - Joe & Lucia Tritta  
John Cadalletti - Joe & Lucia Tritta  
Helen Barbato - Clara Camille & Family  
James Sindoni - Antimo & Maryann Vigliotti & Family  
**5:00pm OLP/SP** - For the people

#### Monday February 27, 2023

**9:00am OLP/SP** - Camille Arsenault - The Scullin Family  
**12:00pm SJB/HT** - Ray Misita, Dick Stewart and  
John & MaryAnn Kotecki - Ed & Karin

#### Tuesday February 28, 2023

**9:00am OLP/SP** - Sherrella Carter - Jessica Allen  
Frank Delia - Roe & Mike Coagiovanni  
**12:00pm SJB/HT** - Genevive DiMento - Joe & Pat Capilli

#### Wednesday March 1, 2023

**9:00am OLP/SP** - Pasquale Sisera - Wife, Gilda  
**4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession**

#### Thursday March 2, 2023

**9:00am OLP/SP** - John DiLauro - Angelo Angeloro  
**4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession**

#### Friday March 3, 2023

**12:15pm OLP/SP** - Elaine Carni - Lenore Carni  
Jen Gillette - Joanne Licitra  
Illene Emma Roger - Shirley Damiano

#### OLP/SP Following Mass Stations of the Cross

**12:00pm SJB/HT** - Richard Haas - Ed & Karin

**7:00pm SJB/HT Stations of the Cross**

#### Saturday March 4, 2023

**4:00pm - OLP/SP** - Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph  
Nicholas J. Silvaggio - Tony, Nick & Joe  
**5:30pm - SJB/HT** - For the people

#### Sunday March 5, 2023

**7:30am OLP/SP** - Donald, Ryan, Patty, Marco  
**9:00am SJB/HT** - Agostino Canzano - Frances Kalaska  
Genevive DiMento - Joe & Pat Capilli  
Maria Limongi - Son, Egerio & Family  
**11:30am OLP/SP** - Vito Toia - Betty & Family  
Anna Lombardi - Gilda Sisera  
Ann Corcoran - Sister, Carm



### Lector Schedule - March 4th & March 5th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan  
9:00am SJB/HT: Chet Wisniewski

### Stations Of The Cross

Please join SJB/HT and OLP/SP Churches for Stations of the Cross which are offered;  
OLP/SP Fridays during Lent following the 12:15 Mass.  
SJB/HT Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm.  
Please note Mass changes at OLP/SP during Lent as follows;  
added 9:00am Mass on Monday. Friday Mass is at 12:15 with Stations of the Cross to follow.



**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: **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. 18th & Feb. 19th

SJB/HT Collection: \$3,285.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$4,091.00

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.

**11:30am OLP/SP** - Frances Vigliotti Vick - Val Enright  
Maryanne Scarfino - Jack & Melanie  
Antonio Vigliotti - John & Angela Berardi  
**5:00pm OLP/SP** - Cathy DiBello - The Family  
Delores DiBello - Carme Smith



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