

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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July 30, 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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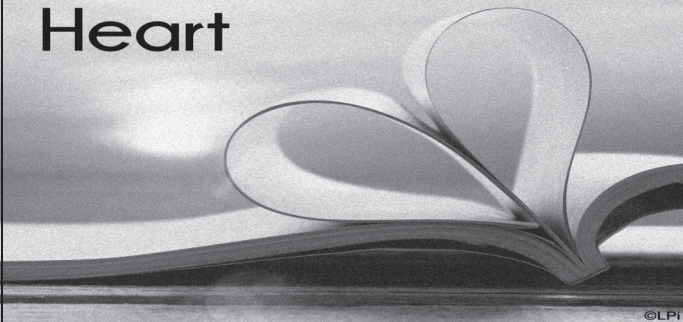
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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

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

A Wise and Understanding Heart



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests “an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn’t ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it’s much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we’ll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— 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
In Residence Fr. Bernard Dan

Music Director/Organist James Stanley

Buildings/Grounds Robert Warren
Religious Education Betty Warren



Help For Fr. Paschal's Family

SJB/HT Parish will donate all monies collected in our "Poor" envelope to aid Fr. Paschal's family. So, each time you use this envelope you will be helping his family. If you would like to make a monetary donation, check or cash, beyond the use of this envelope, please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity, put it in a separate envelope marked "for Fr. Paschal Family" and put it into the collection basket. You may mail any donation directly to St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity 406 Court St, Syr. NY 13208 with a notation for his family. Thank you.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

The man in today's Gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.



Pray For Vocations

We hear in the Gospel today of a person finding a "pearl of great price" and then going to sell everything he has to buy it. The great pearl is a metaphor for the kingdom of God. Priests and consecrated religious give their life completely over in service to God and His people because they recognize God is the most important person in their life. Do you feel called to completely give your life over to God and His people? If you feel called to the priesthood, call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrдио.org.



Holy Water Fonts

Holy Water has been returned to all fonts at the entrances of Church. We will not be reintroducing the Precious Blood during Mass.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman -
The Falling Action and the Field



In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." — Psalm 119 ©LPi



Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

Week July 22nd & July 23rd

SJB/HT Collection: \$3,310.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$N/A

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, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Mary Frenza, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Camille Grosso, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Philomena Piraino, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Sal Scro, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler.



The month of July:

We laid to rest from our parish community:
William Warren. May he rest in peace.

We welcome through baptism:
Meadow Lynn Breyette-LaCroix.
God bless this child and her family.

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.

Saturday July 29, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Virginia Lanza - The Family
 Laura DelVecchio - Debbie Maffei
 Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
 Helen Corbett - Sandy, Dan & Danny
 Richard A. Tortora Sr. - Rita & Family

5:30pm SJB/HT - Angeline Morga - Son, Michael
 James Ruhl - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morga

Sunday July 30, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - William Merrett - Paul

9:00am SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother
 William Warren - Jerry & Mary Lou

11:30am OLP/SP - Pasquale Sisera - Wife, Gilda
 Daniel Sherman - Joanne Licitra
 Giulia DeTommaso - Sister, Frances
 Angeline DeMascole - Son, Anthony
 Helen Barbuto - Ralph Torrillo & Family
 Maureen Paduano - John & Angela Cappicilli
 Christopher Pallotta - Henry & Veronica Pagano

5:00pm OLP/SP - For the people

Monday July 31, 2023

12:00pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - Estate
 Fred Anderson - Peter & Maureen White

Tuesday August 1, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Salvatore Mule -
 Mary & Anthony Lamanna

12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Wednesday August 2, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Laura DelVecchio - Maryanne Fannattone

4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday August 3, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Anthony Scro - The Saya Family
 Angela Colavita - The Colavita Family

4:00pm - 5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday August 4, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Lucy Licitra - Joanne Licitra
 Mary Rose Strano - Patti Arena
 Vincenzo Greco - Wife, Isabella & Family

12:00pm SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother

Saturday August 5, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Joan Rey - Joanne Licitra
 Ronald Pierce - Dan Discenza
 Loretta Campagna - Mary Price
 Virginia Albanse - Jim & Angela
 Frank DeMichele - Pixie Scarfino
 Frank Procopio - Tracy Cosilmon
 Mary Anne Pagano - Esther Pagano
 Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph

Jean & Anthony Dominick & Teddy Tirinato - Frank & Sue

5:30pm SJB/HT - Kevin Cole -
 Tom, Gina, Brandon & Austin Collins

Sunday August 6, 2023

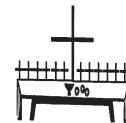
7:30am OLP/SP - Gino Fabrizi - Anthony & Tina Vecchio

**Lector Schedule - Aug. 5th & Aug. 6th**

5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan
 9:00am SJB/HT: Patrick Minnoe

Kissing the Altar at Mass

Question: Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass? **Answer:** Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.



These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10). **To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1382-1383). ©LPI**

9:00am SJB/HT - Tim Tibbetts - The Family
 George Tibbetts - The Family
 Carmella DeMauro - The Family
 Agostino Canzano - Theresa & Dennis Capria

11:30am OLP/SP - Vito Toia - Betty & Family
 Phero Vu Tao - Kim & Family
 Angelo Cannata - Julia DiBello
 James Clemens - Joanne Caracci
 Eileen Tymofy - Jack & Melanie
 Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances
 Giulia DeTommaso - Alfoe Peppalardo
 Leonardo Colavita - Joe & Gloria Falcone
 Carmen, Mary & Melanie Surace - The Family
 Mary Anne Pagano - Henry & Veronica Pagano
 Angelantonia Colavita - Henry & Veronica Pagano

5:30pm OLP/SP - Anthony Barilla - Marlene Canistare



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