

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 17, 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

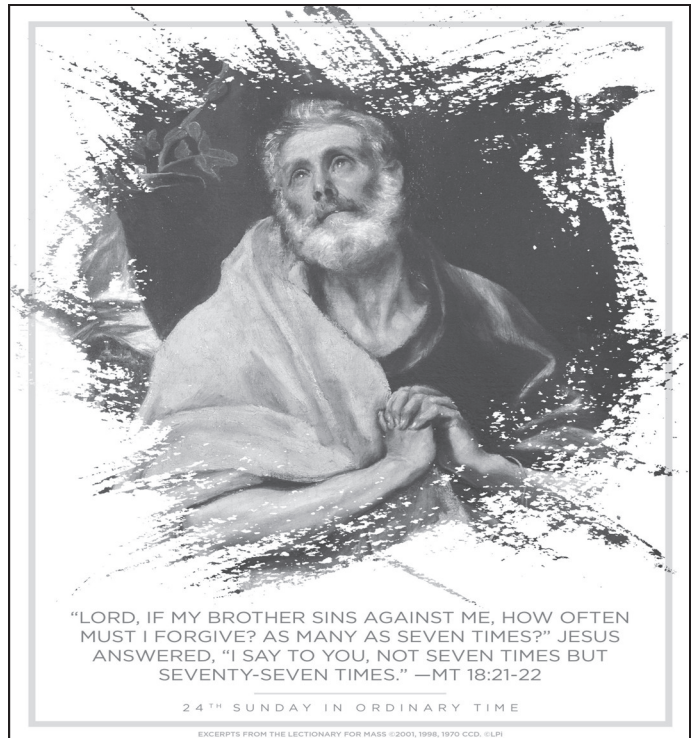
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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Web Site - www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com

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



September 17, 2023

24th Sunday In Ordinary time

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir ©LP

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

REGISTER FOR
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

SJB/HT Religious Education

There is no Confirmation I or II classes next week, Sept. 24th, but they will resume on Oct.

1st. 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. If you are interested in teaching, please call Betty. Please pray for our Students and our Teachers, that they will have a successful and enjoyable year.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen, We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.



Pray For Vocations

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" We are not called to live for ourselves, but for the Lord. How is the Lord calling us to live? Is He calling us to live as His priest, deacon, or religious? Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

Death Of Fr. Immanuel's Father

Please keep Fr. Immanuel and his family in your prayers as word has come of the passing of his father in Nigeria.

In Sympathy



Empty Bowls

Sept. 29th 11:00am-2:00pm
Nancy Cantor Warehouse
350 West Fayette Street

Empty Bowls, EB, is a national program that helps small nonprofits raise valuable money to accomplish their goals. We have been holding this event for the past 18 years and it has helped us feed the hungry of Onondaga County. For more information with EB please view website www.ifccny.org, you will also find information for the IFC, Interreligious Food Consortium, which has been actively feeding those in need in Onondaga County since 1982. We hope that you can join us that day, purchase a bowl or 2 or more and know that your gift of a bowl will become food for someone in our community. **And for that we thank you from the bottom of our bowls.**

All Faiths Food Pantry Donations

Your non perishable food donations can still be brought and left in the Food Wagon's in the parking lot side and Park Street vestibule of the Church.



**If you would like to make a monetary donation
please make checks payable to
"All Faiths Food Pantry"**

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments The Hateful Things We Hug Tight



At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30 ©LPi



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.

Call the Rectory to arrange for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.

Saturday September 16, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Henry Pagano - Patricia Dalton
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Jacob Corbett - Sandy, Dan & Danny
Marianna D'Ambrosio - Frank & Sue
Maria Laura Pallotta & Antoinette Carapella - Frank & Sue
5:30pm SJB/HT - Kevin Donovan -
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morga

Sunday September 17, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - Michael Iacampo - Adda
Giuseppina Moscaritolo - Angela & Nick Mastrogiovani
9:00am SJB/HT - Daniel DeMauro - The Family
Robert Greenfield - The Family
James Ashe - Mary & Chet Wisniewski
11:30am OLP/SP - N/A
5:00pm OLP/SP - John Tymofy - Jack & Melanie

Monday September 18, 2023

12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Tuesday September 19, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - N/A
12:00pm SJB/HT - Edward Page - Georgiann

Wednesday September 20, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Deceased members of the
Anthony Adornato Family - Silvano & Janet Poca
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday September 21, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Frank & Louise Buda - The Family
4:00pm - 5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday September 22, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Eleanor & Wallace Ammon -
Joanne Licitra
12:00pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate

Saturday September 23, 2023


4:00pm OLP/SP - Henry Pagano - Wife, Ester
Mary Discenza - Jim & Angela
Susan Sawmiller - Mary Scarfino
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Joseph Princi, Jr. - Wife, Mary & Daughter
Anna & Larry DeSantis - Sandy, Dan & Danny
5:30pm SJB/HT - Guiseppe Migliore - The Family
Angelo & Isabella Scivetti - The Family
Raffaele & Speranza Migliore - The Family
Deceased of Pennacchia Family - Peg & Mary


Sunday September 24, 2023


7:30am OLP/SP - Mary Ann Cesta - The Family
Anna & Sam Martrone - Anita Parks
9:00am SJB/HT - Joy Wittwer - Children
Barbara Varre - The Family
David McLaughlin - Mother
Bill Slack - Sue Slack & Family

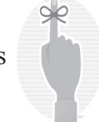
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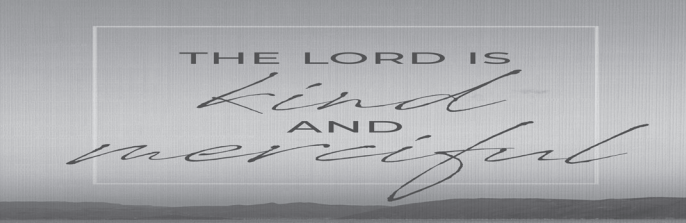
Lector Schedule - Sept. 23rd & Sept. 24th
 5:30pm SJB/HT: Annette Marchbanks
9:00am SJB/HT: Lisa Johnson

2024 Mass Book 
The 2024 Mass Book is open. Please call 315-478-0916 or stop by the rectory during office hours to request your intentions. The Masses available starting in January 2024 are Mon., Tues. & Fri. Noon, Saturday Vigil 5:30pm and Sunday 9:00am. Masses are \$15.00. 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.

 **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.**

Reminders To Our Parishioners 
1) The stipend for Mass requests, per the diocese, is now \$15.00. To request the Sanctuary Candle for a week is \$10.00.
2) By using your "Poor" envelopes found in your contribution packets, you are directly helping in the aid to Fr. Paschal's family.

Sacrificial Giving
Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.
Week September 2nd & September 3rd
SJB/HT Collection: \$3,954.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$4,222.00
Week September 9th & September 10th
SJB/HT Collection: \$2,911.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$5,924.00
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.



11:30am OLP/SP - Gaetano LaMacchia
Andrea Bortoloni - Children
Gino LaRosa - Linda Rawda
Salvatore LaRosa - Linda Rawda
Rocky Cattanzio - Ralph Torrillo
Nina Emmi LaRosa - Linda Rawda
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances
Giulia DeTommaso - Sister, Frances
St. Michael - John & Angela Cappucelli
Mary Bugge - Cathy Saya & The Saya Family
Gaetono "Guy" Lamacchia - John & Angela Berardi
5:00pm OLP/SP - Abel Agbulu - Anthony Colavito

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