

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 24, 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

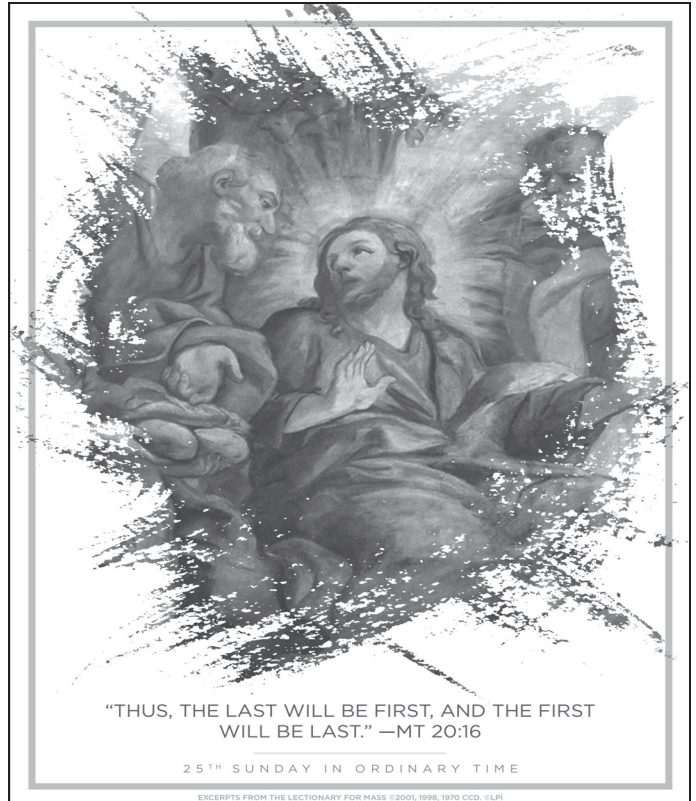
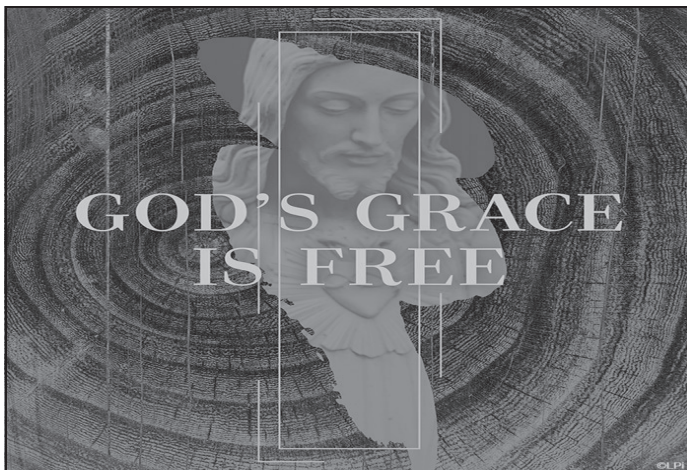
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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Web Site - www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com

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



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25th Sunday In Ordinary time

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: “That’s not fair! Why’d she get the jewelry, too?!”

Let’s face it: there’s something about God’s grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others’ blessings and cry out: “That’s not fair!” Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God’s grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we’re good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the “not fair” quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, “Are you envious because I am generous?” Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don’t deserve it — namely, upon us.

— 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



SJB/HT Religious Education

There is no Confirmation I or II classes this week, 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.

Thank you to our Pastor Fr. Daniel Caruso and the priests who serve SJB/HT and OLP/SP: Fr. Lester Smith, Fr. Paschal Anionye, Fr. Peter Major, Fr. Immanuel Onum Agbulu, Fr. John Nguyen, Bishop Douglas Lucia and all the good priests who served our parishes of the past.

Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's Gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

Pray For Vocations

"You too go into my vineyard." God is always calling more workers for His vineyard. Have you heard his voice in your life, calling you to work in the vineyard? Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org.



We celebrate the kickoff for the 2023 HOPE Appeal! This is the time when we come together as one diocesan family to support 27 ministries and programs that bring hope and support to those inside and outside our church walls. You can impact the lives of individuals and families that we serve. Please prayerfully consider your support. We encourage you to watch the 2023 HOPE Appeal video at www.syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments The Invitation to the Vineyard



I have been working since I was 17, and in that time, I've encountered my fair share of bosses who don't like being, well, fair.

There was the retail gig that paid me less than the official minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave seventh period early so I could waitress on a busy dinner shift (totally illegal, by the way). There was the unpaid internship with the editor who had no sense of work/life balance.

Our resumes are all full of these experiences — it's capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves, because we know no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter the reckless mercy of God.

Most of us work hard for what we have in this life, and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That's all right and good when we're talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.

I am not the laborer who has borne the heat of long hours in the sun. I am the straggler, the lost one, the idler at the marketplace as the day draws to a close.

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." — Isaiah 55:9 ©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.

The month of September:

We laid to rest of our parish family;
Catherine Valentine & Lena Massara
May they rest in peace.



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
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

Monday September 25, 2023

12:00pm SJB/HT - Michael Cox - The Family

Tuesday September 26, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Mary Kalska - Son, Paul
12:00pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate

Wednesday September 27, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Carmine & Concetta DiLorenzo -
Daughter, Gilda
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday September 28, 2023


9:00am OLP/SP - William M. Mettiett - Paul
4:00pm - 5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday September 29, 2023


9:00am OLP/SP - For the people
12:00pm SJB/HT - Nancy Holly McLaughlin -
Mother-in-law

Saturday September 30, 2023


4:00pm OLP/SP - Pasquale Sisera - Gilda Sisera
Frank Yaizzo - Rose & Family
Eleanor Laron - Frank & Family
Salvatore Licitra - Joanne Licitra
Dan Laurenti - Mom, Dan & Danny
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Henry Pagano - Mr. & Mrs. Peter Daley
Anthony Barbuto & Vito Vesparer - Frank & Sue


 **Lector Schedule - Sept. 30th & Oct. 1**
5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schotthoefer
9:00am SJB/HT: Ashley Stoddard

Offices Closed - No Noon Mass
The offices of SJB/HT and OLP/SP will be closed on Mon. Oct. 9th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday. At SJB/HT there is no Noon Mass.




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.**

Sacrificial Giving
Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.
Week September 16th & September 17th
SJB/HT Collection: \$3,865.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$4,229.00
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.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of
Kevin Donovan
Requested by The Family



5:30pm SJB/HT - Mr. & Mrs. Steven Morga -
Grandson, Michael
Sunday October 1, 2023
7:30am OLP/SP - Pasquale Sisera - Wife, Gilda
9:00am SJB/HT - Janet William - The Family
Sharen & Chester Wisniewski - Mary & Chet
11:30am OLP/SP - Vito Toia - Betty & Family
Genevieve Ilacqua - Children
Salvatore Mule - Margherita & John
Joseph Lostumbo - Ginnie & Family
Helen Barbato - Angelo & Rosita Cannata
5:00pm OLP/SP - For the people

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