

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

406 Court Street Syracuse, NY 13208
Office (315) 478-0916 Fax (315) 423-8096

November 5, 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
E-mail - nbergeson@syrдио.org
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



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:8-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

November 5, 2023

31st Sunday In Ordinary time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: **“Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?’”** Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad’?” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— 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

Breakfast With Santa

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 3rd for Breakfast with Santa 8:00am-11:00am. Again, with your generous help, we would like to incorporate the basket raffle with the breakfast. More information will follow. Of course basket theme is entirely up to you. They can be brought to the rectory at any time up to the event.



SJB/HT Religious Education

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

In today's Gospel Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.



Pray For Vocations

"The greatest among you must be your servant." A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a path of servant leadership on the road to sainthood. Jesus desires you to be a saint, is He calling out to you? Come and see! Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

Our Lady of Pompei Spaghetti Supper

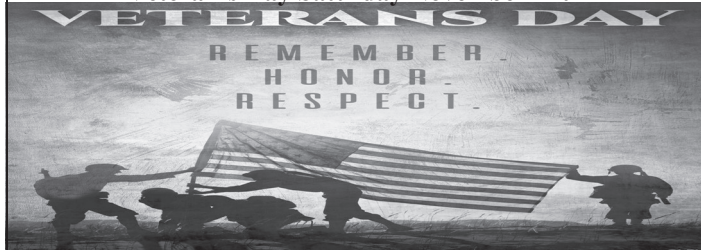
Eat in or order your famous Election Day Spaghetti Supper from Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters on Nov. 7th serving from 11:30am-7:00pm in the school cafeteria at 923 North McBride St. **Take out or delivery orders** now being taken just call the parish rectory 315-422-7163 or school office 315-422-8548. Individual orders are \$12.00, half trays \$60.00 serves 6, full trays \$120.00 serves 15. Each includes plenty of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, Italian bread and dessert. **Eat in** come enjoy all the excitement, entertainment and comradery! Single adult meals \$12.00, children 5-10 \$7.00, and under 5 free.



**Don't Forget To Vote Tuesday
Nov. 7th!**



Veteran's Day Saturday November 11th



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry



"Mommy, you haven't been making any sacrifices."

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the "sacrifice jar" we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

"If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode," I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn't appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) *hard work*.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out *meaning* to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it's hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

"The greatest among you must be your servant." — Matthew 23:11 ©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, Emma Lane, 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. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women and our Health Care Workers.**

Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday November 4, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Henry Pagano - Wife, Esther
Dominick Ranieri - Frank & Sue
Frank DeMichele - Sandy & Dan
Joan Rey - Patty & Tom Schmidt
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Mary Rose Strano - Joanne Licitra & Paul
Ernestine Renna - Luke, Carol & Luke IV

5:30pm SJB/HT - Cecile Marnell - The Family
Rosalie Rivizzigno - The Family
Anthony & Rosalie Sansone - The Family & Mary Prince

Sunday November 5, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - Michael Iacampo - Wife & Daughter
Leonard P. DiBello & Linda DiBello Grigor - The Family

9:00am SJB/HT - Mark Ferretti - Mom
Grazia Mucci - The Family
Agostino Canzano - Pasquale Ceullo
Antjpmu DelVecchio - Anne Carruthers

11:30am OLP/SP - Vito Toia - Betty & Family
Louis Rosati - Margaret & Steve
Mattia Scro - Mary Linda Raccuia
Michael DeFrancesco - Borelli Family
Henry & Esther Pagano - Pixie & Family
Vincent & Anthony Caracci - Joanne Caracci
Connie, Nick & Joe Mazella - Oixie & Family
Maureen Paduano - Angela & John Cappuccilli

5:00pm OLP/SP - N/A

Monday November 6, 2023

12:00pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate

Tuesday November 7, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Robert Kissane - Joanne Licitra
12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Wednesday November 8, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Antoinette Borelli - Children
Joanne Bruse - Maryann Priola

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

Thursday November 9, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - For all souls -
Giovanni & Angela Cappuccilli

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

Friday November 10, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - For the people
12:00pm SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother

Saturday November 11, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Frank Procopio The Family
Karen Magnarelli - The Family
Anthony Raccura - Mary Linda
Michael Bottega - Louis Bottega
Esther Pagano - Antimo Vigliotti
Vittorio Perrotta - Wife, Antoinette
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Phil Alibrandi - Sandy, Dani & Danny
Ronald Pierce - Lenny & Maria DiBella
Henry Pagano - Mr. & Mrs. Louis Petrillo



Lector Schedule - Nov. 11th & Nov. 12th

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

Thanksgiving Mass & Rectory Schedule

Thanksgiving Mass, Thursday Nov. 23rd, will be celebrated at OLP/SP 9:00am this year. The rectories of SJB/HT will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, Thursday Nov. 23rd and Friday Nov. 24th. There is no Noon Mass on Friday Nov. 24th at SJB/HT.



2024 Mass Book and Special Requests

The 2024 Mass Book is open. Please call 315-478-0916 or stop by the rectory during office hours for 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 \$10.00 or Bread and Wine \$25.00** in memory of your loved one(s) for the week.

HOPE Appeal Update

To date our pledges/donations to the HOPE Appeal are \$10,310.00. The assessment for SJB/HT parish is \$20,000.00. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful donations.



Thursday November 9th

THE DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA

Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.
Week October 28th & October 29th
SJB/HT Collection: \$1,887.87 OLP/SP Collection: \$4,586.00
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.

5:30pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate
Abel Agbulu - Joan LaVergne

Sunday November 12, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - Joseph Farone, Jr. - The Family
9:00am SJB/HT - Brian Mott - The Family
Catherine Valentine - Friends

11:30am OLP/SP - Anthony Caracci - The Family
Cosmo & Grace Medico - Frances
Anthony Chido - Joseph Nesci Family
Frank & Nancy Fuigale - Steve & Beth
Nino & Enza Mule - Margherita & John
Samuel Lattanzio - Sandy & Joe Cutrone
Anthony James Cannizzaro -
The Cannizzaro & Stagnitta Families
Mary, Carmen & Melanie Surace - The Family
Louis A. Grenga - Daughter, Michele & Family
Eustachio & Rosaria Cannizzaro - John & Margherita

5:00pm OLP/SP - N/A

Holy Trinity Church/St. John the Baptist
406 Court Street
Syracuse, NY 13208

315-478-0916

Account # 06-0120