

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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October 22, 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

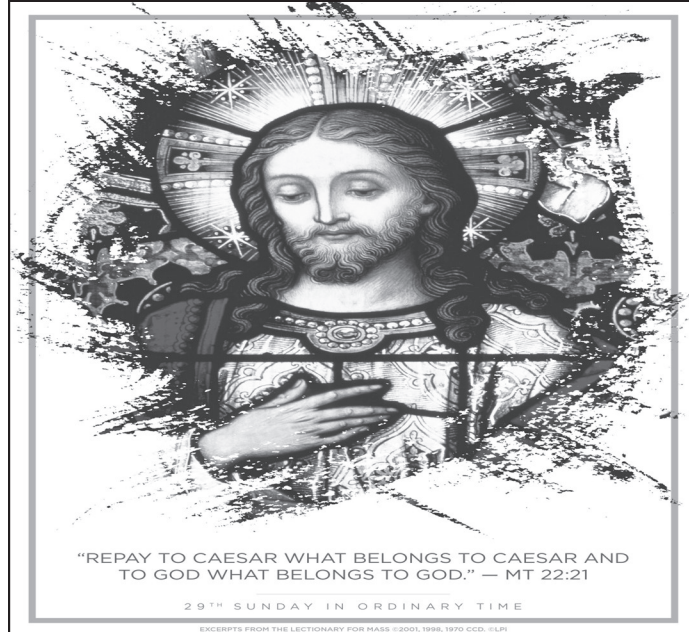
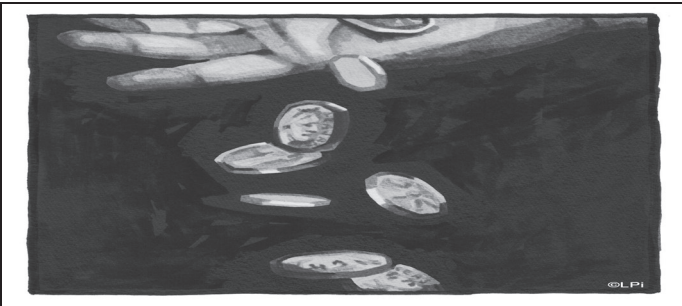
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



October 22, 2023

29th Sunday In Ordinary time

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "**Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.**" This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — *and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— 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



Congratulations Fr. Paschal Anionye

Fr. Paschal Anionye has completed all requirements and was successful in an interview to qualify him as a board certified Chaplain by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains USA.

Fr. Paschal has trained as a Clinical Counselor and Chaplain at Upstate Medical University Hospital where he trained in general and family counseling, mental health, Palliative and End of Life Care as well as Grief Counseling.

Fr. Paschal has a Bachelors degree in philosophy and a Bachelors and Masters degree in Sacred Theology.

He is presently in forensic training at the Central New York Psychiatric Center at Marcy as part of his continuing studies in Bio-Ethics, Mental and Behavioral health, Clinical Psychology and Neuroscience.

He continues to serve as a Chaplain in the hospitals here in Syracuse as a Diocesan Chaplain and On-Call Clergy.

He is also the parochial vicar at St. Margaret's Mattydale.

Congratulations Fr. Paschal from your St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity family!



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.



All Saints Holy Day of Obligation and All Souls Schedule

~ Tuesday Oct. 31st vigil Mass All Saints Day (holyday of obligation) 5:30pm at OLP/SP.
~ Wednesday Nov. 1st All Saints Day (holyday of obligation) 9:00am OLP/SP, 12:00 Noon SJB/HT and 5:30pm SJB/HT.
~ Thursday Nov. 2nd The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) 12:00 Noon in the Church.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today's Gospel; he was firm, honest and direct.



Pray For Vocations

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." Leave your worldly possessions behind and follow God. If you feel called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrдио.org.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Tax of Caesar

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.



Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

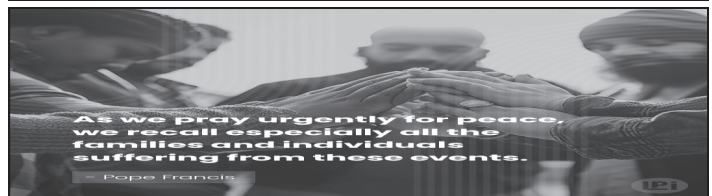
It's not that the nap and the latte *aren't* solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. *This* world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. *For when I have time, I tell myself. For when I am ready.*

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4 ©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 October 21, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Henry Pagano - John Wall
Frank Procopio - The Family
Judy & Joe Bauer - Aunt Esther
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Wes Valentine - Anne Marie & Joe Abt
Frank & Julia DeLorio - Anna Giannantonio
Susan Sawmiller - Mother & brothers Tony & Bob
Sara DeGilormo & Charles DeGilormo - Joanne Licitra
Vito DeGilormo & Frances DeGilormo - Joanne Licitra
5:30pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate
Jack Leo - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Morga

Sunday October 22, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - Mary Ellen Sunser - The Family
9:00am SJB/HT - Kevin Cole - Carol Hartman
Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
11:30am OLP/SP - The Caracci Family - The Family
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances
Helen Barbato - Maria Scarfino & Lenny DiBello
5:00pm OLP/SP - For the people

Monday October 23, 2023

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

Tuesday October 24, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - N/A
12:00pm SJB/HT - George Cannavino - Georgiann

Wednesday October 25, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - N/A
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday October 26, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - N/A
4:00pm - 5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday October 27, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - N/A
12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Saturday October 28, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Cosima Epifani - Mary Prince
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Joanne & Frank Giannantonio - Anna
Henry Pagano - Wife, Esther & Family
Larry & Anne DeSantis - Sandy, Dan & Danny
Richard A. Tortora, Sr. - Rita Tortora & Family
5:30pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate

Sunday October 29, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - For the people
9:00am SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother
Jeanne Viggiano - Dan & Family
11:30am OLP/SP - Louise Gentile - The Family
Santa Saroca - Daughter & Family
Angelo Cannata - Mary Ann Carista
Giulia DeTommaso - Sister, Frances
Salvatore Alessandro - Joe & Lucia Tritta
Frank DiScenza - Mary Prince, Michele Kloc & Mary Cratti
5:00pm OLP/SP - N/A



Lector Schedule - Oct. 28th & Oct. 29th

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

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 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 \$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 \$8,435.00. The assessment for SJB/HT parish is \$20,000.00. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful donations.

Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.
Week October 14th & October 15th
SJB/HT Collection: \$4,378.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$9,867.00
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.

Northside CYO

Refugee Resettlement Services

Winter Drive 2023. We are collecting New Coats, New Blankets and New Socks for the refugees. Throughout the year, we receive gently used items. For this event, we are requesting new items. For more information email; refugeedonations@ccoc.us or call 680-800-5073. Thank you for your generosity. *Catholic Charities of Onondaga County.



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