

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 12, 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

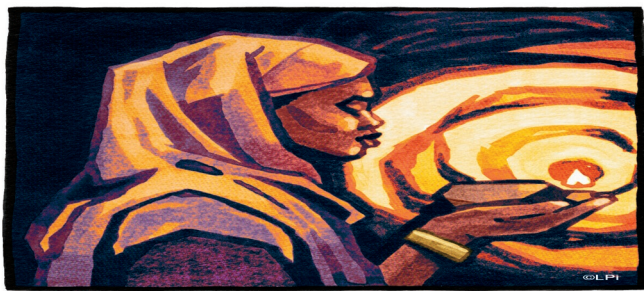
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday In Ordinary time

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll *always* end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: **"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."** Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is *always* better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— 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

The bridesmaids in today's Gospel were considered "foolish" because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.



Pray For Vocations

"Those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him." To pursue the holy priesthood or religious life is to prepare yourself and your community for the wedding feast of Jesus. Come share in this beautiful mission. Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
Seeking Wisdom



I think if any of us were asked the question, "Do you love wisdom? Do you seek wisdom?" we would, at first, be a little taken aback. And then we would answer quickly "Of course!" with absolutely no doubt in our minds.

But a different way of asking the question is this: "Are you making wise choices?" That's a question that would put a fair few of us on the back foot.

The virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom were all the same. They had the exact same intentions. They had the exact same stamina, or lack of it. They had the exact same knowledge of the night being dark and lamps being necessary.

What made five foolish, and five wise?

It was their choices. Only their choices set them apart.

We may rely upon the wisdom of another — the parent who reminds us to go to confession, the friend who demurs when we start speaking gossip, the priest who preaches boldly from the pulpit against an injustice we lack the courage to denounce ourselves. But even if we feel safeguarded by their good influence, their wisdom won't save us.

We may possess a little wisdom ourselves — we may know well that a dark night is hard to navigate, and that we need the assistance of a lamp. We may go to Mass once in a while, read the Bible when we have time and serve others when it's convenient.

But a lamp needs oil to burn in the darkness, just as wisdom requires action to be brought forth into the world.

We may love God just as much as we should — our flesh may pine, our soul may thirst. But a parched field never brought rain on itself just by being dry.

We must make the choice.

"Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name." — Psalm 63:4 ©LPi

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"*****

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Remember: Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, De De Calkins, 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 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 DiBello
Henry Pagano - Mr. & Mrs. Louis Petrillo

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

Monday November 13, 2023

12:00pm SJB/HT - John & Amy Mura - The Family

Tuesday November 14, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP -
12:00pm SJB/HT - Annette Cannavino - Georgiann

Wednesday November 15, 2023

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

Thursday November 16, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP -

Friday November 17, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP -
12:00pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate

Saturday November 18, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Julia DeLorio - Frank & Sue
Henry Pagano - Julia DiBello
Kenneth Carlton - Jeff Emmi
Joseph Prince, Jr. - Wife, Mary
Mary & Vincent Pagano - Esther
Frank Disenza - Alex & Pat Turkett
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Mary, Nick & Frank Merola - Frank & Sue
Anthony, Jean, Dominick & Teddy tirianto - Frank & Sue

5:30pm SJB/HT - For the people



Lector Schedule - Nov. 18th & Nov. 19th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan
9:00am SJB/HT: Chet Wisniewski

Thanksgiving Mass & Rectory Schedule

Thanksgiving Mass, Thursday Nov. 23rd, will be celebrated at OLP/SP 9:00am this year. The rectories of SJB/HT & OLP/SP 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 \$9,960.00. The assessment for SJB/HT parish is \$20,000.00. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful donations. **There was an error in placing a contribution to our parish. That is why the amount this week reflects less.**



Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.
Week November 4th & November 5th
SJB/HT Collection: \$3,984.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$5,542.00
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.



Sunday November 19, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - Delores DiBello - Maryann DeMichele
9:00am SJB/HT - Tom Brimfield - Mother
Bob Brimfield - Wife & Son
Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
Filomena & Ralph Delucia - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

11:30am OLP/SP - Dan Scarfino - Wife, Mary
Mary Long - Jim & Julie Taft
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances
Agatha & Anfrea Bortoloni - Children
Leonardo Colavita - Salvatore & Maria Princi
Deceased members of Progresso Lodge - OFDIA

5:00pm OLP/SP -