

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 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

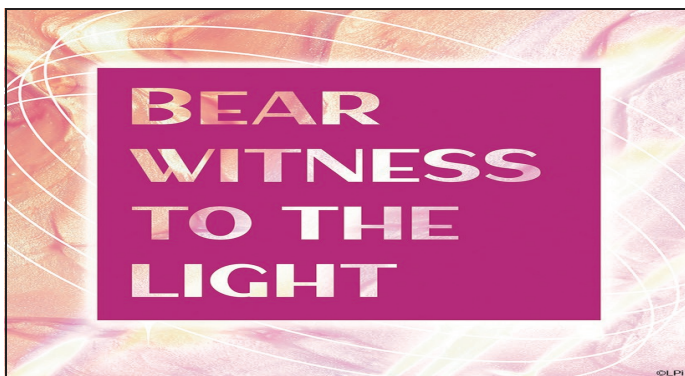
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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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Third Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— 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

Music Director/Organist James Stanley

Buildings/Grounds Robert Warren

Religious Education Betty Warren



SJB/HT Religious Education

There are no Religious Education classes for the next two weeks, December 24th and 31st in observance of Christmas & New Year. Classes will resume on January 7, 2024. 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.

Immaculata Award Recipient

Congratulations to this years Immaculata Award recipient, David William. Dave received the Immaculata Award on Sunday, Dec. 10th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Dave has been a very active parishioner and involved with the finance committee, he has been a trustee of the parish, helped in our numerous fundraisers. Thank You Dave for all that you do at SJB/HT.



The Giving Wagon

The Giving Wagon for The All Faith Food Pantry has been set up once again in the body of the Church, in front of the Blessed Mothers Altar. The All Faith Food Pantry has requested gifts of personal hygiene for men, women and children as well as paper products and cleaning products for the home. These gifts will help the pantry clients greatly by letting the clients use their SNAP benefits for more food items. We thank you for your generous and thoughtful gifts. The wagon will remain through the Epiphany Jan. 7, 2024.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
Testimony



When my grandmother heard the news that my cousin had fallen from a second-story window, she immediately went and washed her hair.

Grandma had been sitting alone in her house, listening to the morning radio when the announcer shared a news bulletin stating that the previous night, a little boy with the same name as her grandson, living in the same community and of the same age, had fallen onto the pavement from a window on the second floor of his house. He had been rushed to the hospital but miraculously survived his injuries.

She thought she was hallucinating and wanted to look pretty when the “men in white coats” came to take her away. Thus, the hair-washing.

As it happens, the whole story was true — it was her grandson, but this was before the age of mobile phones and had happened so late at night that his parents had been unable to notify any family members before the whole thing showed up on the news.

It wasn't until my grandmother received a phone call from another relative corroborating the story that she realized it hadn't been a figment of her imagination. What a waste of styled hair, no hospital committal for her that day.

There are certain truths that we cannot accept unless they are supported by the testimony of others. We find them to be unbelievable without the reassurance of another person whispering, “It's okay. I see it, too.”

This is the value of testimony, and the purpose of John the Baptist and every saint who ever died with the name of Jesus Christ on their lips. And this is the sacred duty of all the baptized, to give testimony with our words and our actions.

How will you testify today?

“He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.” — John 1:8 ©LPi

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Breakfast With Santa

Thank you parishioners for helping to make Breakfast with Santa a fun and wonderful gathering. The breakfast was an all around success. Thank you to all who donated the amazing raffle baskets. So thoughtful and generous of you all. This event could not have been possible if not for the volunteers who helped from start to finish. The planning and prepping is a lot but we certainly get the task accomplished with elflike ease! A very big **Thank You to SANTA for taking time from his busy schedule to visit with us!**

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.**



Saturday December 16, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Henry Pagano - Wife, Esther
Virginia Lanza - The Family
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Marianna D'Ambrosio - Frank & Sue
Ron Pierce - Rocky Barbato & Family
Antoinette Silvaggio - Tony, Nick & Joe
Anthony "Midnite" Silvaggio - Nick & Joe
Helen & Dorothy Dali - Sister, Bertha & Family
Frank Giannantonio & Julio DeLorio - Frank & Sue
5:30pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate

Sunday December 17, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - Rose Duchessi - Children
Cathy DiBello - The Family
Eugene Penizzotto - Wife & Family
Delores DiBello - Corky & Tom Bersani
9:00am SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother
Rita Carroll - Twin Cousins
Angie Banac - Twin Cousins
Catherine Valentine - Mary Anne Rinker
11:30am OLP/SP - Tom Sacco - The Family
Stephen Jerry Vislosky - Anne
Vincent Vu Minh - Kim & Family
Santa Saroca - Daughter & Family
Alex J. Cimino - Michelle & the kids
Carmen & Mary Surace - The Family
Frank & Nancy Fagale - Steve & Beth
Nino & enza Mule - Margherita & John
Dr. George C. Heitzman - Wife & Family
Mary, Carmen & Melanie Surace - The Family
Matteo & Antoinetta Paduano - Daughter, Cora
Eutachio & Rosaria Cannizzaro - John & Margherita
Anthony James Cannizzaro -
The Cannizzaro & Stagnitta Families
Deceased members of the Caracci, Roffo & Notcher Families
- Joanne Caracci

5:00pm OLP/SP - N/A

Monday December 18, 2023

12:00pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate
4:00-7:00pm OLP/SP Confessions: The Light Is On

Tuesday December 19, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Santina Sindoni - The Family
Henry A. Pagano - Henry & Veronica Pagano
Yolanda Rosati & Aida Scipone - Margaret & Steve
Frances DeGilormo & Vito DeGilormo - Joanne Licitra
12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Wednesday December 20, 2023

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

Thursday December 21, 2023

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

Friday December 22, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Curly Paris - The Family
Jacqueline Farone Price - The Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - Francis Duane Willson, Jr. -
Carmine & Maureen Bravo



Lector Schedule - Dec. 23rd & Dec. 24th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schotthoefer
9:00am SJB/HT: Patrick Minnoe

**Office Christmas Schedule
Christmas Week Masses**

Closed for the Holiday

SJB/HT and OLP/SP Rectories
will be closed the week of Christmas Monday Dec. 25 - Friday Dec. 29th and New Year Day Monday Jan. 1, 2024.
SJB/HT will have Noon Mass Tuesday Dec. 26th and Friday Dec. 29th. OLP/SP will have 9:00am Mass Tuesday, Dec. 26th, Wednesday, Dec. 27th, Thursday, Dec. 28th and Friday, Dec. 29th.

Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

Week December 2nd & December 3rd

SJB/HT Collection: \$4,032.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$8,293.00

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 Light Is On

RECONCILIATION

"The Light Is On" will be at OLP/SP on Monday Dec. 18th from 4:00-7:00pm. This is an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession during this Advent Season. In addition, confessions will be heard on Wed. Dec. 20th at OLP/SP 4:00-5:00pm and Thurs. Dec. 21st at SJB/HT 4:00-5:00pm.

Saturday December 23, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Rita & Phil Capozzi Sr. - Son
Henry Pagano - Wife, Esther
Frank & Anna Pascarella - Esther
Alfonso Carfagno - Jack & Melanie
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Larry DeSantis - Sandy, Dan & Danny
Angel Pagano - Henry & Veronica Pagano
Frankie Pascarella - Aunt Esther & Family
Anthony Nuzzo - Wife, Patricia, children and grandchildren
5:30pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate

Sunday December 24, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - N/A
9:00am SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate
11:30am OLP/SP - N/A

4:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil OLP/SP & SJB/HT -

For the people

9:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil SJB/HT - For the people

11:30pm Carols OLP/SP

12:00 Midnight Mass OLP/SP - For the people

Monday December 25, 2023 Christmas Day

7:30am OLP/SP - For the people
9:00am SJB/HT - For the people
11:30am OLP/SP - For the people

