

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 31, 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

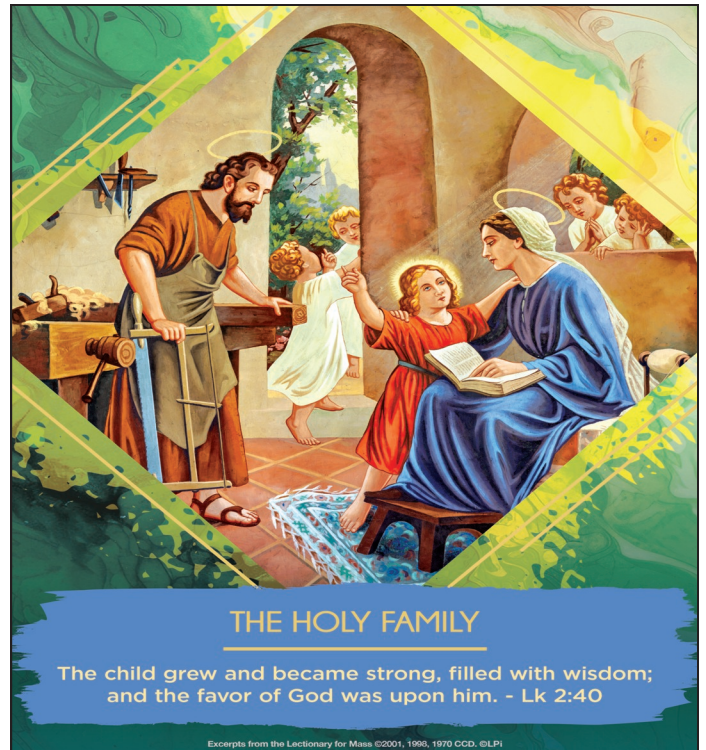
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— 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 this week, December 31st but will resume on January 7, 2024. **Happy New Year.** 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 Gospel today shows Mary and Joseph were not “perfect” parents. If you have ever been “amazed” and “astonished” at what came out of your child’s mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you “didn’t understand” your children or felt “anxious” about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

Pray For Vocations

“I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.” If you feel God is offering you the gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life as a sister, brother or consecrated virgin, then reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationsyracuse.



Reflect: Readings and Gospel for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading:

Abraham and Sarah relied on their faith in the Lord as they struggled with family matters. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

Second Reading:

Hebrews teaches us that at every challenge in his life, Abraham consistently trusted and obeyed God. When have you had to surrender complete trust to God?

Gospel:

In their purification ritual in the Jerusalem Temple, Mary and Joseph learn news from Simeon and Anna about their newborn baby, Jesus. In your family, how do you deal with startling or unsettling news? ©LPi

New Diocesan Web Site

Explore the Diocese of Syracuse’s new website, a digital sanctuary offering a unique Catholic content feature that includes Bishop Barron’s insightful Advent Reflections! Immerse yourself in a spiritually enriching online experience, navigating through a seamless platform dedicated to fostering faith and connection within our community of faith.

Visit www.syracusediocese.org to learn more.



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

The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter’s life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, “A sword shall pierce your heart.”

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God’s will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say “Yes, Lord.”

“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another...”

— Colossians 3:12 ©LPi



Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday December 30, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Henry Pagano - Wife, Esther
Ronald Reagan - Rosalie Trinica
Frank Discenza - Ginnie Lostumbo
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
5:30pm SJB/HT - For the people

Sunday December 31, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - N/A
9:00am SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate
11:30am OLP/SP - Pasquale Sisera - Wife, Gilda
The Caracci Family - The Family
Salvatore Mule - Margherita & John
Giulia DeTommaso - Sister, Frances
Anthony James Cannizzaro -
The Cannizzaro & Stagnitta Families
Nino & Enza Mule - Margherita & John
Frank & Nancy Fugale - Steve & Nancy
Agatha & Andrea Bortoloni - The Children
Eustachio & Rosaria Cannizzaro - John & Margherita
Charles DeGilormo & Sara DeGilormo - Joanne Licitra
5:00pm OLP/SP - N/A

Monday January 1, 2024 New Year's Day

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

Tuesday January 2, 2024

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

Wednesday January 3, 2024

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

Thursday January 4, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Mary Rose Strano - Joanne Licitra & Paul
4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday January 5, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - N/A
12:00pm SJB/HT - John & Mildred Allen - Tim Erwin

Saturday January 6, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Frank DeMichele - Joe Kurpiewski
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Tony & John Pascarella - Sister, Esther & Family
Maria Laura Pallotta & Antoinette Carapella - Frank & Sue
5:30pm SJB/HT - Ralph Smith - The Family

Sunday January 7, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - N/A
9:00am SJB/HT - Janet William - The Family
Maria William - The Family
Donato William - The Family
Pepino William - The Family
11:30am OLP/SP - Angelantonia Colavita - Son, Anthony
5:00pm OLP/SP - N/A



Lector Schedule - Jan. 6th & Jan. 7th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Annette Marchbanks
9:00am SJB/HT: Chet Wisniewski

Rectory Closed/Mass Schedule

Reminder that the rectories of SJB/HT & OLP/SP will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 in observance of the New Year with Mass at SJB/HT at 9:00am and OLP/SP at 11:00am also rectories will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There is no Noon Mass on Mon. Jan. 15th.



Sacrificial Giving

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

Week December 16th & December 17th

SJB/HT Collection: \$3,388.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$5,326.00

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.



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.

The "Poor" Envelope

We are still using the donations from the Poor envelope as a direct contribution to Fr. Paschal's family. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to direct a contribution towards Father's family, you may do so using a plain white envelope and on the front write "Fr. Paschal's Family". Thank you to all for your generosity and thoughtfulness.



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.**

