

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 21, 2024

## 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

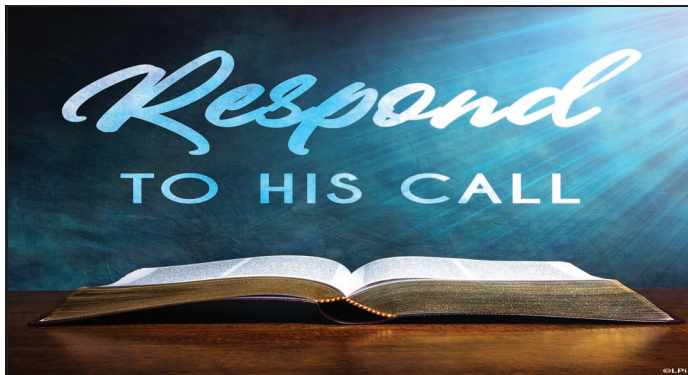
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm  
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm  
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## St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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 In Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only *say* it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "**Repent!**" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— 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



### Funeral Servers Needed

SJB/HT is in need of servers, men and women, for funerals. You will be fully trained in all area's in helping Fr. during the Mass on and off the altar. You would be called 2-3 days prior to the needed date of the Mass. Most of our funerals are scheduled for 10:00am weekdays and Saturdays. If you are interested please call the rectory 315-478-0916.

### SJB/HT Religious Education

Religious Ed classes resume this week. Please pray for our students as they continue their education. Please especially pray for our 2 Confirmation II students who will be receiving their Confirmation on April 16th, and our 4 First Penance/First Communion students who will be receiving these Sacraments in the Spring.



### A Family Perspective Family Life Education

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of "Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc." Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

### Pray For Vocations

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org) and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.



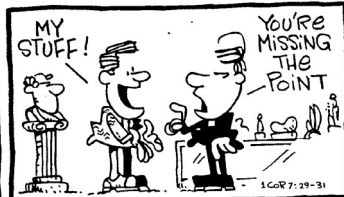
### Reflect: Readings and Gospel for 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** The people of Nineveh (the capital city of the Assyrian Empire and historic enemy of Israel) repented of their sins when they heard Jonah's warning of God's impending destruction of their city. What motivates you to repent?

**Second Reading:** Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live with a sense of urgency and in a radically different way than before coming to faith in Jesus. In what way are you living counter-culturally as a person of faith?

**Gospel:** This Sunday we hear the first words of Jesus in Mark's account of the call of the first disciples: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus taught that the time had come for God to come and reclaim His world. What excites you about this message? ©LPi

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### (Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman A Good Time for Fulfillment



There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

*"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'"* — Mark 1:14 ©LPi



### Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2023 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, 315-478-0916, email at [nbergeson@syrdio.org](mailto:nbergeson@syrdio.org) or fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention "Nancy".

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.**

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### Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

#### Saturday January 20, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - N/A

5:30pm SJB/HT - Vincenzo Abbatiello - The Family  
Gacchino & Tina Bruno - The Family

#### Sunday January 21, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - For all the parishioners of OLP/SP

9:00am SJB/HT - Fr. David James - Jack Wall  
Antonio McLaughlin - Mother  
Jean Schreyack - Max & Karen

11:30am OLP/SP - Helen Barbato - The Family  
Rose Caracci - Fran & Joanne  
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances  
Theodore "Sam" Barbato - Wife, Rose  
Maria & Domonico Laface - Son, Lorenzo  
Carmella & Anthonio Ianno - Granddaughter, Carmella

5:00pm OLP/SP - Gilda DiCaprio -  
Mr. & Mrs. Mario Bequer

#### Monday January 22, 2024

12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

#### Tuesday January 23, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Mattia Scro - Joe & Gloria Falcone

12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people of St. John/Holy Trinity

#### Wednesday January 24, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Concetta Piraino - Husband, John

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

#### Thursday January 25, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Tonya Godfrey - Aunt Gloria

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

#### Friday January 26, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Susan Snyder - Joe Rugarri

12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

#### Saturday January 27, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Rose Caracci - The Family  
Rose Peverly - Pat & Alex  
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph  
Dan Laurenti - Sandy, Dan & Danny  
Stanley Ciereck - Mary Lou Murphy  
Henry & Esther Pagano - Mary Scarfino

5:30pm SJB/HT - Jeanne Bryant - The Bergeson Family

#### Sunday January 28, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Frank Mirarche - Frank & Sue

9:00am SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother  
Debbie Greenfield - The Family  
Stella Sobon - Pat & Norm Jaquin

11:30am OLP/SP - Luca Iacampo - Wife  
Rose Caracci - The Family  
Giulia DeTommaso - Sister, Frances  
Christina & Luigi Iacampo - The Family  
Carmella Laface - Brother, Lorenzo & Family  
Catherina & Giorgio Cutri - Granddaughter, Carmella

5:00pm OLP/SP - John Tymofy - Jack & Melanie  
Ann & Al Carfagno - Jack & Melanie



### Lector Schedule - Jan. 27th & Jan. 28th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Annette Marchbanks

9:00am SJB/HT: Patrick Minnoe

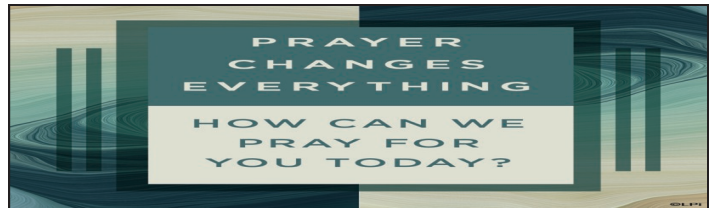
### Sacrificial Giving

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

Week January 13th & January 14th

SJB/HT Collection: \$2,707.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$5,508.00

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.



Here and there you will see this blurb in the bulletin. At the Park St. vestibule and Parking Lot vestibule of the Church you will always find paper that you can anonymously or sign, requesting prayers that you are in need of and a box to insert your requests. Each Monday these prayers will be collected and put into a basket in our Chapel. During one of the weekday Masses, all these prayers will be remembered as the Mass Intention.



The Sanctuary Lamp has been requested to burn for  
**Special Intentions**

**Remember:** Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, De De Calkins, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, 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 Perrotta, 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.**



**Please look through our prayer list and let me know if there is any name that should be removed. I may not have all the updates on who has passed away or who has recovered and no longer in need of prayer. Also, if you would like to add any name of those who are in need of prayers.**

