

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 28, 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

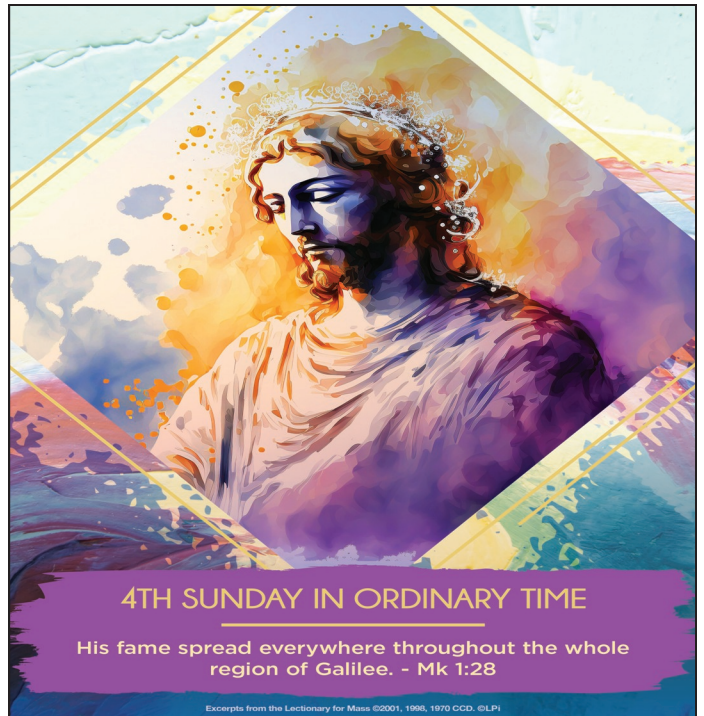
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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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Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “*What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?*” Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “**Quiet! Come out of him!**” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— 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

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

Today's Gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

Pray For Vocations

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, then reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).



Reflect: Readings and Gospel for 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord's commands. But he also forewarned about false prophets. How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?

Second Reading: Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus. What distracts you from the Lord?

Gospel: Mark informs us that early in Jesus's public ministry his "fame spread" quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demon-possessed man in today's reading. Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal? ©LPi

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
What Have You to Do with Me,
Jesus of Nazareth?



Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me. "Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — Why? How? — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95:7 ©LPi



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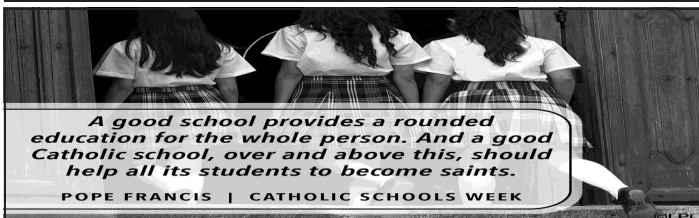
If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2023 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, 315-478-0916, email at nbergeson@syrdio.org or fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain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

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.

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A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.

POPE FRANCIS | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**Catholic School Week -
Sunday Jan. 28-Saturday Feb. 3**

Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

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

Monday January 29, 2024

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

Tuesday January 30, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Doris Pirro - Jean Mallaro
12:00pm SJB/HT - All the intentions requested
from our prayer boxes

Wednesday January 31, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Pasquale Sisera - Joanne Licitra
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday February 1, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Antoinette Boretti - Children
4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday February 2, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Joan Schreyack - Karen & Max
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Saturday February 3, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Laura DelVecchio - The Nick Colaneri Family
Henry & Esther Pagano - tony & Marie Pappelardo
Frank Giannantonio & Julio DeLorio - Frank & Sue

5:30pm SJB/HT - For all the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sunday February 4, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Patti & Fred Stoneburner - Joe Ruggarri
9:00am SJB/HT - Rita Carroll - Twin Cousins
Fr. David James - Janet Coria
11:30am OLP/SP - Vito Toia - Betty & Family
5:00pm OLP/SP - Linda Fanizzi Wells - Angela Albanese



Lector Schedule - Feb. 3rd. & Feb. 4th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schotthoefer
9:00am SJB/HT: Lisa Johnson

Sacrificial Giving

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

Week January 20th & January 21st
SJB/HT Collection: \$1,473.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$4,901.50

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.

World Day for Consecrated Life



Friday February 2, 2024

God of all goodness, you have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives. Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters. Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith
through the name of Jesus our Savior.
Amen.



The Sanctuary Lamp has been requested to burn for
Special Intentions

Ash Wednesday & Stations of the Cross



Wednesday Feb. 14th is Ash Wednesday. Mass schedule: 9:00am OLP/SP. 12:00 Noon SJB/HT and 5:30pm SJB/HT. Stations of the Cross will begin Friday Feb. 16th at SJB/HT 7:00pm and go through Friday Mar. 29th

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.**

