

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 11, 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

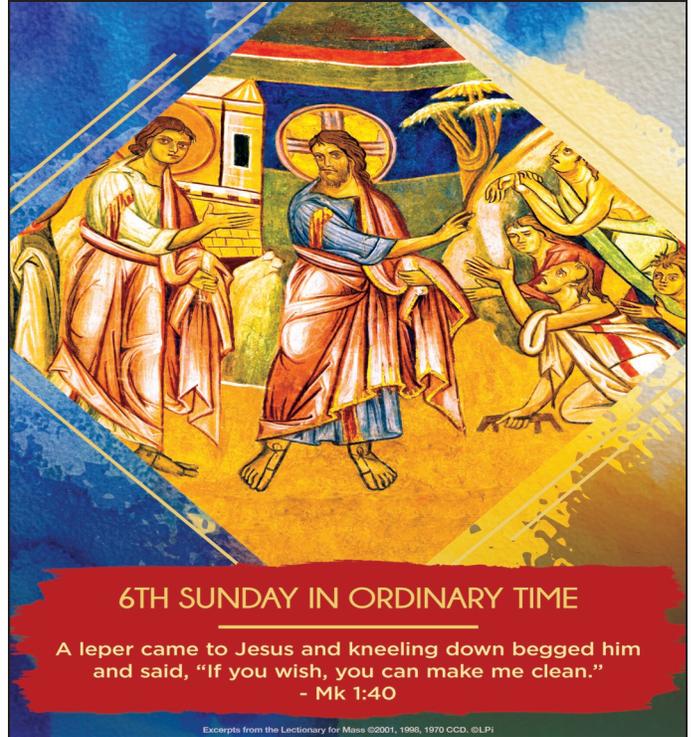
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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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Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— 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



Where We Stand For Lenten Fish Dinners

With a heavy heart but with much research, SJB/HT will not be offering our Baked Fish Dinners. We were two fish dinners into Lent of 2020, then COVID. The start up for that dinner was \$1,200.00. For Lent 2024, phone calls were made and pricing was checked and we found that the fish has gone up \$3.00 plus a lb. and the ever popular mac & cheese has gone from \$10 to \$17 a tray. The start up cost to prepare has increased 100% for us as we would need to supply an entire kitchen to get going. Probably though one of the main concerns was looking at our list of volunteers who helped prior to the dinner. Those volunteers are all but gone. As well as volunteers for kitchen and floor during the night. It does take two/three days worth of work to get ready for one night of dining. We are looking into a "Spring Event" and will keep you posted. We know the dinners will be a big miss by many. We appreciate your understanding.

SJB/HT Religious Education

There are no Religious Ed Classes for the next 2 weeks, Feb. 18th & 25th, for Winter Recess. Classes will resume on March 3rd. 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

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's Gospel knew this when he said to Jesus, "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when He said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

Reflect: Readings and Gospel for 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: We hear how ancient Israel was concerned about purity laws and the spread of disease, such as leprosy. How do you support people in your life who are suffering from disease or isolation?

Second Reading: Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be selfless and kind to each other as a practical way of living out their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker who could benefit from your generosity toward them?

Gospel: The healed leper disobeyed Jesus' command to remain silent and as a result, Jesus had to stay outside towns and in "deserted places." How do you deal with people in your life who disappoint or frustrate you?



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
Sin and Loneliness



When I was in high school, we read "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka. It's a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

"Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch," our teacher told us. "Without each other, we curl up and die."

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. "I feel like a leper," we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn't begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'" — Mark 1:41

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 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 February 10, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Ron Reagan - Wife, Karen
Frank Procopio - The Family
Lucrezia Blasi - The Children
Antoinette Silvaggio - Tony, Nick & Joe
Henry & Esther Pagano - Jim & Julie Taft
Frank Giannantoinio & Julio DeLorio - Frank & Sue
5:30pm SJB/HT - For all the parishioners of
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Sunday February 11, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Edidio "Gino" Fabrizi -
Giuseppe Campanino
9:00am SJB/HT - Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
Bennie Sobon, Jr. - Pat & Norm Jaquin
11:30am OLP/SP - Ben & Celia Pisano - Anita & Family
Grace & Cosimo Medico - Daughter, Frances
Anthony James Cannizzaro & Mule & Cannizzaro Families -
John & Margherita
5:00pm OLP/SP - Marie Felice - Kay & Frank Procopio

Monday February 12, 2024

12:00pm SJB/HT - Rosemary Lane - The Estate

Tuesday February 13, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Mike Ward - Loving Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - Rita Carroll - Lucille Mangicaro

Wednesday February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday

9:00am OLP/SP - For all the parishioners of
OLP/SP & SJB/HT
12:00 Noon SJB/HT - For all the parishioners of
SJB/HT & OLP/SP
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession
5:30pm SJB/HT - For all the parishioners of
SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Thursday February 15, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Tony Mule - Adriana Mule
4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday February 16, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Anthony Borelli - Children
Roseann Ferretti - Anne DeMore
12:00pm SJB/HT - All the intentions requested
from our prayer boxes
7:00pm SJB/HT - Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 17, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Robert Sawmiller - Wife & Son
Carmine & Tony Carapella - Anna
Emedio Alberici - The Progresso Lodge 1047
Henry & Esther Pagano - Wendy & Steve Shoen
Carmella Vercillo - Henrietta, Cheech & Ann
5:30pm SJB/HT - All the parishioners of
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Sunday February 18, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Joan Rey - Lee Mento
9:00am SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother



Lector Schedule - Feb. 17th & Feb. 18th

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

Office Closed/No Noon Mass

SJB/HT & OLP/SP offices will be closed Monday
Feb. 19th on observance of Presidents Day. There is
no Noon Mass at SJB/HT this day.



Sacrificial Giving

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

Week January 27th & January 28th

SJB/HT Collection: \$3,756.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$5,470.00

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.



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, Joe Petasano, 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.**



Sunday February 18, 2024

11:30am OLP/SP - Helen Barbato - The Family
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances
Ann & Gus Mancuso & Carmen Emmi, Sr. -
Rosemarie & Family
Carmen, Mary & Melanie Surace - The Family
Angelantonia & Leonardo Colavita - Son, Anthony
5:00pm OLP/SP - Patrick Nesci - John Perla

