

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 18, 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

Call the Rectory to arrange for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.



February 18, 2024

First Sunday Of Lent

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it *mean*?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What *does* it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— 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 Ed Classes this week or Feb. 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

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors “bug” you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to mend and forgive!

Pray For Vocation

“I establish My covenant with you.” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister or brother, then reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.



HOW
ARE YOU
CHOOSING TO
WALK IN HIS
SANDALS
THIS LENT?

First Sunday of Lent

A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.

God's covenant with his people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But here in 2015, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld his part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
Lent and the Flood



I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because clichés are essentially true. Lent is the desert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless...it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

“Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.” — 1 Peter 3:18 ©LPi



Reflect: Readings and Gospel for 1st Sunday Of Lent

First Reading: God used a rainbow as a sign of his covenant with Noah and all living creatures to never again flood the earth. Are there some additional signs in your life of God's love for us

Second Reading: Peter taught that baptism serves as an appeal or pledge to God for a clear conscience. What leads you to an examination of conscience?

Gospel: After a brief report of Jesus' temptation by Satan in the desert, we hear the first words of Jesus at the launch of his public ministry in Galilee: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” As we begin the Lenten journey, what are some temptations you plan to face this Lent?

Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

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
St. John the Baptist & Holy Trinity

Sunday February 18, 2024

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

Monday February 19, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - William Rosencrans - Joanne Licitra
12:00pm SJB/HT - No Noon Mass/Office Closed

Tuesday February 20, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Gaetano Piraino - John
Frank & Orsola Razzano - The Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - All the prayers requested from
our prayer boxes

Wednesday February 21, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Libby Scalzo - Joanne Licitra
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday February 22, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Sadie Square - Joe Ruggeri & Family
4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday February 23, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Susan Sawmiller - Fran Burton
12:00pm SJB/HT - Frank Mirizio -
Ralph & Julaine Mastriono
7:00pm SJB/HT - Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 24, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Mary Prince - Patti Arena
The Snyder Family - Anna
Dan Campolo - Daughter, Famia
Henry & Esther Pagano - Bob & Anne DeMoro
5:30pm SJB/HT - All the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist & Holy Trinity

Sunday February 25, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP -
9:00am SJB/HT - Trudy German - Pat & Norm Jaquin
11:30am OLP/SP - Rosemary Caracci - The Family
Phillip Marches - Carol Spurchise
5:00pm OLP/SP - Gilda DiCaprio - James Medcraf



Lector Schedule - Feb. 24th & Feb. 25th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schotthoefer
9:00am SJB/HT: John Robinson

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 February 3rd & February 4th

SJB/HT Collection: \$7,879.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$4,841.00

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 Sanctuary Lamp has been requested to burn for
A special Request

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Z: _____ Envelope Number: _____

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.**

