

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 3, 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

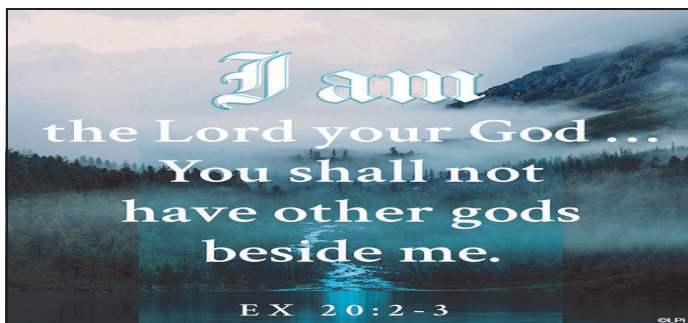
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



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.



March 3, 2024

Third Sunday Of Lent

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “**have no other gods besides me.**” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics. — 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



Mark Your Calendars

A Parish Life meeting was held and we came up with 4 Gatherings for SJB/HT Parish.

- 1) Saturday April 20th - Pot Luck Dinner 4:00-7:00pm. Keep in mind for the price of admission for this gathering we are asking everyone who attends to bring a scratch off lottery ticket as well as a pot luck dish. We will collect tickets up until the International Festival and create a large raffle for all scratch offs collected.
 - 2) Sunday June 9th - Spring Breakfast 8:00-11:00am.
 - 3) Saturday October 12th - International Festival Noon—7:00pm.
 - 4) Sunday December 8th - Breakfast with Santa 8:00-11:00am.
- More information will follow for each gathering as the dates get closer.

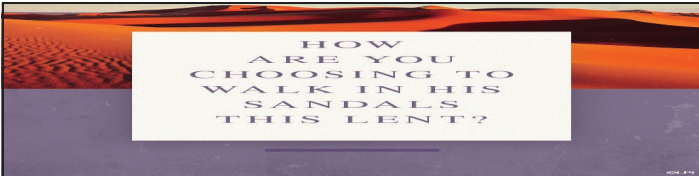
SJB/HT Religious Education

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

Today's Gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it does not say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He did not condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.



Third Sunday of Lent

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
The Merciful Anger of Jesus



Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for dictat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."
— 1 Corinthians 1:25



Reflect: Readings and Gospel for 3rd Sunday Of Lent

First Reading: The "10 Commandments" given to Moses at Mount Sinai reveal God's moral and ethical expectations for Israel. Which of these Commandments do you personally find most challenging to follow?

Second Reading: Early in his letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of his firm conviction in the power and wisdom of his proclamation, "Christ crucified." What are you confident about in your faith life?

Gospel: Jesus' deep passion ("zeal") for the Jerusalem Temple led to his strong (and violent) reaction to what he witnessed in the Temple. What is something you feel passionate about as it relates to your faith?

Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday March 2, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Giavonna Barbuto - Frank & Sue
Ron Reagan - Wife, Karen & Family
Nicholas J. Silvaggio - Tony, Nick & Joe
5:30pm SJB/HT - All the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist & Holy Trinity

Sunday March 3, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Maria Giamartino - Louis Bottega
9:00am SJB/HT - Rita Carroll - Twin Cousins
Teresa Greenfield - The Family
Antonio Bianchetti - Lina & Joe Dauccio
11:30am OLP/SP - Lenny Selicado - Frances
Vito Toia - Betty & Family
Nick Muraca - Alex Muraca
Vincent Caracci - The Family
Frank Sofia - Rosemarie Emmi & Family
5:00pm OLP/SP - Mary Anne - The Family
Frank Scarfino - The Family
Cathy DiBello - The Family

Monday March 4, 2024, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Camille Grasso - Joan Phillips
12:00pm SJB/HT - Rosemary Lane & Family - The Estate

Tuesday March 5, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - William Lombardo - CNY Empire Assoc.
12:00pm SJB/HT - Our prayer box requests

Wednesday March 6, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Natalie Losurdo - Jean Mallaro
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday March 7, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Lillian Mayo - Louis Bottega
4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday March 8, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Tony Mule - Ginnie Lostumbo
12:15 OLP/SP - Cindy Caruso - Joanne Liscitra
12:00pm SJB/HT - End to the fighting throughout our world
7:00pm SJB/HT - Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 9, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Frank Procopio - The Family
Virginia Lanza - The Family
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Henry & Esther Pagano - David DeLucia
5:30pm SJB/HT - Concatta & Pasquina Bruno - The Family
Vincenzo & Angelo Abbatiello - The Family

“The Light Is On”

“The Light Is On” is a chance for you to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before Easter. It will be here at SJB/HT on Monday March 25th from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

**RECONCILIATION
NIGHT™**



Be on the lookout for Daylight Savings
SUNDAY MARCH 10th! Spring ahead one hour.



Lector Schedule - March 9th & March 10th

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 February 24th & February 25th

SJB/HT Collection: \$1,902.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$4,920.00

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.

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.**



Bishop Grimes Sweepstakes

Win big and support Catholic Education! Bishop Grimes is having a sweepstakes fundraiser to support student financial assistance. There will be a total of 23 cash prizes for 23 winners! The top prize is \$50,000.00. Tickets cost \$100.00 and only 2,000 will be sold. For more information, contact Gracie at GraceThorpe@syrdiocese.org or 315-314-7157 ex.#4. The drawing will be July 8th.

Sunday March 10, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - William Rosencrans - Joanne Licitra
9:00am SJB/HT - Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
Rose Viviano - Pat & Norm Jaquin
Cariseo Family - Mr. & Mrs. J. Dauccio
11:30am OLP/SP - Paolo & Maria Emmi - Children
Rose & John Davis - Son, Michael
Peter Caruso - Saturday night friends
Egidio & Francesca LaRose - The Family
Anthony James Cannizzaro & Mule & Cannizzaro Families
- John & Margherita
5:00pm OLP/SP - Mary Anne Scarfino - Jack & Melanie