

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 31, 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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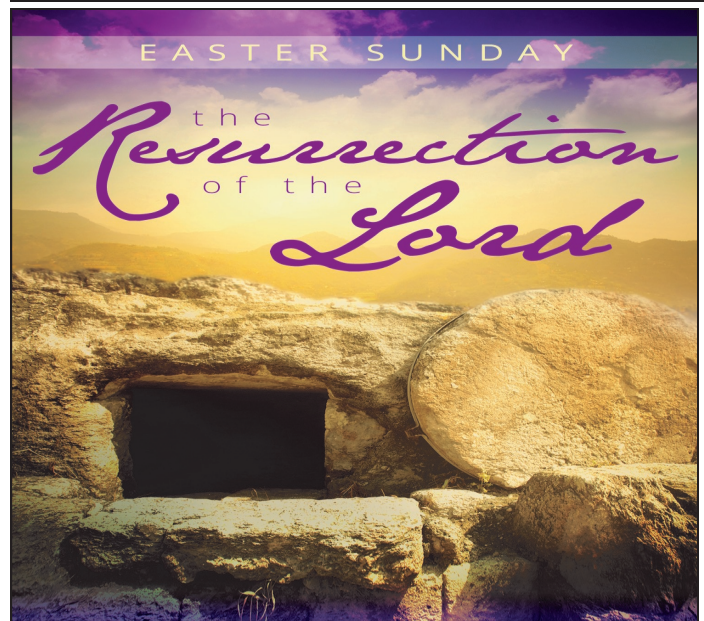
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

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 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, “Oh my God!” Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our “cemeteries” where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir ©LPi

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff
Pastor Father Daniel Caruso
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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



Dear Parishioners,

“Resurrexit sicut dixit” - “He has risen as He said.” These words were spoken by the angel to the faithful women at the empty tomb of Jesus on that first Easter morning. Actually, what the angel said was: “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for He has risen as He said, Come and see the place where He lay.” (Matthew 21: 5-6) Those remarkable words of hope spoken to the women nearly 2,000 years ago are spoken again to us today.

I’m sure many of us today share in what the faithful women were feeling when they went to the tomb of Jesus: fear, confusion, anxiety. The message of Easter is an Eternal message: suffering leads to glory, the cross leads to the empty tomb, death leads to life. The world around us continues to change. Yet one thing remains constant: God’s love for us made manifest in the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. In the Resurrection, Christ destroyed the worst of what the world has to offer us. The battle may still continue, but ultimately we know that the powers of sin, darkness, and death have been defeated. God is victorious!

Easter isn’t going to bring an immediate end to all that afflicts us in the world today, but it should help us to face the challenges confronting us with a new sense of Hope. “Be not afraid” the angel said. Why? Because Christ has Risen! Inspired by that central mystery of Faith, we can confront any challenge this world places before us with a sense of peace in our hearts, with hope, and with the strength that is ours as the recipients of God’s love.

There was more to the message of the angel to the women at the tomb. He also said, “Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him.’”

The message of the Resurrection of Christ wasn’t a personal gift offered to them; it was a message to be shared. So it must be with us. As we draw strength in the knowledge of the Resurrection, let us seek to share the glorious news with all those around us: the tomb is empty, He is not there, He has risen as He said!

You are all in my prayers; please remember to pray for me. In the Peace, Hope and Love of the Risen Lord.
Fr. Caruso

SJB/HT Religious Education

There are no Religious Education this week, March 31st, Happy Easter! Our Classes will resume on April 7th. Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2023-2024 year. There are only 5 classes left for our students. Our last class will be on Mother’s Day, May 12th. This last class will be our First Communion and May Crowning Mass. Please pray for all our students, their families and our teachers. 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.



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
What Would Mary Do?



This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ’s body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God’s body?

I don’t know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn’t need to understand everything, and she didn’t expect answers — she didn’t dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus’ presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God’s presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

“She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, ‘They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.’” — John 20:2 ©LPi



Reflect: Readings and Gospel for Easter Sunday

First Reading: In his speech, Peter places much emphasis on his personal witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To whom this week could you witness your faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

Second Reading: Paul taught the believers in Colossae to anticipate the return of the resurrected Jesus. How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?

Gospel: Mary Magdala, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were the first to experience the joy and mystery of the empty tomb. Do you recall when you first started believing in the resurrection of Jesus? ©LPi



Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday March 30, 2024 Easter Vigil

8:00pm OLP/SP - All the people of
SJB/HT & OLP/SP Parish

Sunday March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

7:30am OLP/SP - All the people of
SJB/HT & OLP/SP Parish

9:00am SJB/HT - All the people of
SJB/HT & OLP/SP Parish

11:30am OLP/SP - All the people of
SJB/HT & OLP/SP Parish

Monday April 1, 2024,

12:00pm SJB/HT - No Noon Mass

Tuesday April 2, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Pasquale Sisera - Joanne Licitra

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

Wednesday April 3, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Gerald Birardi - Joe Riccardi & Family

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

Thursday April 4, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Paul Ferretti - Karen & Max

Mary Rose Strano - Joanne Licitra & Paul

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

Friday April 5, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Francine Battaglia - John Perla

12:00pm SJB/HT - All the people of SJB/HT

Saturday April 6, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Karen Magnarelli - The Family

Guy P. Blasi, Sr. - The Children

Anthony Merluzzi - Debra Wade

Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph

Henry & Esther Pagano - David Delucia

5:30pm SJB/HT - Marianna Sanzone -

The Costantino Family

Sunday April 7, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Marie Felice - The Colaneri Family

9:00am SJB/HT - Rita Carroll - Twin Cousins

Joseph Jefski - Pat & Norm Jaquin

11:30am OLP/SP - Vito Toia - Betty & Family

Anthony Caracci - The Family

Nicolangelo Pallotta - Colavita Family

Anthony Visciglio, Jr. -

Frank Ventre & Ann Marie Scaninach

Ann & Gus Mancuso & Carmen Emmi, Sr.

- Rosemarie & Family

Edward & Michael Swanka - Grace & MaryAnne

Emily Alibrandi & Theodore Alibrandi - The Family

Salvatore & Mariantonia Sisera - Daughter-in-law, Gilda

5:00pm OLP/SP - Delores DiBello - The Family

Frank Scarfino III - The Family

Mary Anne Scarfino - The Family



Lector Schedule - April 6th & April 7th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Annette Marchbanks

9:00am SJB/HT: Chet Wisniewski

Rectories Closed/No Noon Mass

Monday April 1 the rectories of SJB/HT & OLP/SP will be closed in observance of "Easter Monday".

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 March 23rd & March 24th

SJB/HT Collection: \$TBA OLP/SP Collection: \$TBA

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.



"Pot Luck Dinner"

Our first gathering for 2024 is the "Pot Luck Dinner" on Saturday April 20th in the Parish Center from 4:00-7:00pm. We ask that as a price for admission you bring a scratch off lottery ticket that will be added to the big International Festival raffle. We still have a few kinks to settle, but we hope as a parish to provide baked ham to start the dinner menu off. It will be entirely up to you what to add. A main dish, a side dish, bread & butter, dessert, etc. I do not mind keeping track of the menu, but it is supposed to be "Pot Luck" so it isn't necessary to do so. Please mark your calendar and come have some fun with us!



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of

Paul Ferretti

Requested by Karen & Max

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, Francis Galimi, 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 Perotta, Joe Petasano, Philomena Piraino, Cathy Galutz Sacco, 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.**

