

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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March 10, 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

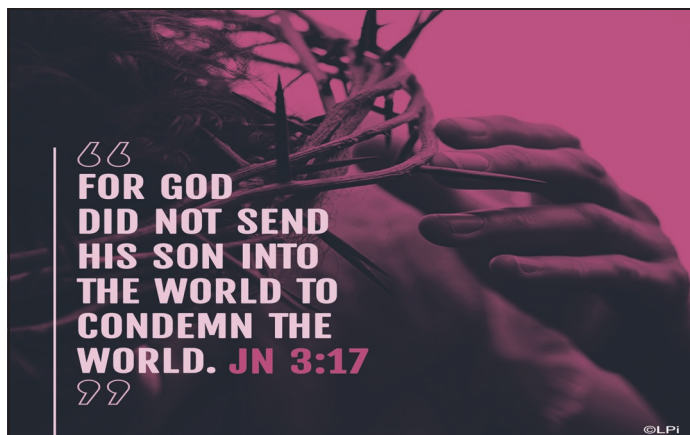
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
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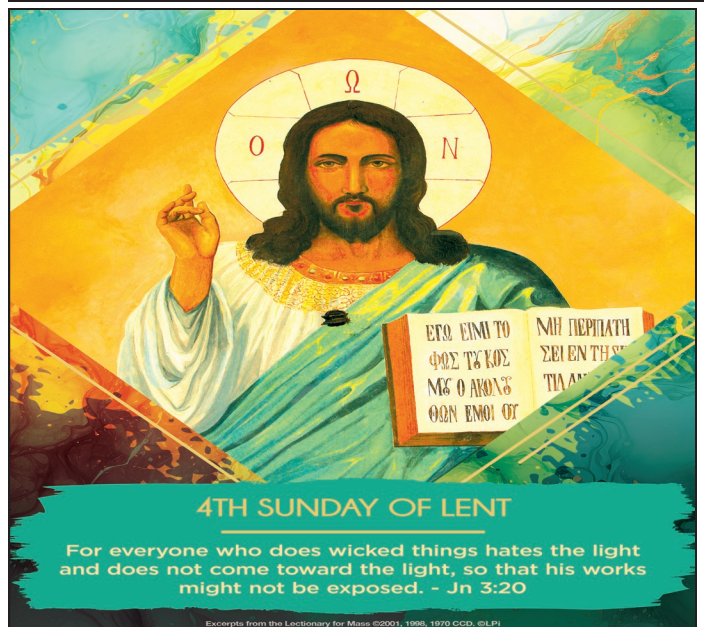
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

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.



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Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.


Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— 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




Holy Week/Easter Mass Schedule
 ~Holy Thursday March 28th SJB/HT 6:30pm
SJB/HT Church will remain open for Adoration until 9:30pm
 ~Good Friday March 29th OLP/SP 3:00pm
 ~Easter Vigil Saturday March 30th OLP/SP 8:00pm
 ~Easter Sunday March 31st OLP/SP 7:30am
 ~Easter Sunday March 31st SJB/HT 9:00am
 ~Easter Sunday March 31st OLP/SP 11:30am

SJB/HT Religious Education




Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2023-2024 year. There are only 8 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.



**A Family Perspective
 Family Life Education**

Today's Gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to act. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

Pray For Vocation



"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light."
 Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationsnyracuse.




Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Can we see the goodness around us?

Today we have the story of a man born blind. In Jesus' time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.

How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved?

This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
 By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
The Uncomfortable Life in The Light



If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.


You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call "forgiving light." But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals.

But it feels so much better, doesn't it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

"Is this really me?" you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow's feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There's nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

"And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil." — John 3:19 ©LPi



Reflect: Readings and Gospel for 4th Sunday Of Lent
First Reading: We hear how God reacted strongly against Israel's disobedience and infidelity, ultimately sending them to exile in Babylon. But God also showed mercy to Israel in sending king Cyrus of Persia to rescue them. As we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent, for what do you need God's mercy in your life?
Second Reading: Paul taught the Ephesians that by God's mercy and grace, we have been saved through Christ for the good works that God has prepared for us. Where in your life do you feel like you are doing God's work?
Gospel: Jesus taught Nicodemus that God loves the world and desires to save it. In what ways do you show love and respect for our world?



Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

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

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

Monday March 11, 2024, 2024

- 9:00am OLP/SP** - Joseph Santoro - Tony & Liz Madonna
12:00pm SJB/HT - Luigi Cannata -
Guiseppe & Laura Pratico

Tuesday March 12, 2024

- 9:00am OLP/SP** - Libby Scalzo - Joanne Licitra
12:00pm SJB/HT - Our prayer box requests

Wednesday March 13, 2024

- 9:00am OLP/SP** - Susan Sawmiller - Connie & Ben Africa
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday March 14, 2024

- 9:00am OLP/SP** - Frank Sereno - Tino & Angie Porrino
4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday March 15, 2024

- 9:00am OLP/SP** - N/A
12:15 OLP/SP - Bill Tassone - Bob & Anne DeMore
12:00pm SJB/HT - Those who have terminal illnesses
7:00pm SJB/HT - Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 16, 2024

- 4:00pm OLP/SP** - Frank Procopio - Fabrizi Family
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Egidio (Gino) Fabrizi - Fabrizi Family
Henry & Esther Pagano - Frank & Sue
Nancy & Felice Belvito - sandy, Dan & Danny
5:30pm SJB/HT - Steve P. Taddeo - The Family
Alfred J. Mastroiano, Sr. - Wife, Gloria
Josephine Contrastan - Daughter, Glori

Sunday March 17, 2024

- 7:30am OLP/SP** - Louis Tandredi - Jody DePaulis
9:00am SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother
Maria - Mr. & Mrs. J. Dauccio
Franca - Mr. & Mrs. J. Dauccio
Fr. David James - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Warren



Lector Schedule - March 16th & March 17th

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

Lector's Needed/Holy Week

For Holy Week, we need one lector for the following Masses. Please call me at the rectory if you are available.



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Sacrificial Giving

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

Week March 2nd & March 3rd

SJB/HT Collection: \$4,476.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$6,909.00

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, 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.**



"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.



Sunday March 17, 2024

- 11:30am OLP/SP** - Natalino Piccoli - Marty Nave
Stella & John Corona - Cathy & Family
Carmen, Mary & Melanie Surace - The Family
Ann & Gus Mancuso & Carmen Emmi, Sr. -
Rosemarie & Family
5:00pm OLP/SP - Egidio "Gino" Fabrizi -
Anthony & Maria LaManna

