

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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December 26, 2021

Mass Schedule:

M, T, W, TH, F - 12:00 Noon
Saturday 9:00am & 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

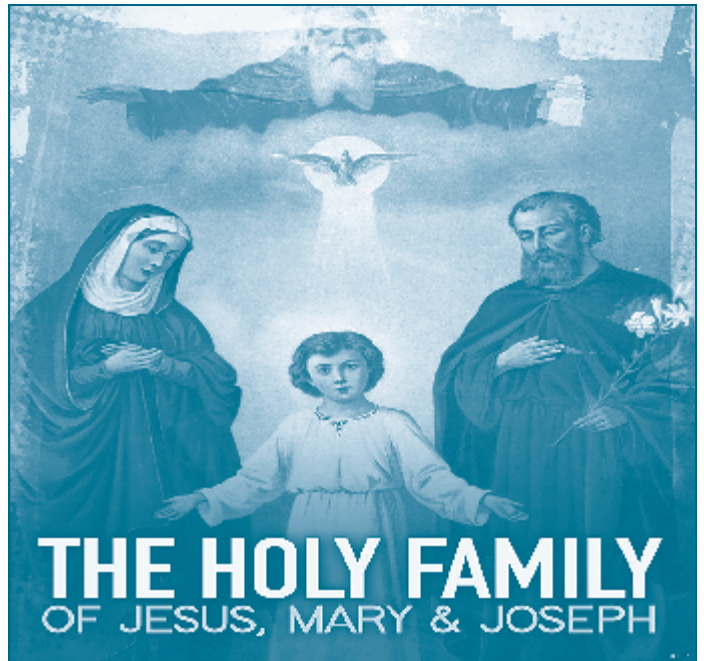
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Saturday, 9:00am & Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday– Friday Noon in Church

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
Monday - Friday 9:00am in Church



Gospel Meditation

December 26, 2021 The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso
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Senior Priest in Residence Fr. Lester Smith
Music Director/Organist James Stanley
Religious Education Betty Warren

Call the Rectory to arrange for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist and cantor directly. Baptisms and hospital/home visits.



Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas Season, I want to thank everybody who worked so hard to make our celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so special. Our celebrations were different this year because of the pandemic, but they were still beautiful reminders of God’s tremendous Love for us; a Love so great that He sent His Son to save us. Thank you to all who made our celebrations so special.

It is important to remember that Christmas is not over. The Christmas Season doesn’t end until January 9th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we reflected on during the Advent Season, many of us find Christmas such a let down because all of our attention is focused on the commercial aspects of the season. For too many of us, after the presents are opened on Christmas Day there is nothing else. However, in Faith we continue to celebrate. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the model for us as a family at home and also as a parish family. Today the Church invites us to stop and think about the qualities that must have been present in the Holy Family: Love/charity, patience, and forgiveness are a few that come to mind. During these challenging times of this long pandemic, we must seek to make these qualities present in our own lives, in our own families. There is a great temptation to think only about ourselves; the Holy Family sets an example for how we all should strive to live. Let us pray that these same attributes will mark all of our families, including our parish family.

My prayers remain with all of you for a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

In the Peace of the New-Born King,
Fr. Caruso

A Family Perspective Family Life Education



Today’s Gospel contains this truth about parenting: “but his parents did not know.” One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don’t tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?



Religious Education News

There are no Religious Ed classes this week Jan. 2, but classes will resume on Jan. 9. Merry Christmas. We offer classes from Pre K (4 years old) to Confirmation II. If you wish to have your child participate please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357.

Christmas Giving Wagon



Though we are a bit late with this request, we will be putting out the “Giving Wagon” this year for the All Faith Food Pantry. This year the All Faith Food Pantry is requesting personal hygiene products for women, all toiletry products for men and women and children, shampoo’s, bath soaps, toothpaste and brushes, tissues and toilet paper, etc. The wagons can be found in the vestibule of the Park Street entrance and also the parking lot ves-



Mask Wearing

Trough January 15, 2022 or until further notice, all who attend SJB/HT Church are asked to wear a mask at all Masses and when visiting the rectory. Thank you for your understanding and patience with this, albeit a difficult task to go back to, we will follow with what Bishop Lucia has asked us to do.

New Mass Schedule for 2022



The following Mass schedule will begin January 2022. If there are any questions or concerns please call the rectories at SJB/HT 315-478-0916 or OLP/SP 315-422-7163.

For SJB/HT

Noon Mass will be Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm and Sunday 9:00am.
Confessions will be Thursday 4:00-5:00pm.

For OLP/SP

9:00am morning Mass will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm and Sunday 7:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm.
Confessions will be Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm.



Synod Listening Session with Bishop Lucia

A Synod Listening Session is scheduled to take place here at SJB/HT on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 from 6:30-8:30pm with Bishop Lucia. This session will take place within the Church. The goal of these Listening Sessions is to provide you with the opportunity to gather with the People of God and to speak freely, boldly, and courageously, from your heart, to Bishop Lucia about what is going well in our diocese and in your parish, and what you would like to see improved. All are welcome.

Parishioners, please take a moment and review the Prayer List. If you know of someone who can be removed please contact the rectory. And as always, if you would like someone added to the list we will be happy to do so.

Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Larry Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, David Bertrand, Marge Brigandi, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Cheryl Cacchione, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Constantini, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Gen DiMento, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Keith Horton, Kara Horvath, Jim Ianuzi, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Madge Maffei, Peggy Miccinelli, Michael Morga, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Sandy Pisani, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Anthony “Tony” Sobon, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen Surface, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Patrick Vassalo, Mary Vigliotti and Matthew Watkins.



Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021 - Christmas Day

7:30am OLP/SP - For the people
9:00am SJB/HT - For the people
11:30am OLP/SP - For the people

Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021

7:30am OLP/SP - Santa Sindoni - The Family
Luke, Joseph & Rose Oscuro - Estate
Anne & Alfonso Carfagno - Maryann & Frank
9:00am SJB/HT - Tony Spaganola - Friends
Mary Billion - Ann Billion
Giovanni Failla - The Family
Clemente & Maria Vigliotti - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano
11:30am OLP/SP - Gennaro Salvatore - The Family
Teresa LaGalante - Joanne Merola
Nino & Enza Mule - Margherita & John
Santa Saroca - Daughter Gina & Family
Francesco Savoca - Daughter Gina & Family
Frank & Nancy Fugale - Steve & Beth Fugale
Dr. George C. Heitzman - Wife Gina & Family
Pasquale & Giovanina Geremeal - Niece, Gilda
Anthony Nuzzo - Wife, Children & Grandchildren
5:00pm OLP/SP - Frank Scarfino III - Rosalie Trinca
Mary Anne Scarfino - Connie & Skip Smithes
Anne & Alfonso Carfagno - Maryann & Frank

Monday, Dec. 27, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Joseph Manfredi - Daughter, Rose
The deceased members of the
Anthony Adornato Family - The Pocai family
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Rosita Simiele - Pat Houston
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Angela ("Babe") Frontale - Mary Prince
Dr. George C. Heitzman - Wife, Gina & Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Pasquale Sisera - Wife & Children
Rosemarie Andaluro - Zita & Ang
12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday, Dec. 31, 2021 - New Year's Eve

5:30pm SJB/HT - For the people

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 - New Year's Day

9:00am SJB/HT - For the people
****Please note that this is the last
Saturday 9:00am Mass at SJB/HT****
10:30am OLP/SP - For the people

Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022

7:30am OLP/SP - For the people
9:00am SJB/HT - For the people

Mass schedule cont.

Sunday 11:30am OLP/SP - Vito Toia - Patty Marco
Mariatt Salvatore - The Family
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances
Sunday 5:00pm OLP/SP - For the people

Our Health Care Workers: Please pray for all health care workers of our parish serving in this crisis of COVID 19. That God helps to guide their decisions and to keep them safe as well. **Dr. Patrick Abt, Alisa Albanese, PA., Christopher Jacques, EMS, Lynda Keller, Nurse, Ross Mathewson, Joseph & Rita Nicoletti, Nurses, Robert C. Palucci, Nurse, Dr. Alyssa Toia, Stacy Toia, Nurse and Lauren Townley, Nurse.**



Serving Our Country: Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Anthony Cangemi, Richard L. Cooper, Jack McAndrew & Matthew McAndrew, Bryan M. Oakes & Rob Smith.**



Prayer For Peace

"The world must be educated to love Peace, to build it up and defend it."— Pope Paul VI, 1968

World Day of Peace is a feast day of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to peace. Held on January 1, on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, it was introduced in 1967 and was inspired by the encyclicals, "Pacem in Terris"; and "Populorum Progressio."

On this day, we act as a global community to take steps toward a more peaceful world. Through actions and prayer, we are able to work toward a more peaceful future. Let us pause for a moment of reflection as we pray for world peace.

Loving God, we ask for your help in bringing about peace among all people. As Your children, we are bound to each other through our created nature. Help us to see that our differences are not cause for conflict. Open our eyes and allow us to see our neighbors as our brothers and sisters. Bless our actions, that they may be the cause of peace and not injustice. Bless our lips, that they may speak Your loving words in conversation with all people and be an avenue for change through prayer. Amen.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
— 2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



Sacrificial Giving

Due to early request to transmit the bulletin, the collection for Dec. 18th and 19th will be reported in the Jan. 9, 2022 bulletin.

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