

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 2, 2022

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

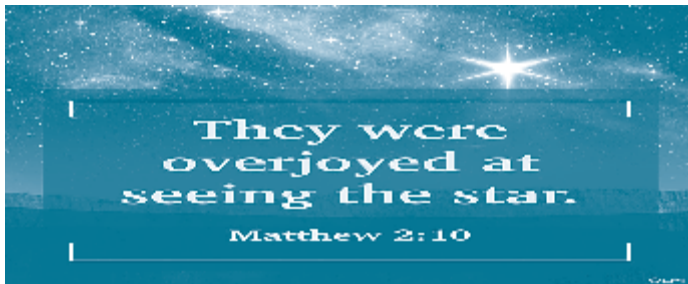
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



Gospel Meditation

January 2, 2022 Epiphany Of The Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso
Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson
Office Assistant Mary Olmsted

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,

While the world around us has moved on to the next holiday, our celebration of Christmas continues. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast commemorates the manifestation of God through Christ to the whole world, symbolized by the arrival of the Magi from the east. The Magi were led to Christ by following the light of the Star of Bethlehem. As we begin this new year, the world is very dark. Let us pray that others in this world that is so often filled with the darkness of doubt, despair and sin may be led to Christ by the light of our example.

Our celebration of Christmas continues even beyond this weekend. Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which will mark the end of the Christmas season.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's peace,
Fr. Caruso



Mask Wearing

Through 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.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope
alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits
to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the
wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.

Amen



Synod Listening Session with Bishop Lucia

A Synod Listening Session is scheduled to take place here at SJB/HT on Thursday, January 27, 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.



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.



HOPE Appeal 2021

We thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful donations. The 2021 HOPE Appeal has ended. To date, our HOPE Appeal pledges are \$17,855.00. The assessment for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity is \$22,000.00.



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 vestibule.



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, 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 - Billy Fuccillo - John Minozzi

9:00am SJB/HT - For the people

11:30am OLP/SP - Vito Toia - Patty Marco
Mariatt Salvatore - The Family
Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances

5:00pm OLP/SP - For the people

Monday, Jan. 3, 2022

12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Special intention - Pat Sacco

12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - Hilda Loguidice - Marino Merola

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

Thursday, Jan. 6, 2021

9:00am OLP/SP - Eleanor & Wallace Ammon -

Joanne Licitra

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

Friday, Jan. 7, 2022

9:00am OLP/SP - David Montgomery - The Family

12:00pm SJB/HT - No intention

Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 - New Year's Day

4:00pm OLP/SP - Gino Fabrizi - Rosalie Trinca
Theodore Ranieri - The Family
Dominick Ranieri - The Family
Loretta Campagna - Friend, Mary
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Mary Discenza - Rose & Frank Larca
Antonio & Filomena Menutillo - Jeanne Licitra
Maria Laura Pallotta & Antoinette Carapella - Frank &

5:30pm SJB/HT - Guiseppa Migliore - The Family
Ralph Smith - The Smith Family
Vincenzo Abbatiello - The Family
Eustacchio & Giovanna Bruno - The Family

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022

7:30am OLP/SP - Lucy Marco - Children

9:00am SJB/HT - Margaret Robinson - Patricia Miller
Frankie Dollinger - Aunt Mary Cellini

11:30am OLP/SP - Antoinette M. Sacco - Children
Daniel Sherman - Joanne Licitra
V. James Magnarelli - Pat & Fran
Carmela & Antonio Ianno - Granddaughter, Carmela

5:00pm OLP/SP - Mary Anne Scarfino - Alex & Pat Turkett
Tony & John Pascarella - Esther & Henry
Frank Scarfino III - Marlene & Mike Canestrare

Rectory Closed/No Noon Mass

The rectory's, SJB/HT and OLP/SP, will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. There is no Noon Mass at SJB/HT this day.



Lector Schedule - Jan. 8th & Jan. 9th

9:00am SJB/HT: Owen Donovan

7:30am OLP/SP:

9:00am SJB/HT: Mary Barraco

11:30am OLP/SP:

5:00pm OLP/SP: Fr. Caruso

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.**

Sacrificial Giving

Due to early request to transmit the bulletin, the collection for Dec. 18th and 19th and Dec. 25th and 26th will be reported in the January 9th bulletin.



"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

- Mt 1:18

Image from the Library for the Bible, Mt 1:18

AmazonSmile Update



During the months of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 we made \$26.90 in donations to SJB/HT through AmazonSmile. Every little bit helps! If you shop Amazon please follow these steps to link into AmazonSmile and choose SJB/HT as your fundraiser of choice. 1) Visit smile.amazon.com 2) Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials 3) Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice, US! We are listed as **St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity** 4) Start shopping 5) Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. It is that easy and it does not change your Amazon or Amazon Prime settings. Nor are you charged for this option.

The month of December:

We laid to rest from our parish community:

Margaret Robinson

May she rest in peace.



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