

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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July 31, 2016

## Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—9:00 am

Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30am. Or by appointment.

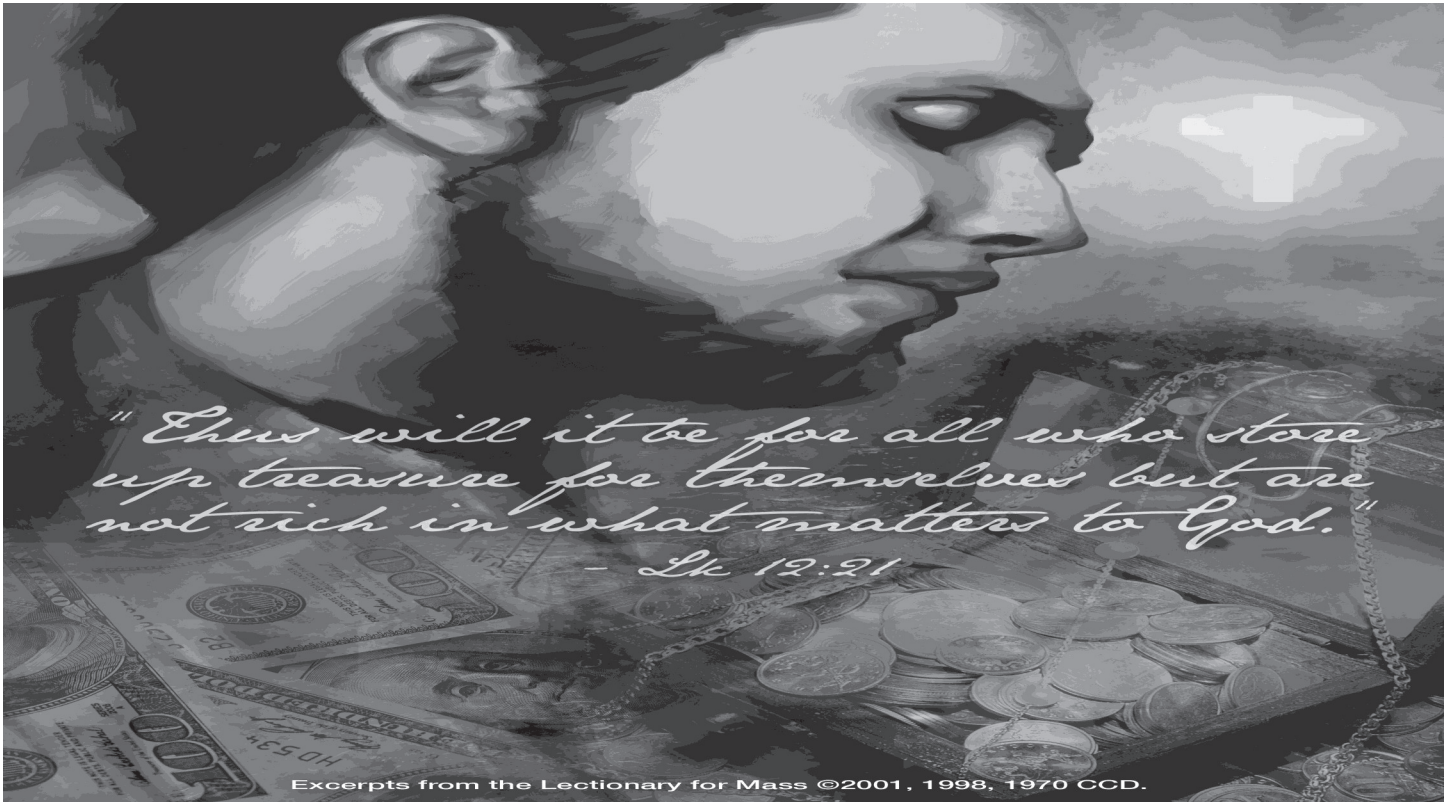
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## **Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." This isn't a message that gets much advertising. On the contrary, just about every advertised message we hear comes from someone who wants to make money by selling us possessions. The message we hear loud and clear on television or Internet ads or on highway billboards or the back cover of magazines is that we need this product or that service in order to be happy. Professional marketers are in the business of creating a supposed need and then promising to fill it with their product. In today's culture, it's hard to remember that life isn't about possessions.

But in this Gospel, Jesus reminds us that there is more to life than having "so many good things stored up for many years." All of this stuff—be it clothes, devices, equipment, decorations, entertainment centers, or anything else—does no lasting good if and when "this night your life will be demanded of you." Unlike the fool who spends all of his time, energy, and money building larger barns, we should focus our resources on becoming "rich in what matters to God."

This means cultivating virtue instead of vice. It means sharing our money with those in need instead of hoarding it out of selfish greed. The call is a challenging one, and countercultural too. But Jesus never said that the Christian way was the way of the world. As St. Paul instructs us in today's epistle, "Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly." Instead of falling for the marketers' messages, may we have the wisdom to store up our treasure in heaven.

### **SJB/HT Office & Church Staff**

**Administrator** Father Daniel Caruso

**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

**Religious Education** Catherine Mackey

**Office Assistant** Mary Olmsted

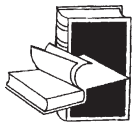
**Organist** Melissa Berthelot

**Cantor** Jonathan Howell

**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.

The month of July we laid to rest from our Parish Family; Robert Foertch, Carol McGuire, Marian Crinnan and David DeGray. May they rest in peace.

Baptized into our Parish Family, Oliver Michael Natalizio and David Clinton Viggiano, Jr. Blessings to these babies and their families.



### Sharing The Gospel

When you put Jesus first in your life, you will have everything you need. Having a lot of stuff won't really make you or God happy. God doesn't want you to keep your blessings to yourself. God wants you to share what he has given you. Be "rich" in only the things that God cares about. The closer you grow with God, the happier you will be.

### Prayer

Dear God, help me to remember what is really important to you.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself giving one of your books away to someone who doesn't have any.

### Mission for the Week

When you get home, pack three toys and three books to give to children without any.

### A Family Perspective

#### Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff, we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?



### Attention Maine's Shoppers

Maine's cash and carry has a great give back program that St. John's/Holy Trinity is a part of. When you sign up you are given a card that you present at the check out that the cashier will scan. **5% of EACH PURCHASE** is then donated to St. John's/Holy Trinity quarterly. There is no cost to you and sign up is easy. You can ask for a **MEMBER APPLICATION** at the service desk at the store in North Syracuse, or visit [www.Mainesource.net](http://www.Mainesource.net) and go to non-profits, then give back program, and you can fill out the form and submit it online or contact the rectory as we have forms available.

### St. John The Baptist Academy Alumni

St. John the Baptist is looking to update it's Alumni records. If you attended and graduated SJBA or attended a few years we would like to hear from you. Please call Mary at the rectory 478-0916 Mon.-Fri. from 9:00am-12:00 noon, send information addressed to 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or email at [molmsted@yahoo.com](mailto:molmsted@yahoo.com). Please include name (maiden name please), address, phone number, email and year that you graduated or years attended.



### 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

In fiscal 2012, lottery sales in the United States averaged approximately \$250 per person.



Forty-three states and the District of Columbia accounted for that \$78 billion in sales. It was in March 2012 that the largest prize to date (\$656 million) was split between three winners. While it is clear that many people enjoy playing the lottery recreationally, a question that is often asked is, "What does someone do with all that money?" Of course, that particular problem has not seemed to bother those who play regularly. Indeed, the largest jackpots, far from being a deterrent, end up provoking an even greater number of players, who seem intent on turning a single dollar into a large fortune.

The Gospel this weekend offers a perspective on the material world. While possessions are needed, Jesus says, "One's life does not consist of possessions" (Lk 12:15). This comment by Jesus is not something new to any of us. We have heard this all before. But we also know that there is wisdom in storing up for ourselves. As a matter of fact, saving for the future is an act of personal responsibility. We are constantly told to save for retirement, to have a rainy-day fund, to set aside something for a vacation instead of going into debt to take one. All of these actions are so we don't become overly dependent on the social fabric and cause an undue burden on others.

There is a difference between having a sufficiency and having an excess. When our desire for an excess outstrips our reasonableness and our need, then we are flirting with greed, the very thing that the Gospel warns against. Yes, we may work hard, and save for the future. We may even win the lottery. But when we have more than we need the Lord expects that we use it not just for ourselves but also for others. What we do with the blessings we have makes all the difference.



### International Food Festival

Mark your calendars for the SJB/HT International Food Festival on Saturday, November 12. Our parish chefs will create their delicious dishes! Baked good, 50-50, basket and turkey raffles will also be on hand. If you would like to be a chef or make a baked good donation call the rectory to sign-up. We will accept donations for the basket raffle here at the rectory anytime. The International Festival has always been an amazing amount of fun and gathering for our community. Please put Nov. 12 on your calendar to attend.

### All Faiths Food Pantry Donations

Your non perishable food donations can still be brought and left in the Food Wagons in the vestibules of the Church.



**If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to \*\*\*"All Faiths Food Pantry"\*\*\***

### Sunday Collection July 23rd and July 24th

Regular Envelope collection ..... \$2,686.00  
Loose collection ..... \$379.00

## Mass Schedule for

### St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - July 30, 2016 - Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - July 31, 2016 - Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For the People

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Aug. 1, 2016 - St. Alphonsus Liguori,

bishop & doctor of the Church

12:00 Noon - Pray for an end to the shootings and attacks within the world

Tues. - Aug. 2, 2016 - Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop

& Peter Julian Eymard, priest

12:00 Noon - Pray for equality and acceptance of all people

Wed. - Aug. 3, 2016

Thurs. - Aug. 4, 2016 - St. John Vianney, priest

Fri. - Aug. 5, 2016 - The Dedication of the Basilica

of St. Mary Major

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Homeless and sick within our neighborhood

Sat. - Aug. 6, 2016 - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Ann Morga - Son, Michael

George Lopes - The Dias Family

Caroline McGuire - Bill & Sue

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Aug. 7, 2016 - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Rosalind Pascarella - The Family

August & Julia Loperfido - The Family

George Tibbetts - Wife, Sally & Family

George Francischelli - Anna Delvecchio & Family

OLP/SP 10:30 am

**Serving Our Country** Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Rob Smith and Bryan M. Oakes.**



**Remember:** Christopher Aldrich, Albert Bleskoski, Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Mike Cannavino, Robert Capria, Paul Collins, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Direnzo, Norma Foody, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Jim Gouchie, Gladys Graham, Jeanne Hammond, Alan "Butch" Hierholzer, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Carolyn Longo, Joanne Loughney, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Bernice McClelland, David Miccinelli, Peggy Miccinelli, Helen Mnich, Darlene Noyes, Jean Padden, Nancy Pompo, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Sister Theresa Thayer IHM, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco and Pat Wall.

Saturday, August 6th & Sunday, August 7th

### LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Lori Weir

9:00AM ~ David Viggiano

### ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis & Aleda Guerrero,

Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo

### EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, L. Weir, G. Larkin, P. Serio,

R. Copani, G. Mastriano, M.E. Caruso

9:00AM ~ Michael Dykeman, Michele Dykeman, R. Warren,

R. Elderbroom, M. Piazza, F. Brimfield, M.E. Cusano



Sun. July 31 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 7 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 14 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 21 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 28 Group 1 Money Counters

Fri. Aug. 5 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Aug. 12 Group 4 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Aug. 19 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Aug. 26 Group 2 Altar Cleaners

Sat. Aug. 13 BUNKO 5:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Thurs. Aug. 18 TNT Neighborhood Watch 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. Aug. 24 Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center



### Bunko Date - Sat. August 13

Anyone interested in playing Bunko with our group that meets approximately every 2 months in the SJB/HT Parish Center on Saturdays 5:00PM, please contact Betty Warren by Wed. August 10 for details. Phone is 420-6357 or email at [warrenbeliz@yahoo.com](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).

**PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it is important to the set up of the game.**  
Next Bunko night is Sat. August 10.

### Our Lady Of Pompei

Our Lady of Pompei is having a 'Once A Pompeian Always A Pompeian' school and Pompeian Player reunion! This wonderful event invites everyone Pompei. It is being held on Saturday, October 8th at the events center at LeMoyne College, 5:30-9:00PM. The cost of the evening is \$100.00 per person. The event is not only a fundraiser for the Church and school but surely an evening that will be long remembered and treasured. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis. Please call the Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Parish offices at 422-7163 for tickets, and further information or questions.



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