

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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August 14, 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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"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" - Lk 12:50

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## Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." What a sad image Jesus paints in today's Gospel. Causing family strife--fathers against sons and mothers against daughters--is not the effect we like to imagine Jesus having on people. But as he says today, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." The fact is, and always has been, that not everyone chooses to follow Christ. This causes conflict.

Perhaps it is most tragic when this tension takes place within families. When certain members of the family desire to live a full Christian life, to follow the commandments and worship God as he asks, this can be irritating at best and infuriating at worst to other family members who want nothing to do with Jesus or his church. But faith must persist in spite of domestic turmoil. Following Jesus is the ultimate good; preserving peace is secondary. In a sense, today's Gospel gives faithful Christians permission to move forward in their faith even if it doesn't make everybody happy.

However, all of this needs to be understood in the light of Jesus' desire to bring peace. He often used the greeting, "Peace be with you," and clearly promised peace to his disciples. Today's Gospel should not be taken to mean that Jesus desires division. Rather, he is acknowledging the fact that division will inevitably result as people declare their differing allegiances. But thankfully, when we align ourselves with Christ, we are also uniting ourselves to the One who can restore peace even in the midst of conflict. So when we see turmoil arise, let's call upon the power of the true Prince of Peace.

## SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

**Administrator** Father Daniel Caruso

**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

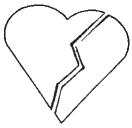
**Religious Education** Catherine Mackey

**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.



## Sharing The Gospel

When you talk about Jesus, you will probably get a strong reaction from people. Some people love Jesus with their whole heart, and their lives really show it. Other people don't want to follow Jesus, and talking about him may even make them angry. Families and friends can be torn apart by that anger. No matter what, stay close to Jesus, and he will stay close to you.

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to stay close to you always.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a family broken apart because Jesus makes some of them happy, and Jesus makes the rest of them angry.

### Mission for the Week

Be very loving when you tell others about Jesus.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the Gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.



## 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.

## Courtesy Announcement

### Henninger High School Class of 1966 Reunion

September 9 & 10, at The Holiday Inn-Electronics Pkwy. Liverpool. Send contact information to the committee at:



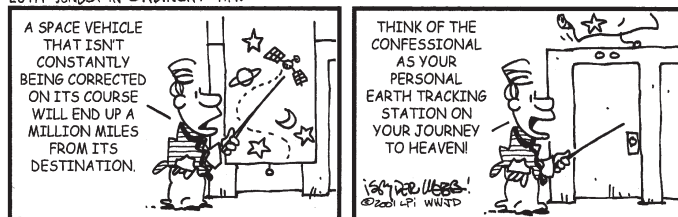
**Henninger1966reunion@gmail.com**

**OR call Linda Buda Zagraniczny at 682-8256.**

## Sunday Collection Aug. 6th and Aug. 7th

Regular Envelope collection .....	\$4,575.25
Loose collection .....	\$314.54
Fuel collection .....	\$575.00
Poor collection .....	\$87.00

### 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

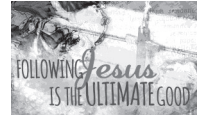


## McDevitt Grant

The All Faith's Food Pantry was the recipient of a \$5,000.00 McDevitt Food Pantry Grant. These funds were made available through a bequest from the estate of Bob and Kay McDevitt, both of whom were devout Catholics, lifelong supporters and friends of the Diocese of Syracuse. We are forever grateful for their example of Christian philanthropy.

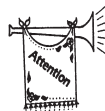
## 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Even one hundred and fifty years after it took place, the effects of the Civil War in the United States can still be felt. Even though the shifting population has tempered perceptions, those who work in the social sciences can still point to sections of the country where certain attitudes hold a greater sway than in others. And even though it may be unfair, there are times when a particular region will be categorized in a way that harkens back to an earlier era. The battles of the war are still fought by teams who meticulously reenact the events in a harmless historical hobby. More nefarious are those who use code words and false ideas to resurrect an era that should be consigned to history.



The divisions that Jesus attests to in this weekend's Gospel spring from the real experience of the early Christian community in the first century of its existence. For some, Christianity was a dangerous philosophy that needed to be eradicated. Some of its propositions threatened the security of the state, like the worship of the one God and the equality of everyone before the Lord referenced in Paul's famous words to the Galatians: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (3:28).

The Gospel today is not an encouragement to family arguments. Jesus is not asking households to be so rigorous that our faith becomes a point of contention. But the Scripture does allude to a stress point that many of us may confront in our lives. Being a believer means that sometimes we must take a stand. We are called to proclaim clearly what we believe and to do that when it may be uncomfortable for us. We won't necessarily become a martyr, but there are times when there is a cost to our faith.



## 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.

**Thank you to all who do participate with this program. Just this past week we received a check for \$96.00. Your shopping at Maine's is that beneficial to St. John/Holy Trinity!**



## Mass Schedule for

### St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Sat. - Aug. 13, 2016 - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - For The People  
**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - Aug. 14, 2016 - Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**OLP/SP 8:00 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - For The People  
**OLP/SP 10:30 am**

**Mon. - Aug. 15, 2016 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holyday of Obligation)**  
**9:00 am** - OLP/SP  
**12:00 Noon** - Martin Salanger - Mary Salanger

**Tues. - Aug. 16, 2016 - St. Stephen of Hungary**  
**12:00 Noon** - An end to the violence within our communities

**Wed. - Aug. 17, 2016**

**Thurs. - Aug. 18, 2016**

**Fri. - Aug. 19, 2016 - St. John Eudes, priest**  
**11:30 am** - Confessions  
**12:00 Noon** - Bill Kwasigroch - Wife  
 Louis Aiello - Mary & Chet Wisniewski

**Sat. - Aug. 20, 2016 - 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - Thomas Bleskoski - Ed & Carol McGuire  
 Deceased of the Pennacchia Family - The Family  
 Marie Gruninger - Husband, Ronald & Family  
 Mr. & Mrs. Domenico DeMichele - Maria DeMichele  
**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - Aug. 21, 2016 - 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**OLP/SP 8:00 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Donald Bill - The Palucci Family  
 Bill Jaquin, Jr. - The Family  
 Marianna Sanzone - The Campanino Family  
 Giuseppina & Giuseppe DelVecchio -  
 Anna DelVecchio & Family  
**OLP/SP 10:30 am**



**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 Drenzo, 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.

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



**Saturday, August 20th & Sunday, August 21st**

### LECTORS:

**4:00PM** ~ Cathy Schotthoefer  
**9:00AM** ~ Patrick Minnoe

### ALTAR SERVERS:

**4:00PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano  
**9:00AM** ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis & Aleda Guerrero,  
 Nicholas & Matthew Lorenzo

### EUCCHARIST:

**4:00PM** ~ L. Weir, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone, J. LaVergne,  
 P. Serio, R. Bartorillo, T. Bartorillo  
**9:00AM** ~ R. Elderbroom, R. Warren, M.E. Cusano, K. Fekete,  
 C. Horton, Michael Dykeman, J. Barraco



**Sun. Aug. 14** Group 3 Money Counters  
**Sun. Aug. 21** Group 4 Money Counters  
**Sun. Aug. 28** Group 1 Money Counters

**Fri. Aug. 19** Group 1 Altar Cleaners  
**Fri. Aug. 26** Group 2 Altar Cleaners

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

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

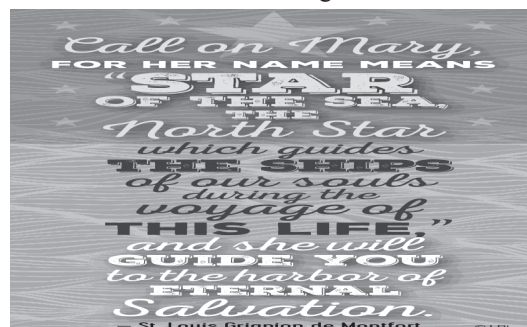
## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



This feast is a very old solemnity in the church. It has been celebrated throughout the church from the sixth century on. Originally celebrated in the East, the ancient title is the Dormition of Mary, or the Falling Asleep of Mary. The earliest writing we find of this feast is from the fourth century and it is written in the voice of St. John, whom Jesus entrusted Mary to the care of as he hung upon the cross.

The teaching is that Mary was assumed into heaven after her "falling asleep in the Lord" before her body suffered any decay. This doctrine of the church--even though the church has been celebrating this belief for centuries--was not declared a dogma until November 1, 1950 by Pope Pius XII. While the Eastern Orthodox call this event the "dormition," the Roman Catholic Church calls it the Assumption.

Roman Catholicism is silent on the details of the Assumption. Therefore, Roman Catholics legitimately can believe that Mary did not die before the Assumption. The holy day has always been celebrated in the church on August 15.



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