

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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August 28, 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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"Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:14

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Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Today Jesus instructs us to be generous enough to serve others without expecting repayment. At least, without expecting to be repaid in THIS life. It's interesting that the Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise that if we follow this teaching, we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." In other words, God will "repay" our generosity on earth by welcoming us into heaven. Really, what better investment could there possibly be?

It can be tempting to think of our money as purely our own. We work hard to earn it. Or we receive it from others who wanted US to have it. Or luck came our way (and too bad for you that it didn't come your way). We thus feel possessive of our money and often struggle with the idea of giving it away or lending it without hope of being paid back (with interest!). But today's Gospel challenges us with a different perspective. In essence, Jesus tells us to use our money for the sake of others, not just to assure our own earthly comfort. As difficult as this request may be, it's important to remember that Jesus honors the sacrifice! This is why he promises repayment in heaven. He understands that it "costs" us a great deal to part with the security of using our money for ourselves alone. He understands that in caring for the poor, we risk putting ourselves in their company.

But God's ways are not the ways of the world. Instead of investing everything in a bank, Jesus asks us to invest in the poor. After all, no bank on earth can possibly provide the infinite rate of return that Jesus promises.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Administrator Father Daniel Caruso

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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

If you act bossy, you might get your way, but you won't make many friends. Jesus shared a secret about making friends. When you treat other kids with kindness, they will want to be your friends. Instead of telling other kids what to do, ask other kids to choose a game. If you want to play tag with other kids, offer to be "it" first. If it is time to line up to go outside, offer to go to the back of the line and let other kids in front of you.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to be a good friend.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself at the end of the line.

Mission for the Week

When you sit down with your family for dinner tonight, ask if you can serve the food. You may surprise your parents and get some pretty big smiles from them.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, "Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.

International Food Festival

Saturday, November 12 from Noon - 7:00PM.

Would you like to be a Parish Chef, donate a basket for raffle (your choice of theme), donate to our baked goods table or help during this event any way that you can? Please call the rectory during our business hours and we will be happy to assist you with all these questions. Themed baskets can be donated at any time, baked goods will be accepted Friday, Nov. 10 or Saturday, Nov. 12. Please let us know if we can assist in picking up donations if you are unable to deliver.



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"*****

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Rectory Closed

In observance of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 the rectory office will be closed.

There is **NO NOON** Mass on Monday Sept. 5.



22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

There is a story that has been circulating about Pope Francis. Whether all the details are accurate is not as important as the overall meaning. As it is told,

after his election Pope Francis returned to live at the Vatican guesthouse, which he has now made his home. He got up early one morning and opened the door of his room to find a Swiss Guard standing at attention. The pope asked the man how long he had been there and the guard responded, "All night, Holy Father." The pope brought out a chair and told the guard to sit down because he must be tired. When the guard responded that it was against the rules, the pope responded, "I'm the pope. Please sit." The guard uncomfortably took his seat, and the pope returned to his room. A few moments later, he came out with some bread and jam for the guard and wished him "Bon appétit!" before closing his bedroom door.

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus uses the example of dining with others to teach his disciples about life in the kingdom of God. He suggests that a person's sense of self-importance should not overtake the humbleness that characterizes the communal life of the kingdom. As citizens of God's realm there is only One who outranks everyone else, and that is the Lord.

People with power often get special places. The head table at a conference, meeting, or awards' banquet always has the "big shots" filling the seats. Political fund-raisers have the highest ranking elected leaders sitting up front. In the Gospel, Jesus suggests that we be more realistic about ourselves. As the story about Pope Francis indicates, esteem comes not because we get the most revered place at table, but because we care about others. The command that Jesus gives to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind still binds us in charity today.

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." — Lk 14:13-14

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The month of July we laid to rest from our Parish Family; Connie Carni and Michael Aiello. May they rest in peace.

Baptized into our Parish Family; Trevor Schug, Ronald Julio Robinson IV, Alexandor DePew and Jack Moses Fleischer. God bless our newly baptized and their families.



**The collection for August 27 & 28
will be posted in the Sept. 4 bulletin.**

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Aug. 27, 2016 - 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Aug. 28, 2016 - 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Aug. 29, 2016 - The Passion of St. John The Baptist

12:00 Noon - Carol McGuire - The Malkoskey Family

Tues. - Aug. 30, 2016

12:00 Noon - John Lane - Sister

Wed. - Aug. 31, 2016

Thurs. - Sept. 1, 2016

Fri. - Sept. 2, 2016

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - All those who work to achieve a peaceful world

Sat. - Sept. 3, 2016 - 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Vince & Shirley Visco - The Family

Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

Caroline McGuire - Sally Slack

Connie Carni - Joe & Alaina Leddy

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Sept. 4, 2016 - 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Giulia Palucci - The Palucci Family

George Jaquin - The Family

Patricia Moro - Tish DeSalvo

Eileen Weir - Rosemary Lane

OLP/SP 10:30 am



2nd Banns of Marriage

Alexa Lynch and James Bombardo

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, Sept. 3rd & Sunday, Sept. 4th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ John Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Fran Brimfield

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith, Grace Piazza

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin, P. Serio, J. LaVergne,

R. Copani, G. Mastriano, F. Sanzone

9:00AM ~ Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, K. Fekete,

P. Walters, F. Brimfield, R. Elderbroom, R. Warren



Sun. Aug. 28 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Sept. 4 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Sept. 11 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Sept. 18 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Sept. 25 Group 1 Money Counters

Fri. Sept. 2 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Sept. 9 Group 4 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Sept. 16 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Sept. 23 Group 2 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Sept. 30 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

Mon. Sept. 5 Labor Day Office Closed No Noon Mass

Thurs. Sept. 15 TNT Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. Sept. 28 Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Prayer For Teachers

Heavenly Father,
when the Hebrew people needed the
guidance of your word,
you led Moses to your holy mountain
and he taught the law in command-
ments written in stone.

When the world was awaiting its
savior, you raised up John the Baptist,
and he taught the people about the
promised Messiah.

When the Church was in need,
you raised up great teachers
like Augustine, Athanasius, Dominic,
and Thomas Aquinas
to manifest the riches of the faith.
Give the same guidance to our teachers
today, that they may foster
knowledge and wisdom
in all whose lives they will touch.
Amen.



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