

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 4, 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.

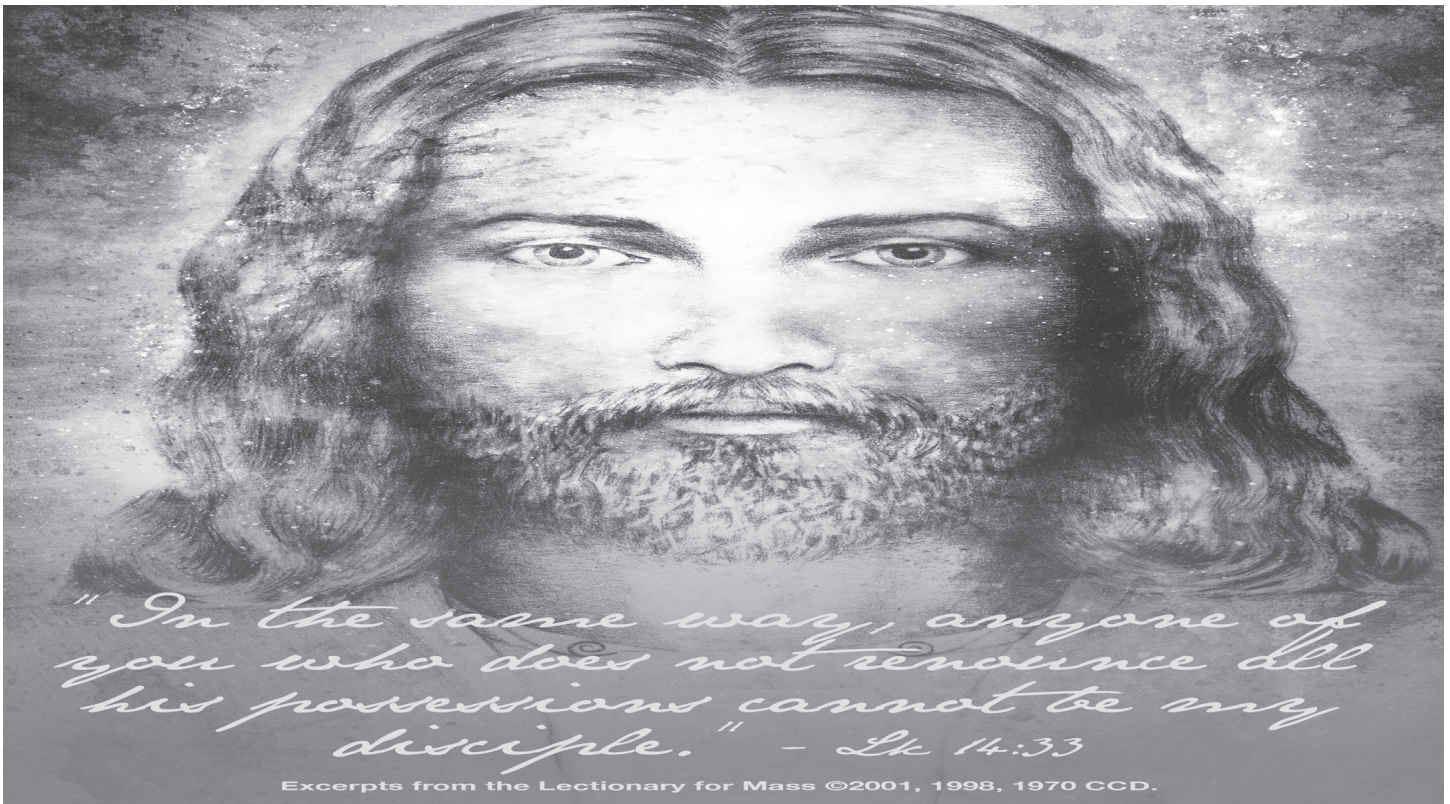
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." It's a modern misconception to think of Jesus as the ultimate nice guy who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Of course Jesus is the perfect model of charity and compassion, but he also gave some very challenging teachings. Today's Gospel is a case in point. Not many people are thrilled by Christ's lesson today that insists God **MUST** be first in our lives. Few are those who love to hear this instruction to renounce our beloved things as well as our beloved relationships. But Jesus does not mince words. We are to "hate" our "father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters," and even our own life.

It's important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to prefer something--or Someone--else, namely, God, to these important relationships. Taken in the context of the Gospel as a whole it is clear that Jesus is not advocating cruelty or animosity. On the contrary, just a few weeks ago we heard from Luke 10:27 as Jesus instructed us to love our neighbors as ourselves. However, in putting God first, inevitably something else must take second place. It is a kind of hatred of family, self, and "stuff" when we don't allow these things to become mini-gods in our lives. Instead, we keep God as God.

What does this mean for us? It means not allowing a family member to prevent us from practicing our faith to the fullest, and also not putting our trust in gadgets and gizmos. It means, instead, putting all our trust in God, whatever the cost may be.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Administrator Father Daniel Caruso

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Religious Education Betty Warren

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.

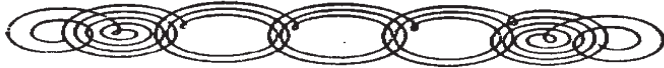
Rectory Closed

In observance of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 the rectory office will be closed.
There is **NO NOON** Mass on Monday Sept. 5.



2017 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2017 is now open.
PLEASE DO NOT MAIL IN REQUESTS.
Intentions will be taken during office hours or we will take requests over the phone. Thank You.



Sharing The Gospel

Living God's way can be very hard for some people. Name the people in your family. Can you love God more than you love your family? Name some of your friends. Can you love God more than you love your friends? Name your favorite books, movies or toys. Can you love God more than those things? It is OK to love your family, have good friends, and enjoy the gifts God has given you. Just remember to love God first.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to love you more than anyone or anything else.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a heart. Inside the heart, draw all the people and things you love.

Mission for the Week

Say a special prayer to God today. Thank him for your family, your friends, and for all the things God has given you to enjoy.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Today's Gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's Gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.

From Francis House

Annual Francis House Silver Tea House tour, tea party and raffle September 14 from 1:00-3:00PM.
Location: The Honorable & Mrs. Anthony Aloï
6271 Addison Loomis, Cicero, NY.
Free admission-Donations graciously accepted.



Sunday Collection Aug. 20th and Aug. 21st

Regular Envelope collection	\$2,670.73
Loose collection	\$597.80
Poor collection	\$90.00
The Assumption collection	\$214.00

Sunday Collection Aug. 27th and Aug. 28th

Regular Envelope collection	\$2,812.45
Loose collection	\$459.15
Religious Education collection	\$199.00

Faith Formation News

Registration for Faith Formation, Pre-K - Confirmation, are the following weekends; September 3 & 4, September 10 & 11 and September 17 & 18. Registration is after all Masses and in the front vestibule of the Church (Park St. entrance). For more information, please contact Betty Warren, Parish Faith Formation Director, at 420-6357 or email at warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.



23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

The late comedian Jack Benny crafted his on-stage persona as a bit of a miser. One famous bit from his radio show had him being held up at gunpoint by a robber. "Your money or your life!" the bad guy snarls. Benny just stands there, not saying a word, pausing for dramatic effect. "Well?" the robber demands. "I'm thinking, I'm thinking," Benny replies. What would you be willing to give up if asked?

Throughout most of the Gospels, Jesus is very subtle in his words and teachings and parables. He hopes that we will all see the truth through our own eyes of understanding. In today's reading from Luke, however, Jesus is as clear and as forthright as he can be. If we are not willing to give up everything, our parents, our spouses, our children, even our own lives, we cannot truly consider ourselves disciples of Christ.

It may be difficult at first to imagine being willing to sacrifice a loved one for something you believe in. But is that not exactly what God did for us? He gave his only son to sinners to be sacrificed for our reconciliation with him. (CCC 614) We are promised the glory of heaven and everlasting life, but Jesus is very clear on this point: In order to attain all, we must be willing to give all, even those we hold nearest our hearts.

Special Collection Sept. 10 & 11

This collection is for the flood victims of Louisiana. We will take up a second collection the weekend of Sept. 10 & 11 at each Mass. If you would like to donate by check please have it made out to **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** and in the memo of your check please note **"DISASTER RELIEF - LOUISIANA."**



Labor Day Blessing

O God,
you asked St. Joseph to accept your will that his wife-to-be would have a Son.
St. Joseph accepted your will and worked with Jesus as his father and teacher.
We seek your blessing upon all the work of our hands, and we dedicate our work to your greater glory.
We ask your blessing upon all workers, especially those who work to make our lives easier and more enjoyable.
We ask all this through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron saint of workers, in the name of Jesus your Son, in the unity of Holy Spirit.
Amen.
St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us.



Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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

**Mon. - Sept. 5, 2016 - Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, religious
Labor Day**

12:00 Noon - No Noon Mass

Tues. - Sept. 6, 2016

12:00 Noon - Flood victims in Louisiana

Wed. - Sept. 7, 2016

**Thurs. - Sept. 8, 2016 - The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Fri. - Sept. 9, 2016 - St. Peter Claver, priest

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Earthquake victims in Italy

Sat. - Sept. 10, 2016 - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Sept. 11, 2016 - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

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 Drenzo, Norma Foody, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, 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. 10th & Sunday, Sept. 11th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ Lisa Primerano

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ L. Argiro, M.E. Cusano, E. Warren, J. Barraco,
F. Brimfield, J. Mott, M. Piazza



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. 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 Ages 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

3rd Banns of Marriage
Alexa Lynch and James Bombardo



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

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