

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 11, 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-Forth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" Jesus knew these self-righteous religious leaders were complaining. And he knew they needed to learn a lesson. So, in addition to giving a lived example of welcoming the company of "tax collectors and sinners," Jesus also directly taught the skeptics about the importance of welcoming those who have been lost. Today's Gospel gives a powerhouse lineup of three parables that all teach a similar message: rejoice over the lost sheep, rejoice over the lost coin, and rejoice over the return of the lost son.

The theme can be summarized in the simple directive: rejoice don't reject. When someone who isn't part of the "fold" appears in church, this is cause for rejoicing! It should not be cause for gossip, sideways glances, or nervous whispers about what to do or say. Rather a genuine smile and word of welcome would be in order at the very least, and a heartfelt invitation to join the community would be totally appropriate.

Too often we become complacent about our Christian company. We get used to seeing the same people every Sunday and forget about the "lost" men and women who are outside the bounds of our comfort zone. Jesus gives us the image of an active shepherd who goes "after the lost one until he finds it," and a diligent widow who will "sweep the house, searching carefully" until she finds her coin. He tells us of a father who "ran to his son, embraced and kissed him," in spite of the separation they had faced. We too are called to take initiative in seeking out those who are lost, and to rejoice heartily when they finally do come back home.

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.



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

Jesus was kind to people who were lonely. Jesus forgave people who were sorry for their mistakes. Jesus ate dinner with people who needed God's love. They sinned. Everybody knew it. But Jesus knew that God's love could turn their frowns into smiles. If there are kids in your class who don't have many friends, be kind to them like Jesus. When other kids make mistakes, forgive them like Jesus. You'll make Jesus smile.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to show kindness like Jesus did.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself playing with a child who's lonely.

Mission for the Week

When you go outside to play at school, look for someone who is alone. Offer to be a friend and play together.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Parents are like that shepherd in today's Gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.

Information For Parishioners Regarding Pastoral Planning

Pastoral Planning is a prayerful and participative process through which a group of parishes work together to develop a plan for future ministry in their area of the diocese. They work to establish priorities and goals to create a vision and to accomplish the mission of the Church.



Prayer to Remember 9/11

Heavenly Father,
on this day, a terrible act of brutality
was visited upon our people.

We ask for your grace upon
the souls of those who died this day,
and the loved ones they left behind.

Bless those who, today, work unceasingly
to protect us all from further acts of violence.

Change the hearts and minds of those
who would murder the innocent in your name.

Help us to remember Christ's victory over all death.

Lead us all to you, Lord, in a true unity,
begotten not of blood that was shed in anger,
but shed by your Son, out of love for us.

Amen.

Faith Formation News

Registration for Faith Formation, Pre-K - Confirmation, are the following weekends; 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.



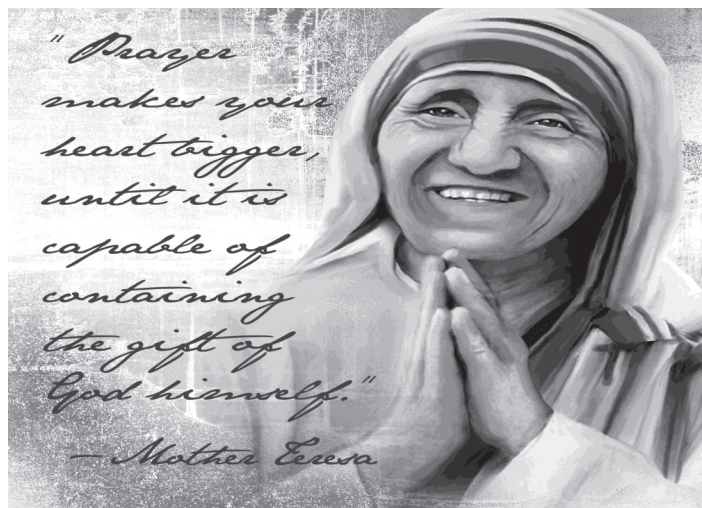
24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Found" is a great word! It can have so many levels of meaning. Obviously it means having recovered something that was misplaced or lost. The aged are forever "finding" their glasses, even though they are usually on the table under the mail or the newspaper. Found can also mean to begin something or to set something up. The parish we belong to had a founding pastor who organized the beginning of community in response to the bishop's request or the call of the people in the area. Anyone who works with molten material also knows that to found means casting that metal or glass object in a place called (of course!) a foundry.

Jesus tells the story today of a woman who has ten coins and lost one. All three meanings of the word "found" are part of parable. The coin was found (that is cast) by a treasury, either the emperor's or that of a local realm. Having lost the coin, the woman found (that is recovered) it after searching the whole house. The recovery of the coin occasioned the founding (that is the initiation) of her rejoicing. The parable of the lost coin is truly about founding.

Like that coin, we may be lost at times, but God finds us. He recovers us from whatever has separated us from him, whether that is sin, the distractions of life, or the fragility of our faith. In finding us, God renews us. He remolds us and forms us more and more into people with a lively faith. Like that molten metal that is founded into a coin, the love of God purifies us and remakes us anew, casting us into the image of Christ. By asking God's forgiveness and by praying for a renewal of faith, we gain a new foundation and so can begin again, living the way Christ has taught us, filled with the love of God and love for our brothers and sisters.

Saint Teresa of Kolkata Sept. 4, 2016



Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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

Mon. - Sept. 12, 2016 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

12:00 Noon - Elizabeth Dellavalle - Billy Lowe

Tues. - Sept. 13, 2016 - St. John Chrysostom,

bishop & doctor of the church

12:00 Noon - Elizabeth King - Veronica Greene

Wed. - Sept. 14, 2016 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Thurs. - Sept. 15, 2016 - Our Lady of Sorrows

Fri. - Sept. 16, 2016 - Sts. Cormelius, pope,

& Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - James King - Veronica Greene

Sat. - Sept. 17, 2016 - 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Robert Nicholas - Wife, Celine

Deceased of Taddeo Family - The Family

Eileen Weir - Georgianne & Paul Larkin

Donald & Dorothy McGuire - Ed & Carol McGuire

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Sept. 18, 2016 - 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Marian Crinnin - Bob & Betty Warren

Richard Foertch - Cathy & Polly Foertch

Giorgio DelVecchio - Anna DelVecchio & Kids

Jenna Nicole Sweeting - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

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. 17th & Sunday, Sept. 18th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Pat Campagna

9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Grace Piazza

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ T. Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo, P. Serio, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone, J. LaVergne, G. Larkin

9:00AM ~ M.E. Cusano, Michele Dykeman, K. Fekete, Michael Dykeman, R. Warren, P. Schramm, C. Horton



Sun. Sept. 11 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Sept. 18 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Sept. 25 Group 1 Money Counters

Fri. Sept. 16 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Sept. 23 Group 2 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Sept. 30 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

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

Christ The King Retreat House

500 Brookford Rd. 446-2680

... Sept. 21 - Senior Citizens (no minimum age) Picnic. 11:30AM Mass - 1:30PM. We'll gather for Mass, followed by picnic. There will be time to stroll around the grounds. Celebrant and Homilist Fr. John Rose. Offering: \$12.00.

... Friday, Sept. 30-Sunday, Oct. 2 - Retreat for persons in recovery, for all those working a 12 step program, the weekend will provide a spiritual perspective. Directed by Paul Curtin, Alcohol Counselor. Registration at 5:00PM on Friday with dinner at 6:00PM. Retreat ends by noon on Sunday. Offering: \$160.00 (\$80.00 for commuters).



Sunday Collection Sept. 3rd and Sept. 4th

Regular Envelope collection	\$4,627.01
Loose collection	\$310.75
Poor collection	\$224.00
Fuel collection	\$155.00



Grandparents Day Blessing

God our Father,
you create all things in this world as gifts for your created beings. This day is made holy by the presence of new life, made real by the love of spouses and their collaboration with you. On this day bless all grandparents and their grandchildren. May they both praise you for their place in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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