

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 18, 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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“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.” - Lk 16:10

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." It's important to pay attention to the details of the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. At first glance, it might seem as if Jesus is encouraging us to be dishonest. But in fact, it's just the opposite. The steward in this tale was reported to his master "for squandering his property." In other words, the steward was not being responsible with what he was in charge of. And the master was ready to fire him on account of it. But then, the steward had a change of heart. (This isn't so hard to comprehend--sometimes it takes a real threat for us to realize we need to change our ways, doesn't it?) So the steward went to the people from whom he had previously collected money to "make friends" with them. How? By reducing their debts.

This might seem to be dishonest yet again, but we need to bear in mind that in the end, the master was pleased with the steward's behavior. So this debt reduction must not have affected the master's pocketbook. Rather, it seems probable that the steward had originally hiked up what the debtors owed the master and put the extra cash in his own pocket. This was the sort of extortion that was common in those days, among tax collectors for example. Now, when the steward was about to lose his position, he thought it wise to go back and return that "dishonest wealth" to the folks who had lost it, and gain some sympathy in the process. So, in the end, the steward was making up for his previous cheating behavior by doing something RIGHT and smart. It's this honest behavior that will enable him to take his place in "eternal dwellings." And surely our honest behavior will have the same effect.

## 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.

## Back To School Request

Special request to all children who have returned to school; If you see someone who is struggling to make friends or being bullied because he/she doesn't have many friends or because they are shy or not as pretty or not dressed in the most "in" clothes, PLEASE step up. Say "hi" or at least smile at them in the hallway. You never know what that person might be facing outside of school. Your kindness might just make a BIG difference in someone's life!



**Parents, grand parents, caregivers; Please share this message with your children and help them to understand the importance.**



## Sharing The Gospel

Jesus wants you to be honest. When you tell lies, your friends will not be able to trust you. Tell the truth. If you find a wallet, bring it to the police station. If you see someone drop some money, pick it up and give it back to them. If someone left a jacket or toy on the playground, don't take it. Turn it in to "lost and found." When you are honest with small things, people will see that you can be trusted with bigger things, too.

## Prayer

Dear God, help me to be honest.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself giving money back to someone who dropped it.

## Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to tell you ways that they choose to be honest with their work, their money, and with God.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.



## Information For Parishioners Regarding Pastoral Planning

A Pastoral Care Area (PCA) is a group of parishes reflecting geographic relationships within the diocese. All parishes belong to a PCA. A PCA includes various combinations of parishes: single parishes, linked parishes, merged and clustered parishes. They may also include other ministries of the diocese within their geographic area e.g., campus ministries, hospitals, and nursing homes. Parishes in a PCA work together collaboratively to achieve the highest quality of pastoral programs, mutual clergy/staff support and shares resources to move forward the mission of the Church.

## Faith Formation News

The last registration for Faith Formation, Pre-K - Confirmation, is this weekend 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](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).



**Reminder**, the first day of classes is the 25th at 10 am. Teachers and students (Pre-K to 8th grade) are to gather in the center front vestibule. The Confirmation schedule will be out shortly. Students will be dismissed in the center front vestibule at 11 am. All students must be picked up by a parent.



## 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Brad and Joanna met in graduate school and married shortly after they each completed their degree work. As a young married couple they are deeply in love with each other and really work hard at being unified in their household as they raise their two young children. In so many ways they act as one. But every fall there is one thing that comes along that divides this couple: college football! You see, Joanna graduated from Ohio State, while Brad finished his undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin. Most of the time, the weekend college football events are not that divisive. They can even root for each other's alma maters depending on who the opponent is. But when their schools play each other the division is intense. Their home life may be united in many things, but when it comes to their old school teams the rivalry wins out.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus points out to his disciples that a person can really only devote himself to one master. Serving God and serving money are very hard to hold in balance. The dishonest steward in the Gospel parable could not hold to his ethical duty to his employer. Instead he used his position to feather his own nest, something that even his former employer gave him credit for.

The loyalties that Brad and Joanna have toward their individual teams are commendable. They each maintain a strong devotion to their collegiate experience. But they also recognize that there is a greater master to serve in their lives: their marital union. As intense as game day may be, they realize that in the end, it is just a game, while their marriage and their family life is not. They have recognized a greater good even as they enjoy the game that divides them each fall. Our own lives can be exactly like that. We can come to an accommodation with every other thing as long as we recognize that God is the master of all.

## 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. 11 or Saturday, Nov. 12. Please let us know if we can assist in picking up donations if you are unable to deliver.



**Mass Schedule for**

**St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity**

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

**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - Robert Nicholas - Wife, Celine  
 Deceased of the 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** - Mariann 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**

**Mon. - Sept. 19, 2016 - St. Januarius, bishop & martyr**

**12:00 Noon** - Frances Medici - Veronica Greene

**Tues. - Sept. 20, 2016 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, priest & martyrs**

**12:00 Noon** - Valeria Bailey - Altar Rosary

**Wed. - Sept. 21, 2016 - St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist**

**Thurs. - Sept. 22, 2016**

**Fri. - Sept. 23, 2016 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest**

**11:30 am - Confessions**  
**12:00 Noon** - Rose Lane - Daughter

**Sat. - Sept. 24, 2016 - 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**SJB/HT 4:00 pm** - For The People  
**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**Sun. - Sept. 25, 2016 - 26th 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, Michael Visco, Jr., Shelly Visco and Pat Wall.



**Saturday, Sept. 24th & Sunday, Sept. 25th**

**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** ~ M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin, G. Mastriano, R. Bartorillo, L. Weir, T. Bartorillo, R. Copani  
**9:00AM** ~ L. Argiro, R. Elderbroom, J. Barraco, P. Schramm, C. Horton, J. Mott, K. Fekete

**Sun. Sept. 18** Group 4 Money Counters

**Sun. Sept. 25** Group 1 Money Counters

**Fri. Sept. 23** Group 2 Altar Cleaners

**Fri. Sept. 30** Group 3 Altar Cleaners

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



**The Sanctuary Lamp**

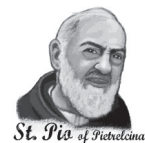
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**Chuck McManus** - Requested by **The Family**

**Silva Wilhelm** - Requested by **The DeMichele Family**

**Padre Pio - Sept. 23**

This worthy follower of Saint Francis of Assisi was born on May 25, 1887, at Pietrelcina, in the Archdiocese of Benevento, Italy, the son of Grazio Forgione and Maria Giuseppa De Nunzio. He was baptized the next day and given the name Francesco. At the age of twelve, he received the Sacrament of Confirmation and made his First Holy Communion. On January 6, 1903, at the age of sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars at Morcone, where on January 22 he took the Franciscan habit and the name Brother Pio. At the end of his novitiate year, he took simple vows, and on January 27, 1907 made his solemn profession. After he was ordained a priest on August 10, 1910 at Benevento, he stayed at home with his family until 1916 for health reasons. In September of that year, he was sent to the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, and remained there until his death, in 1968. On June 16, 2002, Pope John Paul II canonized in Rome Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, one of the greatest saints of all times.



There are saints who have been known for healing; there are saints who could "read" souls; there are saints who were known for levitation; there were saints who bore the stigmata, or were seen in apparition, or who had the "odor of sanctity." There are saints who could understand languages they didn't know. But Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, who died on September 23, 1968, had all these charisms, and more. In fact, not since St. Francis of Assisi has there been such a miracle-worker.

**Sunday Collection Sept. 10th and Sept. 11th**

Regular Envelope collection .....	\$2,721.25
Loose collection .....	\$397.00
Fuel collection .....	\$430.00
Special collection: Disaster Relief Louisiana .....	\$938.00

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