

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 25, 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.

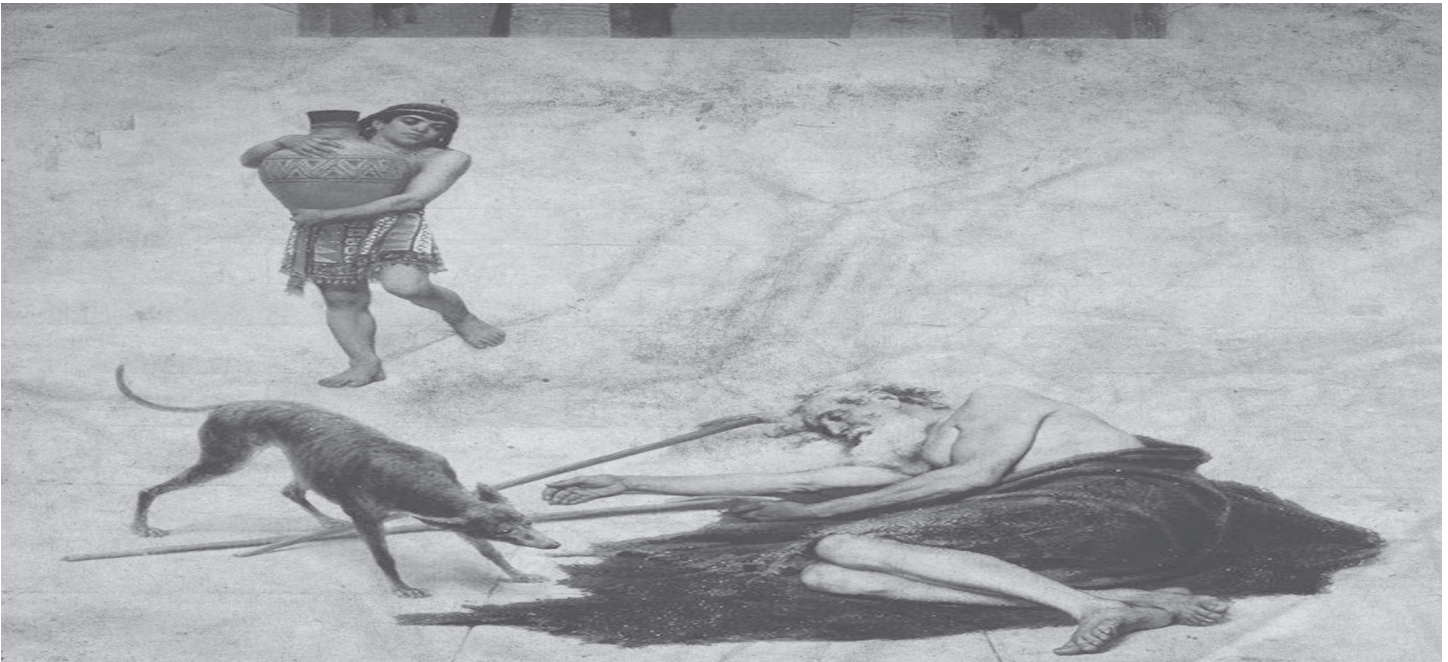
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad." Today's Gospel reading is Jesus' parable about a "rich man," whose name we do not know, and a "poor man," named Lazarus. The story shows both men after death, the rich man in torment, and Lazarus enjoying the comfort that he was deprived of during his earthly life.

It's important to understand that this teaching does not imply that having wealth leads to eternal punishment. Rather, we look at how the rich man USED his wealth and see there the cause of the problem. As Jesus says, this man "dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day." Clearly, he had abundant wealth and focused it all upon serving himself. To further the accusation against him, all the while "lying at his door was a poor man ... who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." But the rich man paid Lazarus no heed, and THIS is why he now suffers. Because he would not deign to "suffer" at all during his life by sharing his linen clothing or feeding his poor neighbor covered with sores.

This selfishness became the rich man's SELF-condemnation. He put himself in torment because he blatantly disobeyed God's law to love his neighbor. This challenging parable urges us to examine our own behavior and ask how WE use our wealth--whatever size our bank account may be. Are we willing to assist our neighbors in need? Or do we walk by the poor, excusing our own comfort? Let us heed Christ's warning today that such earthly comforts are, in the long run, short-lived.

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

Today Jesus told a story about a selfish rich man who ignored God and refused to share with other people. All his money did him no good when he died. He didn't go to heaven. He had his whole life to learn about God, and he could have helped many people with his money. Instead, he forgot about God. He wasted his riches and bought a lot of nice things for himself. Learn from the rich man. Live for God, not for money.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to share the things you have given me. I love you more than money.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself using some money you saved to buy peanut butter for a poor family.

Mission for the Week

Use four jars to save your money, and label them GOD, GIVE, SAVE, and SPEND. Use the money from the first two jars to share with God and others. Use the money in the last two jars for yourself.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

In today's Gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is you family sensitive to the poor?

Information For Parishioners Regarding Pastoral Planning



PCA Planning Groups are composed of parish trustees (2), pastoral council leaders (2), and the pastor/administrator/p parish life director/pastoral coordinator of each parish in a PCA. The purpose of each planning group is to build relationships and develop specific plans for the PCA. The planning groups are responsible for putting specific plans in place for communication, collaboration and moving forward the Bishop's directives e.g., mass schedule changes. Each PCA planning group has a facilitator. The facilitator guides the group's and moves forward the diocesan pastoral plan approved by the Bishop.

The month of September we laid to rest from our Parish Family; Valeria Bailey, Madia Tarantino and Josephine Graziano. May they rest in peace.

Baptized into our Parish Family; Emma Rose Warren. Blessings to you and your family.

Congratulations to James & Alexa (Lynch) Bombardo on your marriage. May you always have happiness in your life.

Faith Formation News



Religious Education Classes (Faith Formation) start this Sunday but you can still register your child(ren) for classes. Please call Betty Warren at 315 420 6357 or 315 478 0916. Teachers and students (Pre-K to 8th grade) are to gather in the center front vestibule at 10 am and students will be dismissed at the same spot at 11 am. All students must be picked up by a parent.



26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Proverbs have a way of succinctly stating a concept that can become a kind of mantra for explaining the way things are. Sayings like, "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow," or "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree," or "It's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease," are all meant to encapsulate a larger concept in a brief sentence. For the most part, the person hearing the phrase immediately understands to what the speaker is referring. And so the saying, "He can't see the forest for the trees," is often understood as describing someone who cannot comprehend the larger implications of things because all he can see is the minute details on which he is focused.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus tells a parable about a rich man who was seemingly oblivious to both the forest and the trees. In the story the rich man seems unconcerned with anything but his own pleasure. He dresses in fine linen. He eats great meals. It seems like he has it all. The "forest" of communal interaction seems beyond his imagination. At the same time, from what we are told, the rich man also seems not to have taken any notice of the beggar at his door. He was not even aware of the "trees" of someone right at his gate.

In our lives as Christians, both the forest and the trees are important. We can't lose sight of either of them. As people in the world we must continue to be involved in working for a more just society through our advocacy and political activity. We have to promote the causes of life, human dignity, peace, and the common good. That's the big picture, the forest, that we see. At the same time through our works of charity and simple outreach we touch the lives of the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the dying in our very midst. They are the trees right in front of us, and we cannot miss them either.

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.

Sunday Collection Sept. 17th and Sept. 18th

Regular Envelope collection \$4,002.80
Loose collection \$410.00



Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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

Mon. - Sept. 26, 2016 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

12:00 Noon - Joan Elizabeth Dominic - The Family

Tues. - Sept. 27, 2016 - St. Vincent DePaul, priest

12:00 Noon - Dorothy McGuire - Carol & Ed McGuire

Wed. - Sept. 28, 2016 - Sts. Wenceslaus, martyr,

Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs

Thurs. - Sept. 29, 2016 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel

& Raphael, Archangels

Fri. - Sept. 30, 2016 - St. Jerome, priest

& doctor of the Church

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Pray for an end to the violence in our world

Sat. - Oct. 1, 2016 - 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Tommasina Carfagno - The Twins

Caroline McGuire - Patricia Slack

Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Oct. 2, 2016 - 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Robert Greenfield - The Family

John Quinn - The Family

Donald Bill - The Palucci Family

Louis Cellini - Mary Cellini

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 Direnzo, 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, Maria Luisi, 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, Oct. 1st & Sunday, Oct. 2nd

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Sue Retschle

9:00AM ~ John Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Grace Piazza

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ L. Weir, R. Copani, P. Serio, G. Larkin,

J. LaVergne, F. Sanzone, L. Sanzone

9:00AM ~ M.E. Cusano, P. Schramm, J. Mott, C. Horton,

Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, L. Argiro



Sun. Sept. 25 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Oct. 2 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Oct. 9 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Oct. 16 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Oct. 23 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Oct. 30 Group 2 Money Counters

Fri. Sept. 30 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Oct. 7 Group 4 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Oct. 14 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Oct. 21 Group 2 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Oct. 28 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

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

Thurs. Oct. 20 TNT Neighborhood Watch 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. Oct. 26 Catholic golden Agers 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center



1st Banns of Marriage

Annina Palucci and Patrick Dougherty

Annulment Information Session

The Family/Respect Life and Syracuse Tribunal are offering an Annulment Information Session on October 11th at Christ the King Retreat Center, 500 Brookford Road, Registration begins at 6:00PM and the session runs from 6:30PM-8:00PM. Monsignor Timothy Elmer will walk attendees through the annulment process and answer any questions. To register in advance, call Deacon Dean Brainard at 315-472-6754 or email dbrainard@syrdio.org. No fee is required to attend. All are welcome.



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"



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