

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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October 16, 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.

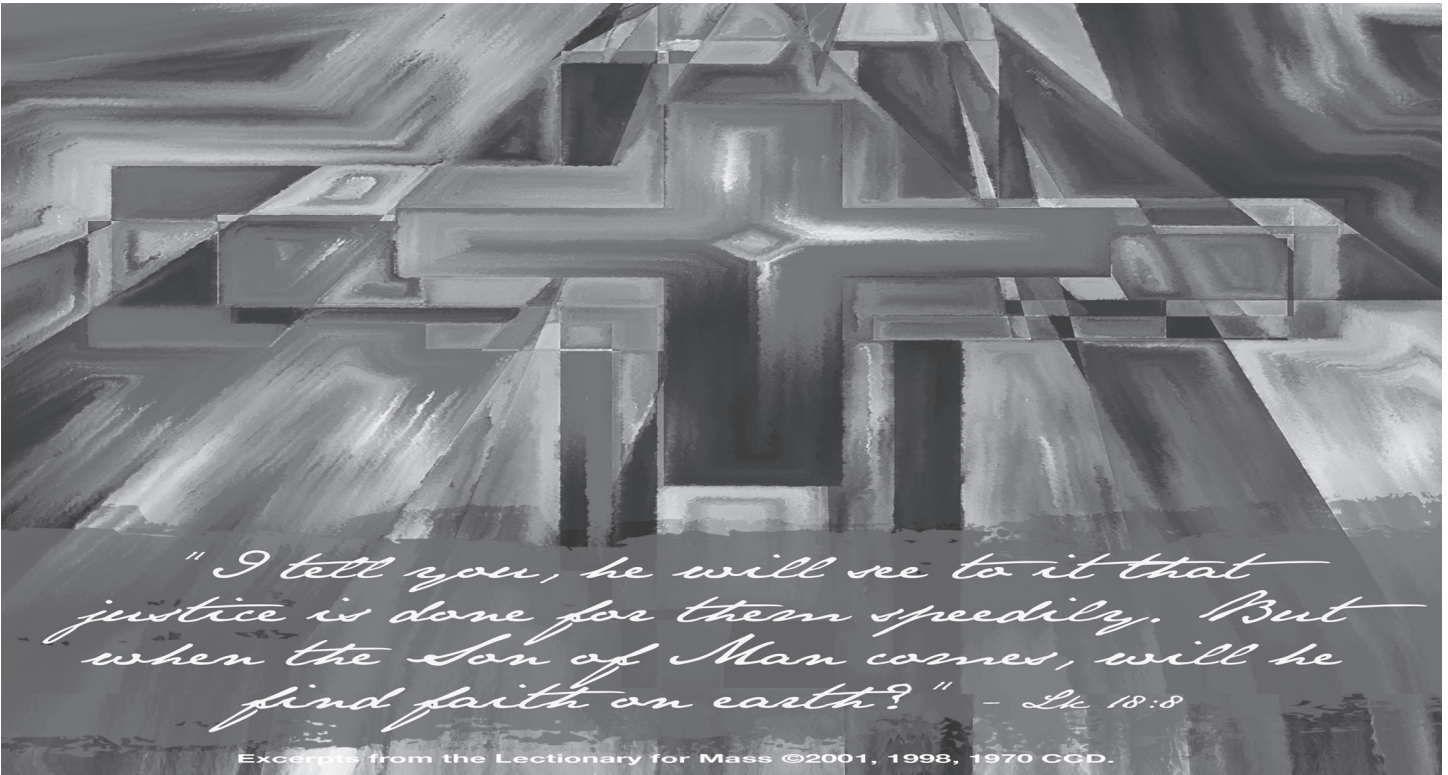
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" The widow in today's parable didn't give up. She kept "bothering" the judge by coming to him and asking for a decision in her favor. Ultimately, her persistence caught his attention and influenced his behavior. Jesus seems to be teaching us today that this quality of faithful persistence is a good one to have. Thus, he advises us to call out to God not once, not twice, but "day and night." This is a fitting image for the idea of continual prayer; it goes on all the time without ceasing.

As this Gospel reading says in the opening line, Jesus wanted to teach his disciples how to "pray always without becoming weary." It's interesting that the method he used for this instruction was to emphasize the reward of such persistent prayer. The parable's conclusion assures us that for those who pray without giving up, God "will see to it that justice is done for them speedily." Perhaps this attractive promise is supposed to keep us from losing hope, from throwing in the towel, from becoming "weary" when our requests don't seem to be getting heard.

Following the example of this determined widow, we need not fear to repeatedly make our requests known to God. In fact, we should make a point of it! If we only offer our prayers of petition halfheartedly, without real conviction, persistence, or sincerity, they are not as powerful as they could be. But when we truly commit to taking these requests before the Lord, day after day (and night after night!) then we are displaying a kind of profound faith in God's ability to act on our behalf. So, full of hope and trust, let's keep "bothering" this truly just Judge!

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.

Sharing The Gospel

The widow in Jesus' story never gave up. She needed help. She kept asking for help over and over until the judge gave her what she needed. God is so much more loving than the judge in Jesus' story. If you need help, you can ask God over and over. Don't give up. Tell God when you are hurt. Tell God when you need help. He listens carefully to you, and he enjoys helping children who love him.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for caring about me and listening to my prayers.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the woman who kept asking the judge for help.

Mission for the Week

Many children do not have homes or shoes or beds. Ask God to show you how to help them.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

The widow in today's Gospel is praised for her perseverance. In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skill to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.

Information For Parishioners Regarding Pastoral Planning



What is the Office of Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Syracuse?

The Office of Pastoral Planning supports the parishes, the PCA's and the PCA Planning Groups to carry out the mission of the diocese in the midst of changing times and circumstances. The office does this by supporting Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils in discerning and expressing their purpose through ongoing pastoral planning. This helps maintain the integrity of the mission of the parish and the diocese.



Snow Birds

This time of year many will be traveling to warmer area's and we wish you happy safe travels. Enjoy your stay where it is warmer. Remember to let the rectory know that you will be away so we can have your envelope packets temporarily stopped. Let us know when you are leaving and when you will return. If we do not know the packets are returned to the rectory for postage due. You may call us, email at nbergeson@syrдио.org, or send the information in the mail.

Sunday Collection Oct. 8th and Oct. 9th

Regular collection	\$3,180.95
Loose collection	\$461.80
Fuel collection.....	\$536.00
Poor collection.....	\$182.00



Faith Formation News



WELCOME BACK, Teachers and Students for our Religious Education Classes. We will be doing our Circle of Care, Child Safety presentation on October 30th. If any parent does not want their child to participate in this class, they need to sign an Opt Out Letter. Please contact me as soon as possible and I will get the letter to you.

Teachers and students are to gather in the center front vestibule at 10 am and students will be dismissed at the side parking lot exit at 11 am. All students must be picked up by a parent. Students can still be registered for classes by calling Betty Warren at 420-6357 or 478-0916.



29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

We have witnessed plenty of tragic events in our country's history. Very recent events, like the attacks on 9/11; Hurricane Katrina; the tornado through Joplin, Missouri; Super Storm Sandy; and plenty of other tragedies have affected wide swaths of the public. These events are so far-reaching, that almost everyone feels the impact. But these shattering events are no more devastating in their effects on the lives of individuals than the adversities that befall people each day: a diagnosis of cancer, a violent death in the family, a horrible accident, the loss of a job. Life's traumas can break into our own lives, or the lives of people we know, at any moment.

Jesus uses a curious example in the Gospel today. An unjust judge renders a helpful decision because of the incessant pestering of a widow. In the time of Jesus, widows were without recourse. They had no man to stand for them, so they were left to their own devices. The widow wears down the judge, who becomes fearful for his own well-being, unless he provides a just outcome.

We have seen it over and over again in our lives: when tragic events happen, people respond out of the goodness of their hearts. Whether it is a large-scale response as in the case of hurricanes or storms, or the compassionate outreach of a small group of neighbors and friends, in a time of need, it seems as though there is always someone who steps up to help. God is there too. We may not always be aware of God's presence, but he is with us in the darkest moments of life. Our prayer to God is not so much pestering an unjust judge (for God can never be unjust) as it is reminding ourselves that God is near to us. In the dark and difficult moments of our existence, God is there, and our prayer keeps us close to him.

Bunko Date - Sat. Oct. 22

Anyone interested in playing Bunko with our group that meets approximately every 2 months in the SJB/HT Parish Center on Saturdays 5:00PM, please contact Betty Warren by Wed. Oct. 19 for details. Phone is 420-6357 or email at warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.



PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it is important to the set up of the game.
Next Bunko night is Sat. Oct. 22



Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Oct. 15, 2016 - 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Mary Ann Cooper - Ed & Carol McGuire
Margaret Savage - Mary Salanger
Carol McGuire - Clara Delledra

Mr. & Mrs. Mike D'Avirro - Maria DeMichele

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Oct. 16, 2016 - 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Robert Schotthoefer - The Family
Frank & Josephine Dattola - The Family
William & Edna Jaquin - The Family
Peter Cellini - Mary Cellini

OLP/SP 10:30 am

Mon. - Oct. 17, 2016 - St. Ignatius of Antioch,
bishop & martyr

12:00 Noon - Tim Walker - The Family

Tues. - Oct. 18, 2016 - St. Luke, evangelist

12:00 Noon - Edward Kwasigroch

Wed. - Oct. 19, 2016 - Sts. John de Grebeuf & Isaac Jogues,
priests & companions, martyrs

Thurs. - Oct. 20, 2016 - St. Paul of the Cross, priest

Fri. - Oct. 21, 2016

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Those still recovering from Hurricane Matthew

Sat. - Oct. 22, 2016 - 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Oct. 23, 2016 - 30th 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 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. 22nd & Sunday, Oct. 23rd

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ Fran Brimfield

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ T. Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo, M.E. Cusano,
J. LaVergne, L. Weir, G. Mastriano, P. Serio

9:00AM ~ J. Mott, P. Schramm, R. Warren, M. Piazza,
K. Fekete, R. Elderbroom, Michael Dykeman



Sun. Oct. 16 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Oct. 23 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Oct. 30 Group 2 Money Counters

Fri. Oct. 21 Group 2 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Oct. 28 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

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

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

International Food Festival

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

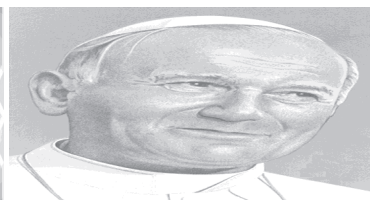
Would you like to be a Parish Chef, donate a basket for raffle (your choice of theme), donate to our baked goods table or help during this event any way that you can? Please call the rectory during our business hours and we will be happy to assist you with all these questions.

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.



Saint Marianne Cope Shrine and Museum

Walk in the footsteps of Saint Marianne and the first six sisters of St. Francis traveling from Syracuse to the Hawaiian Islands to care for the outcasts afflicted with leprosy. On the anniversary of that date in 1883, on Oct. 22, we will meet at the sister's original motherhouse on Court Street. From there we will stop at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption, St. Joseph's Hospital, the Saint Marianne Cope Shrine & Museum and arrive at the location of the 1883 rail station near Franklin Square. The round trip is approximately 5 miles. Join us on this spiritual, historical and inspirational journey.



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