

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 22, 2015

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—9:00 am & 11:00 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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." - Jn 18:36

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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When we were little children, we were given many examples of kings, mostly in fairy tales. These were usually red-robed gentlemen who either ruled with an iron fist or spent most of their time trying to marry off their beautiful daughters. As we grew, we learned of kings who constantly battled neighboring kings for territorial conquests. None of those kings seems to coincide with what we are taught about the greatest one of all, Christ the King. Where others lead by authoritarian rule, our King leads us by serving, and by giving us his greatest treasure, love. How can we now define king any other way?

We are nearly to Advent, the time in which we all pause and celebrate the period of waiting for a coming Savior, a king for all the people. Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical calendar, and is the feast of Christ the King. In today's reading, Pilate repeatedly asks Jesus if he is king of the Jews. His answer? "You say I am a king." In the footnotes to the New American Bible, it says that this is a "reluctant affirmative" at best. In other words, Jesus probably felt Pilate would never understand the type of king Jesus was; it was best to answer with a non-answer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that we, the people of God, share in the royal office of Christ. In his kingship, he draws all of us to him, asking us to reign as he did, in service to others (CCC 786). The people of the time of Jesus' earthly life had heard of a coming king and savior for many generations; their own experience with kings led them to believe their king would be a mighty ruler as well. But this King of Kings, the greatest of all, spoke softly, served others, showed compassion for all, and asked only for love in return.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Temporary Administrator Father Daniel Caruso **Office Assistant** Mary Olmsted

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Religious Education Catherine Mackey

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.

Saturday, Nov. 28th and Sunday, Nov. 29th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Pat Campagna

9:00AM ~ Marian Crinnin

11:00AM ~ Claire & Marissa



ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

11:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Mary Elizabeth Cusano

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ M.E. Cusano, P. Serio, M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin,
T. Bartorillo

9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, P. Schramm, J. Mott, R. Warren,
J. Barraco

11:00AM ~ R. Flores, M. Flores, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone,
R. Ramos, F. Brimfield

Faith Formation News

This Saturday, the Confirmation 1 class will meet. There will be classes this Sunday. Next Sunday, November 29, there will be no classes due to the Thanksgiving break. Have a wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving!



It is that time again to start thinking about the Christmas Play. Any child registered in our Religious Education program is invited to participate. We are again looking for parent or family volunteers to help before the play and the day of the play. More information and details to follow. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help, please contact Catherine Mackey.



Sharing The Gospel

Today is Christ the King Sunday. Instead of using his power selfishly to get whatever he wanted, Jesus used his power to free people from sickness, from death, and from evil. Jesus came to tell us the truth about God. Now we need to listen to the voice of Jesus and follow his example.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our loving king.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus wearing a crown of thorns.

Mission for the Week

We "listen to Jesus" when we follow his example. This week, let others go first when you play a game.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.



From Fr. Daniel Caruso

This Thursday, November 26th, we as a nation celebrate Thanksgiving Day. As Catholics, we celebrate Thanksgiving whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving." This doesn't mean, however, that we can't share in a special national day of Thanksgiving. Indeed, because we are thanksgiving people, we are obligated to set an example to others on how to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. I encourage you to take time on Thanksgiving morning to join your sisters and brothers in Christ to offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, the Eucharist. **This year, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter's Church at 9:00AM on Thanksgiving Day. This celebration is for both the Pompei/St. Peter and the St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity communities. (The parishes will take turns hosting the Thanksgiving service.) It is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to come together and thank the Lord for the blessing of the Northside Catholic community.** I hope you will join in celebrating Mass that day. Remember: it can't truly be a day of Thanksgiving without taking the time to thank the One who is the origin of all our gifts.



It is a Thanksgiving tradition in many homes for individuals to share with others what they are thankful for. I am grateful, as always, for the gifts of life, faith, family, friendship, and the Priesthood. I am also thankful for the opportunity to serve at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. It has already been 11 months since Bishop Cunningham invited me to minister here. It is a place of tremendous blessings. I am thankful for the wonderful staff, the caring and generous people, and for the marvelous opportunity for all of us to grow in God's Grace together.

Please note that the rectory offices will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in order to allow the staff some needed rest and renewal as well as the opportunity for them to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families.

On behalf of the staff, Petey and Mary the Wonder-Puppies, and myself, I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving. You all remain in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Dan

Giving Tree

This year we are happy to have The Giving Tree in our Church for the Christmas Season. Tags are hanging with gift suggestions. After choosing a tag, please return the gift **unwrapped** and place it under the Tree. Catholic Charities will receive the gifts for their 300 plus families. The Giving Tree will be up from Nov. 28 through Dec. 13. If you are unable to return your gifts to Church or just have gifts to donate you can deliver them to the rectory during business hours. We are taking toys, games, books, etc. for children up to 13 years of age. Hats, gloves, mittens, socks also. If you have any questions please contact the rectory.



The Mass makes the sacrifice of the cross present again. We are joined to the saving work of Christ.

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

November

Fri. Nov. 27 Group 2 Altar Cleaning
Sun. Nov. 22 Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Nov. 29 Group 2 Money Counters



Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Almighty God,
 you bring forth bountiful food from the earth
 that our loved ones may never grow hungry.

For this, we give thanks.

You give us families that meet at this time
 to reunite and be one with each other.

For this, we give thanks.

You have let us live in a land
 that has unbridled opportunity and unparalleled freedoms.

For this, we give thanks.

For those who are hungry today, we pray for their fulfillment.

For families that are separated, we pray for their unity.

And for people who live in the midst of persecution,
 we pray for their deliverance.

We ask all these things through Christ,
 our ever-risen Lord.

Amen.

Sunday Collection Nov. 14th & 15th

Regular Envelope collection	\$2,827.25
Loose collection	\$718.00
Fuel collection	\$72.00
Human Development collection	\$242.05



Bishop Grimes Annual Alumni Basketball Game

Get ready for the second annual Alumni Basketball Game Reunion. Bishop Grimes has invited Brandon Triche to watch the game and have lunch with Grimes alums. The event will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at 11:00am in the Sheehan Gym. Immediately following the game, please join us for a complimentary lunch and to meet Brandon. For more information, please contact the Office of Mission Advancement at (315) 314-7157.

Thank You Lord

For my strengths and weaknesses. For the lessons I share and the ones I have learned. Thank You for loving me unconditionally and help me to remember to love one another as You love me. Only let me live each day full of praise and thanks, immersed in Your grace.



Lord,
 From the bottom of
 my heart I thank
 You for your many
 blessings.



Serving Our Country Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Ben Saucier, Rob Smith and Bryan M. Oakes.**

Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Judy Banky, Antonietta Briggs, Albert Bleskoski, Catherine Cushman, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Mike Cannavino, Robert Capria, Ken Castle, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Peter DiBello, Anthony DiRenzo, Joan Dominic, Norma Foody, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Gladys Graham, June Greene, Jeanne Hammond, Alan "Butch" Hierholzer, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Carolyn Longo, Joanne Loughney, Diane Mackey, Bernice McClelland, Carol McGuire, Peggy Miccinelli, Helen Mnich, Darlene Noyes, Shelby Ohstrom, 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, Pat Wall and Eileen Weir.



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