

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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August 21, 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.

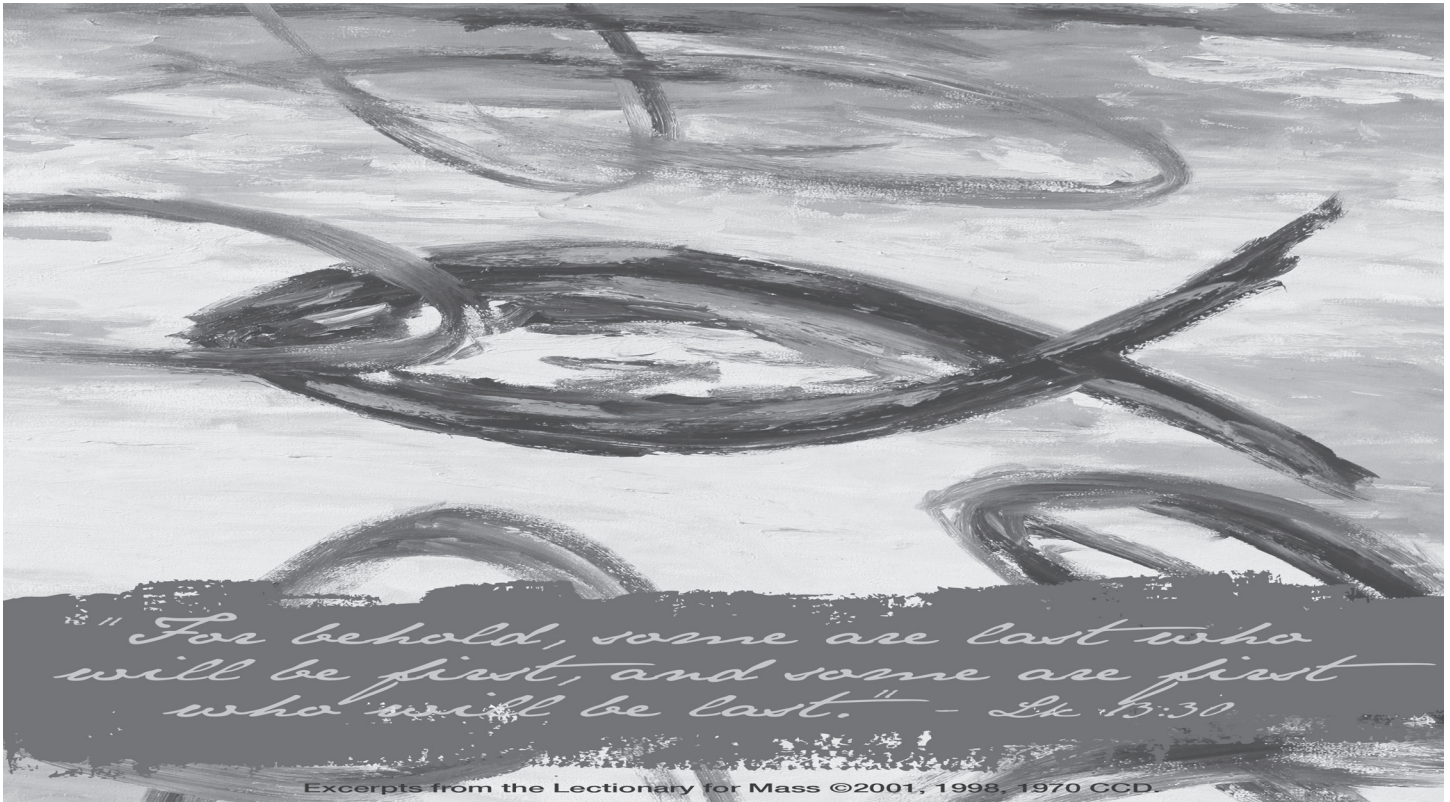
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." For Jesus' original audience, this reference was meant for those Jews who presumed their salvation while judging others as being unworthy of entering the kingdom of God. Jesus was always quick to teach that believing in him was what mattered, not membership in a certain class or a particular religious circle. Therefore, some of the (last) Gentiles who professed faith in Jesus were ready to enter the kingdom before some of the (first) Jews who rejected the Messiah.

But we should not assume that this Gospel was only for those people in that time and place. Today, there is perhaps a different stratum of first and last. In our Christian era, we can be tempted to have the same presumptuous attitude that afflicted too many of the Jewish contemporaries of Christ. We can think that our salvation is assured just because we bear the title Christian. Likewise, we can fall prey to the idea that we are somehow better or more deserving of Christ's mercy than those who do not "belong" to our Church. This simply isn't true. God's mercy is available to everyone who humbly recognizes one's need for it. The minute we become complacent or overconfident, we close ourselves off to the gift of mercy God offers to the repentant sinner.

Jesus tells us today that we must "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This means that we must not take the easy road of presumption, assuming that we are in good shape because we look like most of the people around us. On the contrary, Jesus calls us to take the more challenging road of real repentance in order to "recline at table in the kingdom of God."

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Administrator Father Daniel Caruso

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Religious Education Catherine Mackey

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

Heaven will be wonderful. People from all over the world will be there to enjoy God's friendship. No matter how small you feel now, you will always be important to God in heaven. Once you accept the gift of love from Jesus, you will want to change your life. You will want to spend time with God, and you will want to show love to other people. Then you can look forward to heaven.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to do all that I can to grow closer to you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself standing next to Jesus in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

The phrase in today's Gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.



Ink Jet Collections

Thank you for dropping off your used ink jet cartridges. We are able to accept all INK JET cartridges now. The receptacle can be found on the bench located in the front vestibule of Church.

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



Sunday Collection Aug. 13th and Aug. 14th

Regular Envelope collection	\$2,988.25
Loose collection	\$351.00
Poor collection	\$159.00
The Assumption collection	\$209.00

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." — Lk 13:22-24a

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21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

State fairs are famous for their many contests. The best cow, the best pig, the best sheep are hailed as "Grand Champions." The best cake, the best raspberry jam, the finest pickles, and the most delectable pie are awarded blue ribbons. Cheese and butter, honey and maple syrup, fruits and vegetables, agricultural products of all kinds win prizes of distinction based on criteria for their category. Handcrafted items are also entered into competition, and ribbons won displayed on the home mantle. While almost anyone can enter one of these contests, there is only one blue ribbon, only one grand champion.



In Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus respond to a question posed to him about the number who will be saved. One of the tenets of our faith concerns the universal salvific will of God, that is, God wants everyone to be saved. But God has also given humankind free will, meaning that people have a choice in accepting God's invitation to salvation. For those of us who are believers, it can be difficult to comprehend that someone would not want to enjoy eternal life. But that is a choice that God offers, and the Gospel this Sunday reinforces the idea that being saved is more than just a casual acquaintance with Jesus.

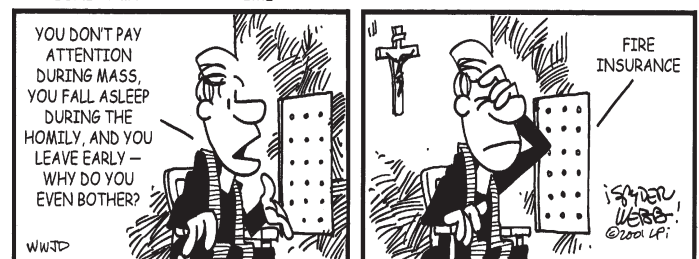
Like a competition at the state fair, there are criteria for entering the kingdom of God. They are not mysterious. There is not some secret code that we need to know. What is needed is clearly spelled out just like the rules for entering a pie or jar of canned peaches. We need to love God. We need to listen to his word. We need to be compassionate toward others. We need to love our neighbor. The difference between these criteria and entering a state fair contest is that there is always more than one grand champion in the Christian life. Everyone who follows faithfully gets a blue ribbon.



School Supply Collection

Eastern Farm Workers Association (EFWA) is an all-volunteer membership association built by and for farm workers and other workers who fall outside the dubious benefits of the national labor laws; who work but don't receive a living wage. EFWA runs completely independent of government funding. EFWA has requested back to school supplies that they will distribute to the children of these farm workers who are in need. Please consider any of the following supplies as a donation; **markers, colored pencils, pencil boxes, scissors & rulers, pencil sharpeners, blue & black pens, crayons, erasers, spiral notebooks (1 & 3 subject), pocket folders, 3-ring binders, composition notebooks, glue sticks and loose leaf paper.** A labeled donation box will be in the Park St. vestibule of the church Aug. 27 & 28 for donations. Thank you for your consideration and donations.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Aug. 20, 2016 - 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Thomas Bleskoski - Ed & Carol McGuire
Deceased of the Pennacchia Family - The Family
Marie Grunninger - Husband, Ronald & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Domenico DeMichele - Maria DeMichele
OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Aug. 21, 2016 - 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - Donald Bill - The Palucci Family
Bill Jaquin, Jr. - The Family
Marianna Sanzone - The Campanino Family
Giuseppina & Giuseppe DelVecchio -
Anna DelVecchio & Family
OLP/SP 10:30 am

**Mon. - Aug. 22, 2016 - The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:00 Noon - Frederic J. Gale - Ed & Karin Airl
Mary Murley - Ed & Karin Airl

Tues. - Aug. 23, 2016 - St. Rose of Lima, virgin

12:00 Noon - Luella & Lucille Hatter -
Daughters, Susan & Nancy & Granddaughters

Wed. - Aug. 24, 2016 - St. Bartholomew, apostle

**Thurs. - Aug. 25, 2016 - Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz,
priest**

Fri. - Aug. 26, 2016

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Mr. & Mrs. P.J. Rush - Son & Family

Sat. - Aug. 27, 2016 - 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - For The People

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Aug. 28, 2016 - 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 10:30 am



1st Banns of Marriage
Alexa Lynch and James Bombardo

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, Jim Gouchie, 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, August 27th & Sunday, August 28th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Grace Piazza

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano, G. Mastriano, R. Copani,
R. Bartorillo, T. Bartorillo, G. Larkin

9:00AM ~ J. Barraco, Michael Dykeman, Michele Dykeman,
J. Mott, P. Schramm, M. Piazza, L. Argiro



Sun. Aug. 21 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 28 Group 1 Money Counters

Fri. Aug. 26 Group 2 Altar Cleaners

Wed. Aug. 24 Catholic Golden Ageds 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

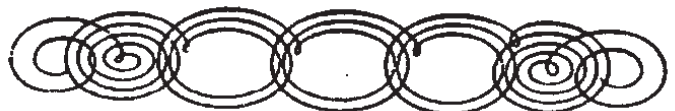


What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in the public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "the virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way."

It is this pattern of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

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



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