

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 15, 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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"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

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Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." It may strike us as odd that there are things that the angels don't know. But it's even more surprising that Jesus--the Son of God--would have been unaware of the divine schedule for the end of the world. Given all of this, should it come as any surprise that there are things that God chooses not to reveal to us right now?

In his wisdom, God knows when the timing is right to reveal his plans to us. The fact that we don't know everything helps us remember that we are not God. We are his creatures, dependent upon him for our existence, our sustenance, and for the hour of our death too. In this era of instant Internet information, advanced diagnostic medical tests, and statistical surveys predicting future trends, it's hard to accept the fact that there are some things we just can't know. But this reality should keep us humble, reminding us that we don't have to know everything because we are in the powerful hands of a loving God.

Thus, any attempt to "see the future" through psychic mediums like palm reading, tarot cards, or astrology suggests a kind of distrust in God. As the catechism states, such practices "contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (§2116). As much as we might want to know when the world will end, when our dreams will come true, or when our problems will cease, we are called to walk in faith, accepting what God chooses to reveal and trusting that even our moments of uncertainty are part of his benevolent plan for us. As today's psalm declares, "you will show me the path to life." What else do we really need to know?

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Temporary 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.

Saturday, Nov. 21st and Sunday, Nov. 22nd

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ David Viggiano

11:00AM ~ Fran Brimfield



ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Noah & Lucas Smith & Grace Piazza

11:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Mary Elizabeth Cusano

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ J. LaVergne, L. Weir, P. Serio, T. Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo

9:00AM ~ L. Argiro, K. Argiro, M. Piazza, P. Walters, R. Elderbroom

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

Faith Formation News

This Sunday will be the Children's Liturgy during the 9:00 mass. The children will be participating in the rolls of the mass, in order to learn them and to take an active part in the mass and in their parish.

Reminder that there will be no classes on November 29, due to Thanksgiving break.



Sharing The Gospel

Today's Gospel reading gives us both a warning and a promise. One day Jesus will come back, so we need to be ready. For those of us who follow God to the end, Jesus promises to take us to heaven. So live

every day like you are going to meet Jesus. One day you will.

Prayer

Dear God, keep me close to you until I live with you in heaven.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of angels bringing you to heaven.

Mission for the Week

Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Today's Gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows, only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty. Like the fig tree in the Gospel, the people we love grow and change.



Attention Maine's Shoppers

Maine's cash and carry has a great give back program that St. John's/Holy Trinity is a part of. When you sign up you are given a card that you present at the check out that the cashier will scan. **5% of EACH PURCHASE** is then donated to St. John's/Holy Trinity quarterly. There is no cost to you and sign up is easy. You can ask for a form at the service desk at the store in North Syracuse, visit www.Mainesource.net and go to non-profits, then give back program, and you can fill out the form and submit it online or contact the rectory as we have forms available.



Immaculata Medallion Award 2015

This year St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity will honor Gerald "Jerry" Mott with the Immaculata Medallion Award. Ceremony is Sunday, December 6 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, downtown. Time and other details will be announced in the near future. Jerry has been an active member of this parish over 60 years having attended St. John the Baptist Academy from 2nd grade through 12th. We thank you, Jerry, for all that you do to help keep SJB/HT a proud parish.

International Food Festival Recap

Our 9th Annual International Food Festival was a success. **THANKS** to our specialty chefs, our parish bakers and to those who donated the 29 raffle baskets, to all our volunteers who worked the 15 food booths and a special **THANK YOU** to our set-up and clean-up crews.



To our parish families and friends, Thank You for your participation and support. You helped make over two thousand dollars for your parish!



33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

There were a bunch of folks who believed that the world was going to end in October of 2012. They based that belief on the supposed long count of the Mayan calendar. Since you're reading this, the world obviously didn't end. Of course, there are some dissenters who are holding out for December 21. Guess they won't be celebrating Christmas this year! Last year it was the people who followed Harold Camping who thought May 21, 2011, would be the last day. When it wasn't, Mr. Camping did a quick recalculation and informed everyone that it was really going to be October 21, 2011. Why is it that Americans seem to get caught up in these predictions? These are not just recent occurrences. The nineteenth century was rife with these kinds of predictions and movements. In uncertain times it may be that some people find a certain solace in having a date in their minds as to when things will end.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus points out that there are signs to accompany the end of time. The sun will darken and the moon will not give light. Scientists tell us we've only got about 4.5 billion years left on this one. As for the Son of Man coming in the clouds, Jesus has not left us with a date on which he is returning.

For those who can get wrapped up in predictions of this sort, the words of Jesus are pretty clear: "that day or hour, no one knows" (Mk 13:32). As Christians we don't need to know the date of Christ's return in glory. Whether it happens this afternoon or a million years from now really makes no difference. What is important is that we live our lives in such a way that we are always ready for his return. If we follow his commands, live according to Christ's law of love, and care for those in need, we will be ready whenever our Lord comes to take us home.



Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Nov. 14, 2015 - 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
4:00 pm - For The People

Sun. - Nov. 15, 2015 - 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
9:00 am - Rosa & Antonio Pettrone -

Anna Delvecchio & Family

Pat DeSalvo - Tish DeSalvo

11:00 am - Marie Brimfield - Mary Olmsted

Mon. - Nov. 16, 2015 - Sts. Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude, virgin

12:00 Noon - Salvatore Copani - John Torantino & Family

Tues. - Nov. 17, 2015 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
12:00 Noon - Mary Lou Fiacchi - Ben & Shelia Panyard

Wed. - Nov. 18, 2015 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin

Thurs. - Nov. 19, 2015

Fri. - Nov. 20, 2015

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 Noon - Agnes Ewald - Estate

Sat. - Nov. 21, 2015 - Vigil - Our Lord Jesus Christ

King Of The Universe

4:00 pm - Tomaino Filomena & Pietro Paolo -

Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Mazza

Sun. - Nov. 22, 2015 - Our Lord Jesus Christ

King Of The Universe

9:00 am - For The People

11:00 am - Angie Conselvio - The Family

Tommasina Carfagno - The Twin Brothers

The Sanctuary Lamp

will burn in memory of **James Caprilozzi**
 requested by **The Family**



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 Drenzo, 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 and Pat Wall.



Thanksgiving Day Mass and Office Info

This year, Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Pompei and St. Peters Church at 9:00AM.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Wed., Nov. 25, Thurs., Nov. 26 and Fri., Nov. 27 with **no Noon Mass or confession on Friday**, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please plan accordingly.



Fri. Nov. 20 Group 1 Altar Cleaning

Fri. Nov. 27 Group 2 Altar Cleaning

Sun. Nov. 15 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Nov. 22 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Nov. 22 Group 2 Money Counters

Mon. Nov. 16 Parish Council Meeting
 7:00PM in the Rectory

Thurs. Nov. 19 TNT Neighborhood Watch Meeting
 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. Nov. 25 Catholic Golden Agers
 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center



Advent By Candlelight

All women are invited to a peaceful, candlelight evening to envision the unconditional love of God. This event will be held at St. Rose of Lima School, 411 S.

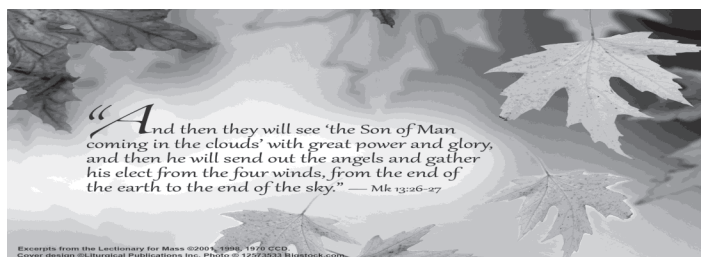
Main St, North Syracuse on Nov. 29 from 6:30-9:00PM. Anne Costa, a local author and inspirational speaker will guide us through **A Triumph of Mercy... A Story of Love**. What a beautiful way to begin Advent! There is a requested donation of \$10. Invite your friends to this evening to take a moment for themselves. Tables are available if you would like to host one; or be our guest at an open table. Please contact Margaret Ostaszewski, for reservations or questions at 452-0911 or margaretost@yahoo.com.

Sunday Collection Nov. 7th & 8th

Regular Envelope collection	\$4,369.75
Loose collection	\$576.15
Poor collection	\$84.00
Fuel collection	\$660.01
All Souls collection	\$147.00

Thank You Lord

For the family and friends who are with me. Their love and support I am truly blessed to have. Forgive me if I forget to return that love and support that You ask of me. Only let me live each day full of praise and thanks, immersed in Your grace.



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