

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 8, 2015

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—9:00 am & 11:00 am

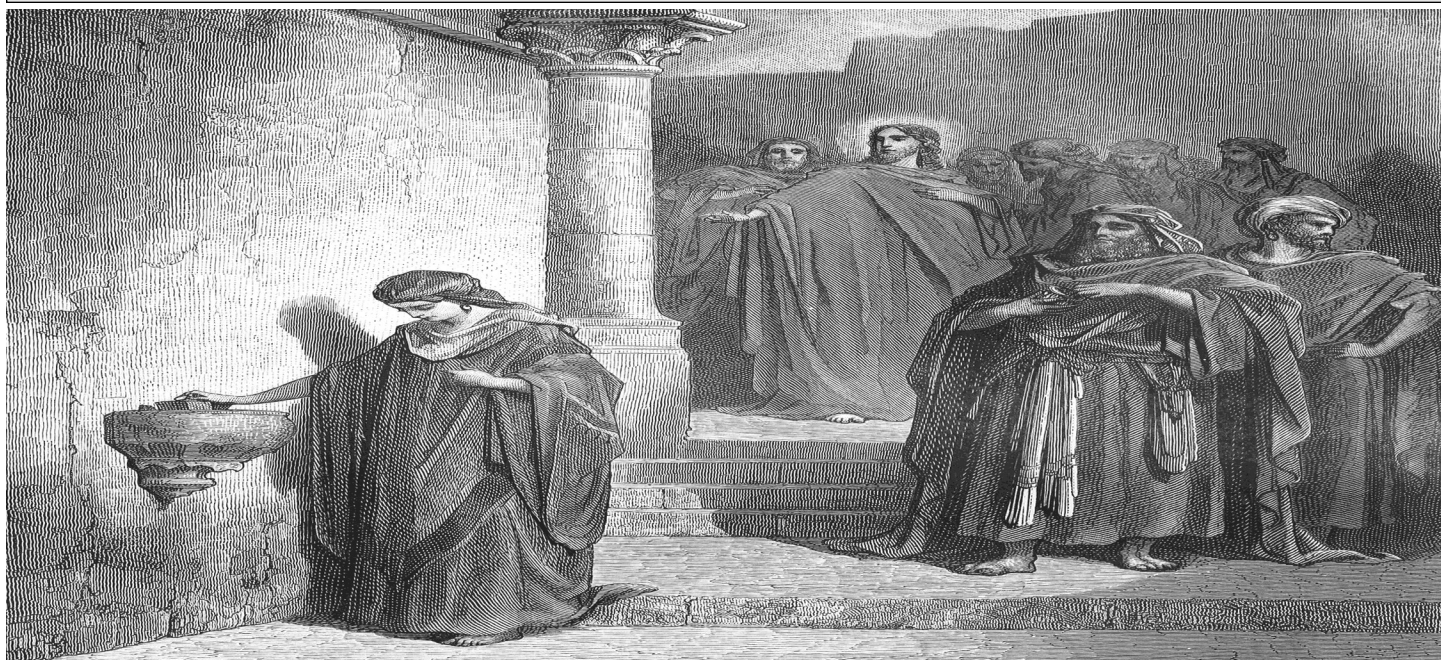
Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30am. Or by appointment.

Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

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Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." Just two small coins, worth only a few cents--this was the greatest contribution of the day? Jesus explains that this widow's tiny sum was generous in a way that the larger amounts people gave were not. Others made noticeable, "impressive" donations to the Temple treasury, which in fact cost them nothing. These were simply "from their surplus wealth." But the poor widow "contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." She was truly generous, giving what cost her dearly. Her contribution was made out of love, not just out of obligation or for the sake of show.

God has given us all different "livelihoods." Some of us have more money, more talents, more resources. Some of us have less. But of course we know that God's love for us is not based on this external data. He loves the rich and the poor alike. The question is whether this external data affects our love for God. Sometimes, those who are poor are more aware of God's providence and protection. Sometimes, they are bitter. As for those who are rich, it can be tempting to feel so comfortable and complacent that they don't recognize their need for God or his action in their lives. But Jesus' message challenges us all today to gratefully give back to God in thanks for whatever he has given us, be it small or great. We are called not to give from our surplus but to share from our very livelihood. That is to say, we are called to acknowledge that our livelihood itself, no matter the details, is a gift from God. Let us follow the wisdom of the widow who showed gratitude for what she had and was truly generous in spite of what she lacked.

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. 14th and Sunday, Nov. 15th

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ John Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Religious Education Children

11:00AM ~ Ed Thater



ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

11:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Mary Elizabeth Cusano

EUCCHARIST:

4:00PM ~ L. Weir, M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin, G. Mastriano, M.E. Cusano

9:00AM ~ L. Argiro, K. Argiro, Michele Dykeman,
Michael Dykeman, E. Warren

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

Faith Formation News

On Sunday, November 15, there will be a Children's Mass during the 9:00AM Mass. The children will actively participate in different rolls in the liturgy. This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to learn how to be involved in the Mass, so as to learn their faith and the Sacred Tradition that is an integral part of that. We hope parishioners will enjoy seeing our young students living their faith.



Our program keeps growing! We have many new students this year and happily welcome them to our Faith Formation Family. There is always room for more. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them email or call Catherine Mackey at 478-0916 or catmac@verizon.net.

Read the Gospel and Color



Sharing The Gospel

God wants us to be humble, and he wants us to share our blessings. So many people Jesus met were proud, and they thought they deserved special treatment.

Other people were rich, but they took what they wanted first and gave God what was left. The poor widow in today's Gospel got it right. She quietly gave to God all she had.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to quietly give you the best of all that you have given me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the poor widow who trusted God with her whole heart.

Mission for the Week

If you have your own money, take some of it and offer it to the collection basket. Shhhh! Remember to give it to God quietly.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

The widow in today's Gospel gave only a little, and it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moment and give all you have.



32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

We all know the maxim, "Actions speak louder than words." It is part of our cultural heritage. It is one of those truisms that we accept. We all know that there are plenty of words that lead to action. Words themselves have their own power. If they didn't, people wouldn't be writing essays, blogs, diatribes, commentaries, or advertisements. Very often, we use words to get people to take action. How many times have we seen a splashy ad with the words "Buy now!" prominently displayed in an overlay. Advertisers look to include a call to action to seal the deal. So in some ways words are just as important as the actions themselves. Actions by the British government and inflammatory words by pamphleteers push the Continental Congress to write the Declaration of Independence, words that became a call to action on the part of the populace.



This weekend's Gospel is a combination of words and actions. In the first half Jesus is teaching about the dangers of religious hypocrisy. He warns his followers to make sure that their daily actions conform to their religious beliefs. In the second half of the Gospel, Jesus praises the widow who makes a donation to the Temple treasury. Her simple act of kindness spoke volumes about her own devotion and religious convictions. To quote another proverb, she "gave until it hurt."

The life of a Christian is always a balance between words and actions. The words of faith-the doctrine, the preaching, the Bible study, the prayers-give the foundation to who we are as Christians. Without those words, our identity gets muddled. It's one reason we proclaim one of the creeds each Sunday. However, our actions in the world give firm expression to our faith. Without them no one would ever see what Christianity really is: the love of Christ made visible in the world by his followers today.



Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father,
on this day, help us remember those
who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure.
Enkindle in our consciences a desire
to serve those who served their country selflessly.
Give us the grace to aid those
who have given aid and protection to us and others
both here and overseas.
Let us never forget the causes for which they fought
or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.
May we be always be mindful of those
who paid the price for our freedom,
just as your Son gave his life
to free us from the bondage of sin.
Amen.

Holy Family School's Movie Matinee

At the Palace Theatre, 2384 James Street, Saturday, Nov. 14 at 1:00PM. Showing **Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium**. Tickets \$5.00, \$25.00 family pack (4 tickets and a bucket of popcorn). Tickets available at Holy Family School or at door. Questions call 487-8515.



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. 13	Group 4 Altar Cleaning
Fri. Nov. 20	Group 1 Altar Cleaning
Fri. Nov. 27	Group 2 Altar Cleaning
Sun. Nov. 8	Group 3 Money Counters
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



Christ The King Retreat House

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Conversation Series: We welcome the public to have a conversation with Onondaga County Sheriff **Eugene Conway** who will speak on "What I Expect from my Department" on Thursday, November 12. Free will offering.

Evening of Reflection on Poetry: Tuesday, November 17 7:00-9:00PM. Facilitated by Mary Ellen Curtin, CSJ. Enjoy an evening of poetry of Mary Oliver, David, Whyte and other contemporary poets. Offering \$15.

Early Thanksgiving Mass and Lunch: Wednesday, November 18 11:30AM-2:00PM. Today we will take time to offer thanks. We will begin with Mass and then enjoy a turkey dinner. Celebrant and Homilist, Fr. John Rose. Offering \$15.

Advent Day of Prayer: Wednesday, December 9 10:00AM-3:00PM. The Coming of Christ Into Our Lives: Advent Day of Prayer with Pope Francis and Thomas Merton. Open to all clergy, religious and laity of all denominations. Facilitated by Dan Horan OFM, Franciscan Friar and spiritual writer. Offering \$35, \$30 for religious.

Annual Fundraiser: Sunday, December 13. Sponsoring a performance of "Peter Pan" at Syracuse Stage. Performance will begin at 2:00PM. Tickets are \$50 each and \$35 for guest under 17. Looking for Gift Basket donations for our raffle. If you would like to donate on call the Retreat House.



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 and Pat Wall.



Sunday Collection Oct. 24th & 25th

Regular Envelope collection	\$4,576.25
Loose collection	\$494.71
Poor collection	\$164.00
Fuel collection	\$85.00
Seminary collection	\$234.25
All Souls collection	\$290.00

Thank You Lord

For the roof over my head and a nice bed to sleep in. There's food on my table and shoes on my feet. Your loving touch is everywhere. Forgive me if I forget my great blessings, if ever I start to complain. Only let me live each day full of praise and thanks, immersed in Your grace.



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