

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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October 23, 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.

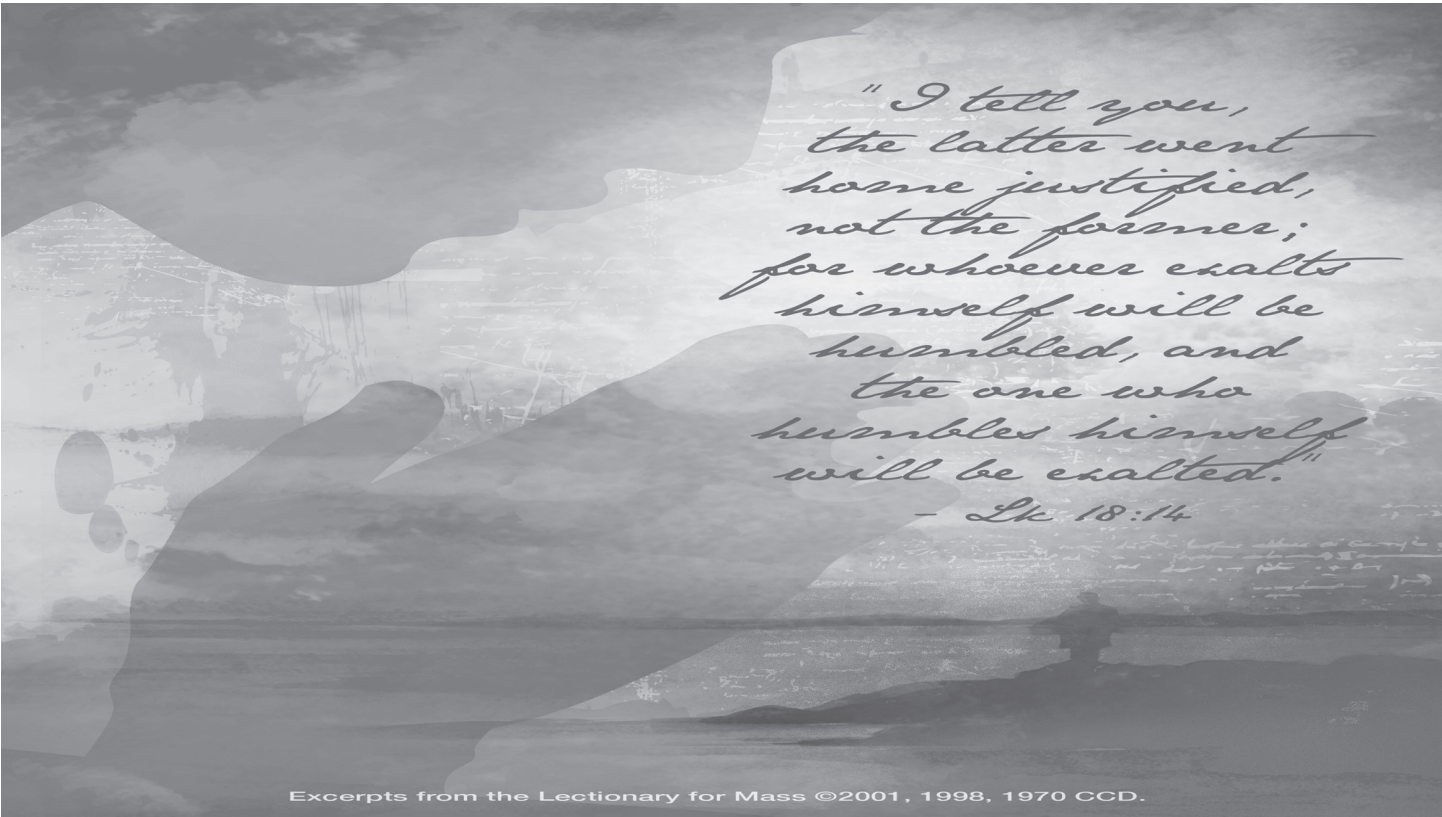
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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*"I tell you,
the latter went
home justified,
not the former;
for whoever exalts
himself will be
humbled, and
the one who
humbles himself
will be exalted."
- Lk 18:14*

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Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." The Pharisee and the tax collector-- polar opposites by practice. The one is a religious leader, a professional follower-of-the-law. The other is a deviant who extorts money for himself as he goes about his economic business. But in today's parable, Jesus flips these perceptions around. The humble tax collector is the one who "went home justified." Whereas the Pharisee has a flawless outer appearance, when we see a glimpse into his inner thoughts we detect his vanity and presumption. We see a man who may keep the letter of the law, but who is not truly converted to God's ways in his heart. The tax collector, on the other hand, pleads for God's mercy, recognizing that he needs it.

So, which one are we? Honestly, most of us are probably a combination of these two character types. Most of us follow God's laws some of the time, and fail to do so at other times. But the important point is to honestly acknowledge when we do fail, and to ask God to have mercy upon us. If we think we have nothing about which to plead for mercy, chances are we are living in a kind of self-imposed blindness like the Pharisee. When we won't admit we need help, it's hard to get the help we need! Instead, we should humble ourselves by honestly examining our conscience (regularly!) and seeking God's forgiveness, particularly through reconciliation, the great sacrament of divine mercy.

As hard as it may be for some of us to confess our sins to a priest, this humble act of acknowledging our failings prepares us to be "justified" like the tax collector who cried out, "Be merciful to me a sinner!"

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.



**Please join us in the Parish Center for
Coffee and Doughnuts
Sunday, Oct. 23 following 9:00am Mass**

Sharing The Gospel

If you have ever thought that you were better than somebody else, you are not alone. Even grown-ups think that way sometimes. The truth is, you really are not better than anyone else. You sin. You make mistakes, just like other people do. No matter how big or how small you think your mistakes are, they still make God angry. Instead of looking down on other people, remember your own mistakes. Ask God to forgive you.



Prayer

Dear God, I am so sorry I ever thought I was better than anybody else. Please forgive me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of something you did wrong. Then draw a picture of yourself asking God to forgive you.

Mission for the Week

Ask everyone in your class to make cards for people in prison. Jesus knows when people are truly sorry for what they have done wrong. Jesus wants to forgive prisoners, just like he wants to forgive you.



**A Family Perspective
Family Life Education**

Listen to Jesus in today's Gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.

**Information For Parishioners Regarding
Pastoral Planning**

The October Count is an annual census of the Mass attendance for each weekend Mass during the month of October throughout the diocese. This provides pastoral councils and the diocese with a useful statistic. It is valuable for pastoral planning.



International Food Festival

Join us on Saturday, November 12 from 12:00 Noon - 7:00PM for our 10th Annual International Food Festival located in the SJB/HT Parish Center. Many traditional foods offered from our very talented Parish Chefs including, Polish, German, Scottish, Italian, Mexican and American cuisines. Samples are \$1.00 and dinners available from \$3.00-\$5.00. Soda is \$1.00. 50/50 Raffle, Turkey Raffles, Themed Gift Baskets and Baked Goods. We look forward to sharing this time with you. Always an outstanding time and fun for all!

Bakers, Baskets, Cooks

Please call the rectory if you would like to offer your cooking talents and recipe. If you would like to offer a gift basket, you may drop it in to the rectory anytime during office hours. We will accept baked goods on Friday, Nov. 11 from 9:00am-2:30pm in the rectory or Saturday morning 9:00am. Would you like to help us through out the day, please contact the rectory and join in on the volunteer FUN!



Faith Formation News

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.



30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Many people will be celebrating Halloween this week, often with costumes, parties, and trick-or-treating. This holy evening the night before All Saints' Day is a time to cast out evil and to frighten away the darkness. The light of the jack-o'-lanterns with their scary faces is meant to intimidate the evil that lurks around in the night as we march into the day celebrating the saints triumphant. While some people may get caught up in the exuberance of a holiday, reveling without a thought to the holy day that follows, Halloween is by virtue of its very name, a sacred night. The saints whom we honor are people who threw aside darkness so that they could live as sons and daughters of light, who never pretended to be anything other than children of God.

The parable that Jesus tells in the Gospel today presents us with two men, a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee is so convinced of his own righteousness that he doesn't hesitate to tell God how good a man he thinks himself to be. In the meantime, it is the tax collector who is aware of his own need for God's mercy because of his recognition of his own faults before God. Jesus points out that the man who acknowledged his sinfulness was the man who went home justified.

They didn't celebrate Halloween in the days of the Pharisee and the tax collector. But the Pharisee seemed ready to dress himself up in all kinds of virtue in an attempt to show his supposed righteousness. We may dress up on Halloween in some outlandish costume just for fun. But in our lives each day we really need to put on Christ. Like the saints, we wear our dignity as sons and daughters of God, acknowledging our faults, seeking God's help, and abandoning any evil that lures us away from holiness. Then we'll have a real Hallowed Evening!

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@syrdio.org, or send the information in the mail.



Sunday Collection Oct. 15th and Oct. 16th

Regular collection	\$2,872.25
Loose collection	\$360.00
Fuel collection.....	\$152.00
Poor collection.....	\$130.00

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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

Mon. - Oct. 24, 2016 - St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

12:00 Noon - Michael Aiello

Tues. - Oct. 25, 2016

12:00 Noon - Edward Therre - St. John's Class of 43

Wed. - Oct. 26, 2016

Thurs. - Oct. 27, 2016

Fri. - Oct. 28, 2016 - Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Sharon Battaglia - Marie Summerwood

Sat. - Oct. 29, 2016 - 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

SJB/HT 4:00 pm - Gualitieri Family - Maria DeMichele

Rosalie Rivizzigno - Mother

Carol McGuire - Altar Rosary

Mary & Joseph Giordano - Joanne & Eric Drabog

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

Sun. - Oct. 30, 2016 - 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 8:00 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Bennie R. Sobon - The family

Anthony DelVecchio - Ann Carruthers

Richard J. Foertch - Cathy & Polly Foertch

Mary Olszewski -

The Peter DiBello & Joseph Mehlek Families

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.

SJB/HT-OLP/SP Christmas Party

Saturday, December 3 **Traditions at the Links 5900**

N. Burdick St. E. Syracuse beginning at 5:30PM.

\$30.00 per person. Tickets will be sold after all Masses starting Saturday, Oct. 29. Cash or check, payable to St. John/Holy Trinity, and we will need to know your entrée selection.



Saturday, Oct. 29th & Sunday, Oct. 30

LECTORS:

4:00PM ~ John Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Mary Barraco

ALTAR SERVERS:

4:00PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith, Grace Piazza

EUCCHARIST:

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

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



Sun. Oct. 23 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Oct. 30 Group 2 Money Counters

Fri. Oct. 28 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

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



The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn in memory of

Janet William Requested By **The Family**

Giuseppe Migliore Requested by **The Family**

Bishop Grimes Save The Dates

... Bishop Grimes Fall Drama Production:

"Somewhere, Nowhere" will be held Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29 at 7:00 pm at Bishop

Grimes Jr./Sr. High School. Tickets are \$8.00 per person/free for children under the age of 8. Family rates are available. Call Bishop Grimes today for more information: 437-0356.

... On Sunday, October 30th from 8:00 am- 10:00 am the Girls Basketball team is hosting a Pancake Breakfast at Applesbee's located at 628 S. Main St., North Syracuse, NY 13212. You can pay at the door, tickets are \$6.00 each and will benefit the varsity basketball teams at Bishop Grimes.

... November 19th - Scholarship and Entrance Exam, 7:45 am followed by Open House 12:00 pm -2:00 pm. Please preregister for the exam by calling the Admissions Office at 314-7157 or e-mailing Sue Collins at scollins@syrdioocese.org. We look forward to welcoming you!



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