

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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October 25, 2015

## Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday—9:00 am & 11:00 am

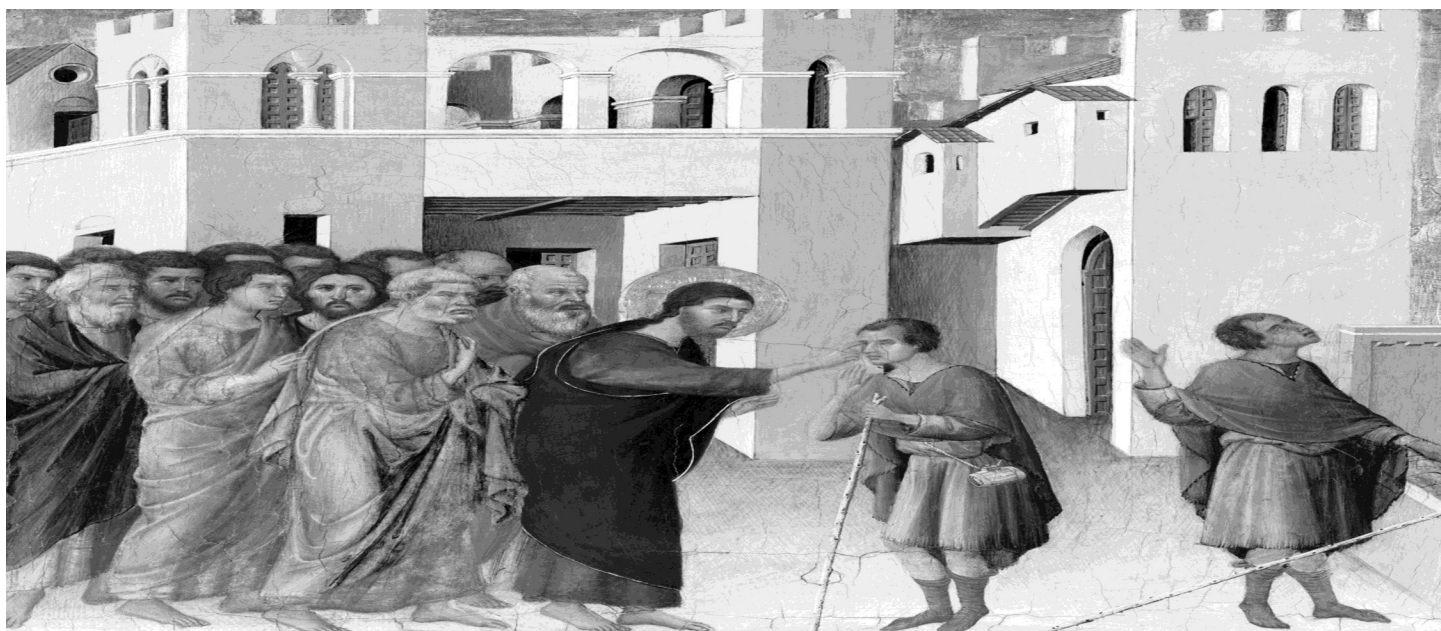
Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30am. Or by appointment.

## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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

## Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more." The blind Bartimaeus was a courageous fellow. Not only was he bold enough to call out to Jesus who was passing by, but he also had the guts to keep on calling, even when people were telling him to be quiet. Clearly, this man knew that he needed Jesus--and he wasn't about to let popular opinion convince him otherwise.

What were those people thinking who tried to silence the poor beggar? Perhaps they thought that Jesus was too busy for a stop along the way. Maybe they bought into the prevalent idea that Bartimaeus' blindness was a punishment for sin and that he was therefore a lost cause. Or it could be that they were just annoyed by his persistence. Whatever the case, these folks tried to pressure Bartimaeus into giving up. But he didn't. And the reward for his steadfastness was priceless: "Immediately he received his sight."

Immediately, that is, after he encountered Christ. But let's not forget that he had to invest all that time and energy earlier in order to arrive at that precious encounter. And we may have to do the same. Our persistence in prayer is often a necessary first step to the gift of God's intervention in our lives. We, like Bartimaeus, may have to call out time and time again, making our requests known to Jesus even when it may seem he isn't looking our way. We too may need to be faithful in the face of doubters and detractors who tell us that our prayers are pointless, that God doesn't really care, or that we deserve to be stuck in our own misery. Let us seek to be like this man who heard Jesus say, "Your faith has saved you."

## 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, Oct. 31st and Sunday, Nov. 1st**

**LECTORS:**

**4:00PM** ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

**9:00AM** ~ Ashley Murphy

**11:00AM** ~ Bruno Primerano



**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** ~ J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano, M.A. Bergamo,  
G. Mastriano, G. Larkin

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

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



**Mass For All Souls Remembered**

Monday, November 2 at 6:00PM, we will offer Mass for all those who have passed from our parish family between November 2014 and October 2015. Letters have been mailed to all families inviting them to the Mass. If you did not receive a letter and feel you should have, please call the rectory and we will assist you. A light reception will be offered in the SJB/HT Parish Center following the Mass.

**Religious Education News**

There is still time to register for Religious Education classes. Please contact Catherine Mackey at 478-0916 or at [catmac@verizon.net](mailto:catmac@verizon.net) for more information or to register. Great things are planned throughout the year, and we'd love to have your child or grandchild join us!



**Sharing The Gospel**

Bartimaeus may have been poor and blind, but he sure was smart! He had the kind of faith that made Jesus smile. Bartimaeus knew exactly who Jesus was—the Messiah. And Bartimaeus knew Jesus had the power to make him see. When Jesus called him, Bartimaeus left everything behind—even his coat—just to follow Jesus.

**Prayer**

Dear God, thank you for helping Bartimaeus see you and follow you. Help me to follow his example.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of Bartimaeus seeing Jesus for the very first time.

**Mission for the Week**

Wear a blindfold at home, and ask your family members to talk to you as usual. Just by the sound of each voice, you know who is talking, right? Talk about how being blind did not stop Bartimaeus from recognizing Jesus, either.

**A Family Perspective**

**Family Life Education**

When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? That then is



**Daylight Savings Ends**

Time to "Fall Behind". Set your clocks one hour behind on Sunday morning by 2:00AM. An extra hour of sleep! Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors too.



**30th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

When you have an opportunity to take a once in a lifetime chance, do you take it? Granted, there is no strict definition for such an instance, but in the strictest sense of the term, do you take chances or do you play it safe? One could argue that our lives are a series of opportunities, and some of the choices we make are the only chances we'll ever have. We may decide to go to work rather than college, and years later we're unable to find the time or the will to go back and get that degree. Or, sometimes a once in a lifetime chance is as simple as asking for something.

Bartimaeus figured that he had nothing to lose; blind since birth, he had heard that Jesus was preaching to a crowd nearby. Knowing in his heart that Jesus was truly the Son of God, Bartimaeus went to Jesus, and interrupting his sermon asked Jesus to cure his blindness. Jesus' compassion for a man who had such faith without seeing led him to grant his wish. If we can have faith in Jesus without ever having seen or heard him, will we realize a "once in a lifetime chance"?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, teaching on faith, states: "[A] disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it" (CCC 1816). Bartimaeus not only possessed great faith in Jesus, he was unashamed and unafraid to call out to his Savior in front of the many people around him. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Today, if you meet someone who needs the loving arms of Jesus Christ, take that chance to share his promise of everlasting life.

**World Mission**

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Last week our parish raised \$214.00. Some people are called to go to serve in other countries to develop the Church and serve its people, but all of us can pray and support the Missions from right here in the parish.



**Halloween**

Halloween has its origins in the ancient pagan Celtic and Roman fall festivals which commemorated the new year and the passing of the dead. Pope Boniface VI set November 1 as All Saint's Day, known as All Hallowsmas, from Middle English Alholowmesse. When November 2 was made All Souls Day 200 years later, the three days' celebration was called Hallowmas. The customs of Halloween, costumes, food and parties evolved over time, some rooted in ancient rites, others in remembrance of those who had died. These pagan feasts were Christianized by new meanings, although today it remains largely a secular holiday.

~Rev. James Gaffney

## 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. Oct. 30** Group 2 Altar Cleaning  
**Sun. Oct. 25** Group 1 Money Counters  
**Wed. Oct. 28** Catholic Golden Agers Meeting 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center

### Sunday Collection Oct. 10th & 11th

Regular Envelope collection .....	\$3,449.02
Loose collection .....	\$678.00
Poor collection .....	\$122.00
World Mission collection .....	\$214.00



### International Food Festival

Saturday, November 7  
12:00-7:00PM

SJB/HT Parish Center



Our great Parish Chefs are called upon, once again, to prepare and share your family's favorite traditional dishes for the International Food Festival.

#### International Cooks

Any cooking interests contact Patty Schramm at 454-5511 or the rectory.

#### Bakers

Baked Goods for sale can be donated on Friday night, Nov. 6, as we set up the parish center or the day of. All baked goods are welcomed.

#### Themed Basket Raffle

Basket can be donated anytime to the rectory prior to the event or dropped off the day of the event. We will draw for the basket winners at 6:30PM.



### News From Bishop Grimes

Bishop Grimes will be hosting their annual "A Night under the Stars" dinner/auction on Saturday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. The evening will consist of a reception with celebrity bar tenders, dinner, live entertainment, a live and silent auction, games, raffles and honorees. The school will be recognizing Barb Pfefferle with the Alumni Faculty Award; General Thomas Kane with the Alumni Achievement Award, and Danielle Cummings with the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. Reservations may be made by calling (315) 314-7157. This event is open to the general public.

Bishop Grimes Scholarship and Placement Exam is Sat. Oct. 31 from 7:45-11:30AM and Sat. Nov. 14 from 7:45-11:30AM. Fall Open House is Sat. Nov. 14 from 11:30AM-1:30PM.

Bishop Grimes 2nd Annual Sweepstakes Drawing - 18 chances to win a cash prize. Grand prize is \$5,000. Limited ticket sales. Don't delay. Purchase your tickets online by going to [www.bishopgrimes.org](http://www.bishopgrimes.org). Tickets are \$25. The drawing will take place on Saturday, October 24th. Need not be present to win. Call (315) 314-7157 today.

### 2016 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2016 is now open.

**PLEASE DO NOT MAIL IN REQUESTS.** Intentions will be taken during office hours or we will take requests over the phone. Thank You.



**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.



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