

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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August 13, 2017

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—5:30 pm

Sunday—9:00 am

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

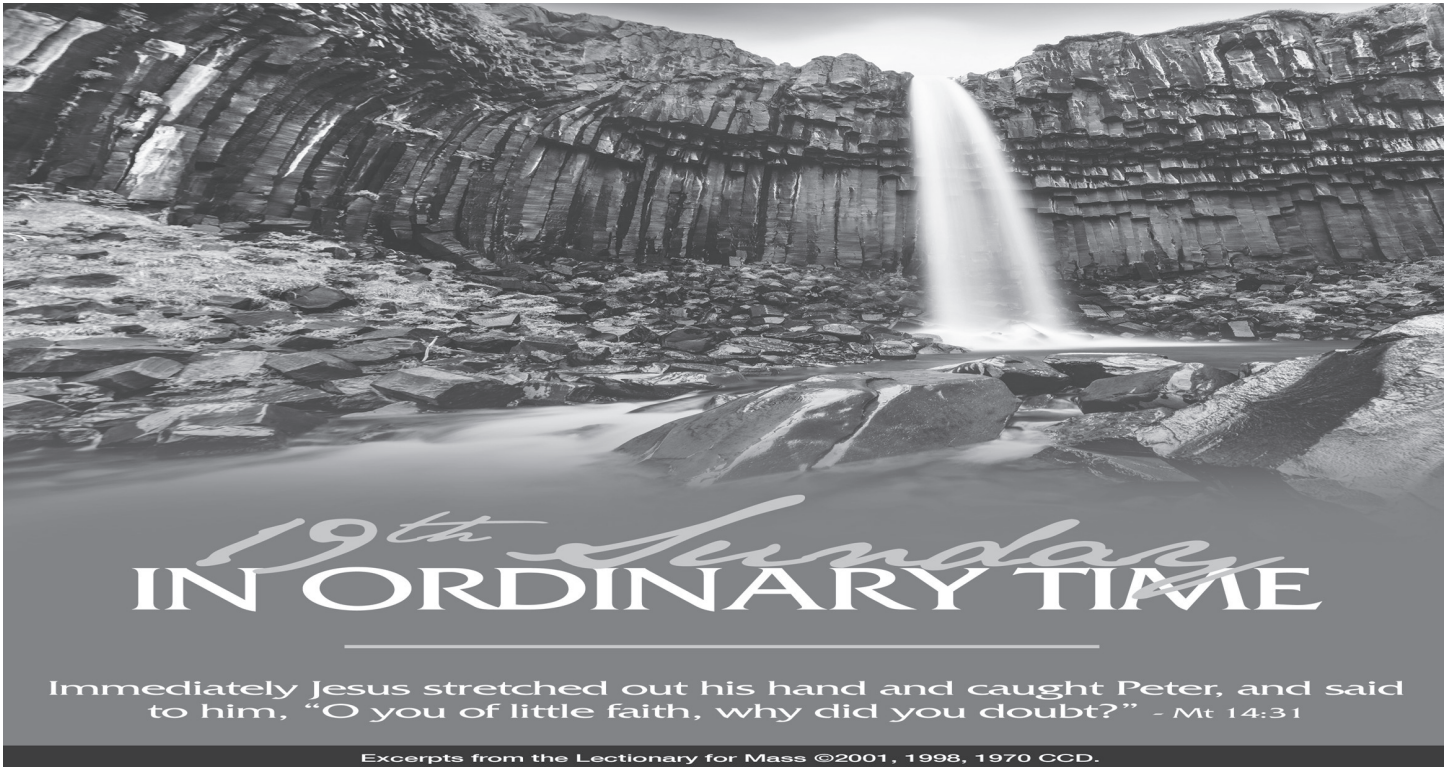
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened." How can we describe Peter? At once faithful and fearful, his jumbled responses remind us that he was no spiritual superman, well intentioned though he may have been. Peter wanted to believe, and in fact showed a great deal of confidence in Christ, but the temptation to doubt was strong enough to knock him off his feet, literally.

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Jesus reprimanded Peter. The words seem harsh. After all, Peter was the only one who had enough faith to even try something as ludicrous as stepping out of the boat onto the water in the first place. But perhaps Jesus wanted to emphasize that our faith needs to be strong enough to weather the storm, so to speak.

If we only believe in Jesus when the wind is calm and the waves are gone, is that truly having faith in him? Is that actually trusting in his supreme power over the forces of the universe? Peter began to sink as soon as a challenge appeared. Jesus called him, and he calls us, to stay on our feet even when the winds begin to blow.

So, what are the winds that threaten our faith? What kinds of gusts are blowing today? Whatever it might be--health problems, financial concerns, relational struggles--none of it is too much for Jesus to handle. But we must step out in faith and trust him! And we need to keep our eyes on him as we do so, instead of getting distracted by the force of the challenges we face. Jesus is bigger than any problem. We have nothing to fear as long as we are walking towards him.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Office Assistant Mary Olmsted

Organist Melissa Berthelot

Cantor Jonathan Howell

Cantor Ryan Boyle

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.

Pastors Column

Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday, August 15th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we celebrate our belief that Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul into Heaven. By participating in this great feast, not only do we give to Mary the honor due to her for the part she played in Redemption, but we are also reminded of a special truth regarding ourselves. Her Assumption foreshadows our own entry, body and soul, into Heaven for all eternity. Truly, this is something to celebrate. This is a Holy Day of Obligation (although I hope we attend Mass because we want to, not because we have to!). Mass will be offered at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter on Monday, August 14th at 5:30 PM (for the Vigil) and on August 15th at 9:00AM and Mass will be offered at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity on August 15th at 12 Noon and 5:30PM. Please don't deprive the community of your prayerful presence as we honor our Blessed Mother and celebrate the hope we have for our own future.

I hope everybody is enjoying the beautiful summer weather. The weeks continue to pass so quickly. I can't believe we are half way through the month of August. It won't be long before classes start back up. Please continue to pray for our young parishioners as they enjoy the last weeks of Summer Vacation.

Please know you all are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

In Christ,
Fr. Caruso

Read the Gospel and Color



Sharing The Gospel

One night the disciples were caught in a storm, out in the middle of a lake. The winds were strong. The waves crashed against their boat. But Jesus was so powerful, he walked on that stormy lake.

Then he completely stopped the storm. No problem you have is ever too big for Jesus. He can do anything. Put all your trust in him.

Prayer

Jesus, I thank you for showing me how powerful you are.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus walking on water.

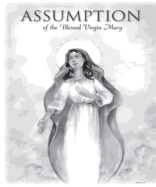
Mission for the Week

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help. Remember how powerful he is.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's Gospel: "Lord, save me."



Live The Liturgy -

Inspiration For The Week

Peter saw Jesus walking on the water and began to walk toward him. He became frightened at how strong the wind was and began to sink. He took his focus off of Jesus and allowed his fears to get the best of him. Fear often gets the best of us and cripples us. We sink. Many of our actions and thoughts are motivated by fear. Think of how many opportunities you have missed because of fear. Jesus tells us to trust and to meet each day with faith and confidence. God is with us. We have nothing to fear.



Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

I remember when all three of my children were learning to swim. In the beginning, it seemed like no matter how much assurance I gave them, they were certain they would drown. Even after watching me float in the water, they were pretty sure their bodies were created to sink. In time, they grew more comfortable in the water. Eventually, they could even swim the length of the pool. But this did not happen overnight. They had to grow in their faith that swimming was possible, not just for others, but for them as well.

Too many of us who are Christians believe that holiness is for someone else. We believe that the stories of the saints are about super humans who had something in greater supply than us. When our faith is weak, we assume that we can never have the faith of these holy men and women.

On the contrary, faith and holiness are not things only possible for a few. But we must practice our faith to grow in our faith. We must strive for holiness if we are to become holy.

Like a child fears the water before learning to swim, we often fear the path that leads to greater faith or holiness. We are not convinced that God can work in our lives to create a saint. Yet except for Mary, the Immaculate Conception, every saint was a sinner. God called every saint to exit the boat and walk toward Jesus on the water. In time, with practice and trust in God, they found they did not sink either.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Remember: Christopher Aldrich, Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Paul Collins, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Drenzo, Marilyn Ferretti, Norma Foody, Shirley Fornito, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Gladys Graham, Vincent Gullotto, Jeanne Hammond, 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, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone and Shelly Visco, Peg Wulfert.



Saturday, Aug. 19th & Sunday, Aug. 20th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Jack Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis & Aleda Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ J. LaVergne, R. Bartorillo, M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin,
G. Mastriano, T. Bartorillo, M.A. Bergamo

9:00AM ~ M.E. Cusano, K. Fekete, M. Piazza, J. Mott,
Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, L. Argiro



Sun. Aug. 13 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 20 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 27 Group 4 Money Counters

Fri. Aug. 18 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Aug. 25 Group 2 Altar Cleaners

Thurs. Aug. 17 TNT Neighborhood Watch Meeting
SJB/HT Parish Center 7:00PM

Wed. Aug. 23 Catholic Golden Agers
SJB/HT Parish Center 7:00PM

2nd Banns of Marriage

Brook Adams and Andrew Abbot



Alumni Of St. Vincent de Paul School

There will be a celebration of the past, present and future on Saturday, August 19. From 2:00-3:00pm - tour of the school. 4:00pm Mass at St. Vincent's Church. 6:00pm gathering at Bella Domani, Taft Rd. N. Syr. For dinner buffet & a night of reminiscing with old friends. Cost: \$35 per person or \$65 per couple. Cash bar. If you would like to attend the celebration, please call St. Vincent's Rectory at 315-479-6689. Hope to see you there!

Missionary Appeal Speaker

The weekend of August 26 & 27, we welcome Fr. Neal Pezzulo of the Glenmary Home Missioners who will be speaking at our Masses, telling us about the missionary work his Society is doing in serving the spiritually and materially poor people right here in the United States! This collection for Glenmary Home Missioners marks the annual Mission Awareness presentation promoted by our diocesan Society for the Propagation of the Faith (Mission Office).



Hundreds of U.S. counties do not have a resident priest, and in many of these counties the Catholic Church is not present. That means no celebration of the Eucharist, no sacraments, not even a parish community in which to find fellowship and support. Glenmary Home Missioners are working hard to fill the void, to bring the love of Jesus and His Church to the small towns and rural areas of our nation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to hear of the Glenmary apostolate in Appalachia and the rural South, and to offer our prayers and financial support for their important ministry in the Church. Please be generous.

A second collection will take place at each Mass and there will be envelopes scattered throughout the pews for this collection.

Sunday Collection Aug. 5th and Aug. 6th

Regular collection	\$3,933.25
Loose collection	\$530.65
Fuel collection	\$530.00



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

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - August 12, 2017 - 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - August 13, 2017 - 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Rosalind Pascarella - Daughter
Kay & Tony Cresho - The Grimes Family
George Jaquin - Mr. & Mrs. Norman Jaquin
Guiseppeina & Guiseppi DelVecchio -
Anna DelVecchio & Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - August 14, 2017 - St. Maximilian Kolbe,
priest & martyr

12:00 Noon - Martin Salanger - Mary Salanger

5:30 pm - OLP/SP Vigil - The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues. - August 15, 2017 - The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am - OLP/SP

12:00 Noon - SJB/HT - For The People

5:30 pm - SJB/HT - For The People

Wed. - August 16, 2017 St. Stephen of Hungary

Thurs. - August 17, 2017

Fri. - August 18, 2017 - St. Clare - virgin

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Bill Kwasigroch - Jane Kwasigroch
Margaret Moss - Jane Kwasigroch

Sat. - August 19, 2017 - 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Marie Gruninger - The Family
Jean Santarelli - The DeMichele Family
DeMichele Family - Maria DeMichele & Family
Deceased of Pennacchia Family - The Family

Sun. - August 20, 2017 - 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

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