

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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July 16, 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.

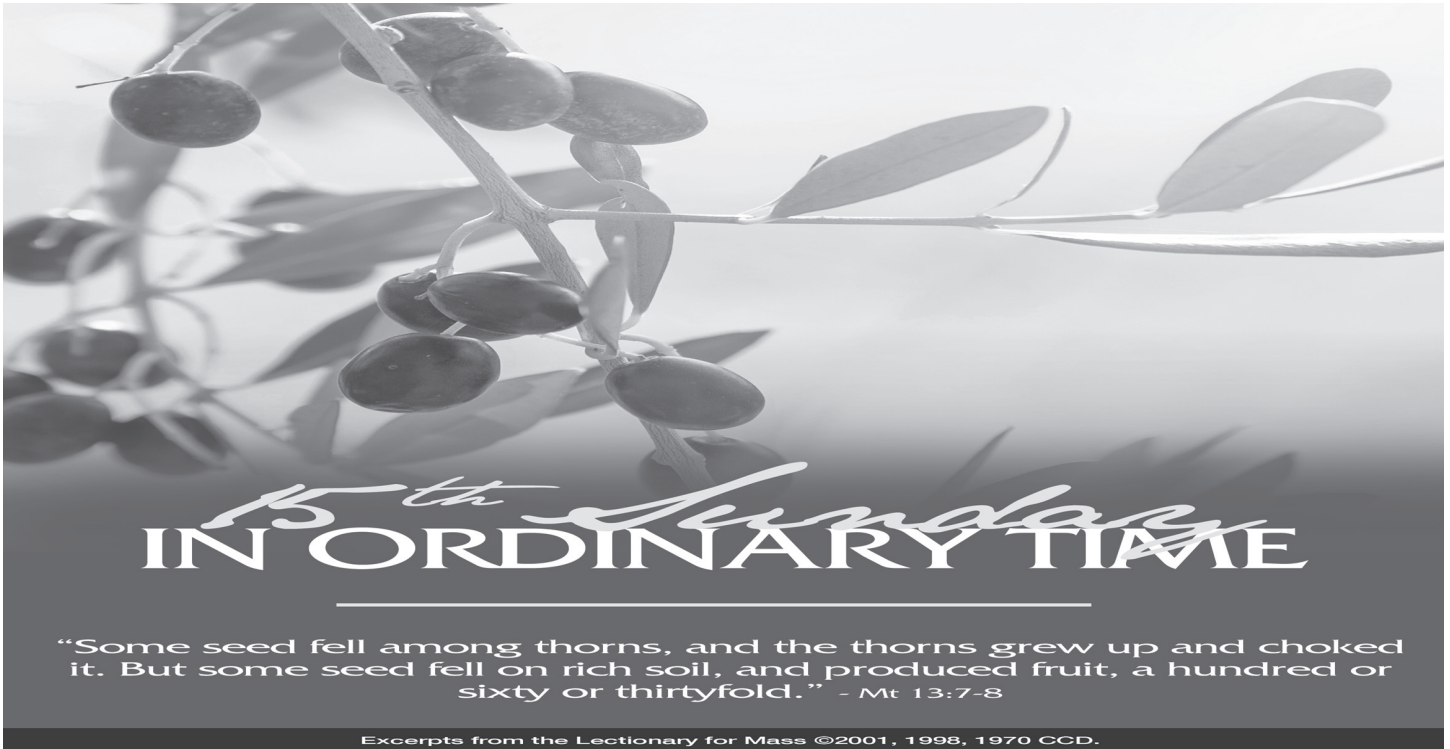
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." In the parable of the sower that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the ideal is to be "the seed sown on rich soil" that yields an abundant harvest. As Jesus explains, this means we should strive to be "the one who hears the word and understands it."

So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God's voice (i.e., the word) and actually understand what he's saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in order to make sure our seed bears fruit.

First, we must beware of "the evil one" who comes and steals away the seed of God's word. Faithfully praying the Lord's Prayer, with its request to "deliver us from evil," is a good starting point here. Placing ourselves under God's protection every day is like taking up a shield against the forces that would seek to derail us.

Secondly, we must be committed enough to God's word that "tribulation or persecution" do not uproot us or make our faith wither and die. Here, too, sincerely praying the petition in the Lord's Prayer—"Thy will be done"—can prepare us to accept whatever comes our way without waffling or wavering.

Finally, we must be careful that "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches" do not "choke" us. Again, we turn to the Lord's Prayer and find an antidote built in: "Give us this day our daily bread." We pray not for a new car or a winning lottery ticket, but for our basic needs.

## 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.



## Sharing The Gospel

The farmer is God. The seed is God's Word. That makes the soil your heart. If your heart is angry or stubborn, God's Word can't sink in. If your heart is shallow, God's Word can't take root. Instead, you will worry about getting power or riches. If your heart is discouraged by people who hate God, your faith will choke. If your heart is soft, God's Word will change your life, and it will show.

### Prayer

God, help my heart to be soft. Help your Word to change my life.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a seed growing in good soil.

### Mission for the Week

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's Gospel Jesus 'Left the house' so He could connect with His Father. Take five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.



## Attention Maine's Shoppers

**With family parties, graduations, picnic's, stocking up for camping, etc.,,,,,,**

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 **MEMBER APPLICATION** at the service desk at the store in North Syracuse, or visit [www.Mainesource.net](http://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. **We do see results from this program!**

**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 Direnzo, Marilyn Ferretti, Norma Foody, Shirley Fornito, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Gladys Graham, 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.



## Sunday Collection July 8th and July 9th

Regular collection .....\$3,244.25  
Loose collection ..... \$442.25  
Fuel collection..... \$547.00

## Rectory Closed July 19th

The SJB/HT Rectory will be closed on Wednesday July 19 so staff can attend the clambake.



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

We are reminded today that the seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. What kind of soil do we have? God's word needs to take root in our lives so that we can remain faithful not only when life is easy but when it gets challenging and difficult. Anxiety, worldly cares and concerns, personal challenges, experiences of loss and death, and even fear and disappointment can prevent us from trusting God's promise. We can even find ourselves doubting God's fidelity and lose touch with his presence. Our soil can easily become rocky, hard, and unyielding. Open your eyes and ears today and let all that is around you lead you to God's presence. Then, do all in your power to cultivate and nurture a life that is eager to receive him and fertile for growing the seeds of God's kingdom.

## Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more.

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, than the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit.

This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Christ The King Retreat House Summer Picnic

500 Brookford Rd. Syr. NY 13224

Celebrate Summer with our Senior Picnic on Tuesday, Aug. 15. We will gather for Mass at 11:30am and then enjoy a summer picnic lunch. Come and enjoy regardless of age. Celebrant and homilist is Fr. John Rose. Offering \$12. For reservations call 315-446-2680.



**Saturday, July 22nd & Sunday, July 23rd**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Owen Donovan

**9:00AM** ~ Fran Brimfield

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone, P. Serio, J. LaVergne,  
G. Mastriano, T. Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo

**9:00AM** ~ C. Horton, M. Piazza, K. Fekete, Michele Dykeman,  
Michael Dykeman, L. Argiro, E. Warren

**Mass Schedule for**

**St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity**

**Sat. - July 15, 2017 - 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

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

**Sun. - July 16, 2017 - 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Anthony Geremia - Joe & Marie Mingin

Paul Ferretti - Kristie & Family

Stella Sobon - Mr. & Mrs. Norman Jaquin

Mary McAuliffe & Katherin Kerwin - Mary Salanger

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - July 17, 2017**

**12:00 Noon** - For the Holy Land

**Tues. - July 18, 2017 - St. Camillus de Lellis, priest**

**12:00 Noon** - Those who serve and protect our nation

**Wed. - July 19, 2017**

**Thurs. - July 20, 2017 - St. Apollinaris, bishop & martyr**

**Fri. - July 21, 2017 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi,  
priest & doctor of the Church**

**11:30 am** - Confessions

**12:00 Noon** - All those who are in need of food and shelter

**Sat. - July 22, 2017 - 16th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - Willard Sanderson - The Family

Paul Ferretti - Rose Mary Connors

Fr. Al Nortz - Rose Mary Connors

Anthony Cresho - Aunt Rose

**Sun. - July 23, 2017 - 16th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - For The People

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

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



**You have a choice each and every single day,,  
I choose to feel Blessed. I choose to feel grateful. I choose to  
be Excited. I choose to be Thankful. I choose to be Happy.**



**Sun. July 16** Group 2 Money Counters

**Sun. July 23** Group 3 Money Counters

**Sun. July 30** Group 4 Money Counters

**Fri. July 21** Group 1 Altar Cleaners

**Fri. July 28** Group 2 Altar Cleaners

**Wed. July 19** SJB/HT-OLP/SP Clambake  
Hinerwadel's 1:00-5:00PM

Rectory will be closed

**Thurs. July 20** TNT Neighborhood Watch 7:00PM

SJB/HT Parish Center

**Wed. July 26** Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM

SJB/HT Parish Center

**Mary Magdalene - July 22**

Mary Magdalene literally translated as Mary the Magdalene or Mary of Magdala, was a Jewish woman who, according to texts included in the New Testament, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers. She is said to have witnessed Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Within the four Gospels she is named at least 12 times, more than most of the apostles.



The Gospel of Luke says seven demons had gone out of her, [Lk. 8:2] and the longer ending of Mark says Jesus had cast seven demons out of her. [Mk. 16:9] She is most prominent in the narrative of the crucifixion of Jesus, at which she was present, and the witness in all four gospels of the empty tomb, the central fact of Jesus' resurrection. She was also present two days later, immediately following the sabbath when, according to all four canonical Gospels, [Matthew 28:1-8] [Mark 16:9-10] [Luke 24:10] [John 20:18] she was, either alone or as a member of a group of women, the first to testify to the resurrection of Jesus. John 20 and Mark 16:9 specifically name her as the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection.

Ideas that go beyond the gospel presentation of Mary Magdalene as a prominent representative of the women who followed Jesus have been put forward over the centuries.

Mary Magdalene is considered to be a saint by the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran churches—with a feast day of July 22. Other Protestant churches honor her as a heroine of the faith. The Eastern Orthodox churches also commemorate her on the Sunday of the Myrrhbearers, the Orthodox equivalent of one of the Western Three Marys traditions. During the Middle Ages, Mary Magdalene was regarded in Western Christianity as a repentant prostitute or promiscuous woman, claims not found in any of the four canonical gospels.

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