

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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July 23, 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.

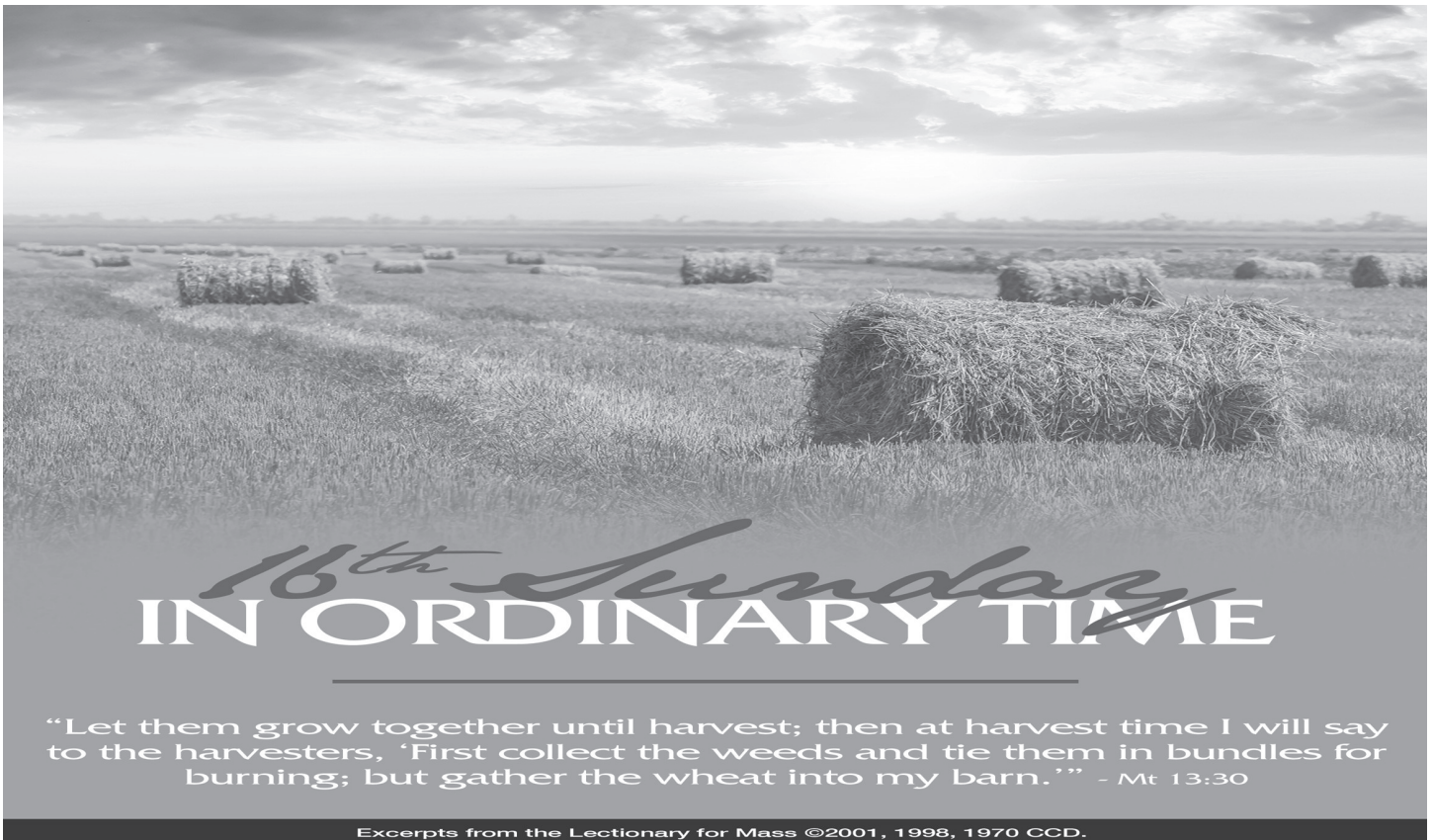
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” - Mt 13:30

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

### 16th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil." This is not a pretty picture. Jesus shares a parable in today's Gospel that reminds us of a truth we would rather forget: evil is real, and the devil is at work. The bountiful harvest of our faith is something that Satan wants to destroy. And he has a host of diabolical tactics to help him carry out his wicked plans. But there is one strategy in particular that we must be on guard against.

As the French poet Charles Baudelaire put it, "The devil's finest trick is to persuade you that he does not exist." Sneaky as it may be, this approach is effective! And, unfortunately, the attitude of our modern era is very conducive to buying the lie. Too often we dismiss the idea of the invisible spiritual reality of angels and demons. It doesn't seem "scientific" enough for us because it can't be seen or "proven." But neither can our faith! We believe in a host of invisible realities starting with God himself. We should not be fooled into thinking that the devil is a make-believe cartoon character with red horns and a pitchfork on his shoulder. Alas, no. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls 'a murderer from the beginning'" (CCC 394) and, as we read in the Bible, "Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil" (1 Jn 3:8). This is not pretend, and so it must be taken seriously. But so too, the reality of Satan must be situated within the broader context of God's supreme power. The devil "cannot prevent the building up of God's reign" (CCC 395). The influence of evil can never defeat the power of our faith, unless we let it do so.

### 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

As God's child, you are the wheat in God's field. As you love and trust God more, your faith will grow. You will see others around you who love God, too. God will be happy to see you growing up in God's love. As you grow taller and stronger, you will also notice others around you who ignore or hate God. God will get rid of those weeds. Then he will bring you into heaven.

### Prayer

God, help my love and faith to grow strong.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of wheat and weeds.

### Mission for the Week

Help your parents in the garden. Watch how carefully weeds need to be pulled, so you don't pull up the good plants, too.

## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become "a safe haven" to many.



## Novena To Saint Anne

(Late notice but still time to attend all or any)

**July 24-26** The community of Saint Vincent de Paul Church invites you to join in their 122nd annual

novena to Saint Anne. Each evening will be rich with prayer, music and devotion to Saint Anne, the beloved mother of Mary. **Monday, July 24** - Mass, 7:00pm, guest speaker, Fr. Peter Reddick.

**Tuesday, July 25** - Healing Mass, 7:00pm, guest speaker, Fr. Dan Caruso, pastor OLP/SP SJB/HT.

**Wednesday, July 26** - Feast Day of Saint Anne; Noon - Blessing of the children, Mass 7:00pm, guest speaker, Fr. Peter Major, outdoor procession with reciting of the Rosary.

**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 Formito, 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.



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Today we are presented with the parable of the weeds and the wheat. We struggle with the imperfection that exists in our world. This imperfection shows itself in human sinfulness with its consequences-- disease, natural disasters, suffering, and even death. We wonder why God did not simply make everything perfect right from the beginning so that harmony, peace, and tranquility would be the norm. God builds free will into us and into our world so that we can learn to freely love him. Anything less than this would not provide the freedom to choose to acknowledge and develop our relationship with our Creator. For now, the weeds and the wheat must coexist. Our faith teaches us that we live and walk in hope that when the harvest comes only the wheat of God's love will remain.



## Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

How time flies! This coming year I will have one child graduate from college, one from high school, and one starting high school. I am exhausted thinking about it. My prayer for all my children is that they take the Holy Spirit with them in all that they do, and call on God to aid them in discerning their future. That is my prayer, but I know that it will not always be easy for them to follow this path. The key will be for each of them, if they choose, to be what God intended them to be, as opposed to trying to be what they want to be.

It sounds great to say to a child, "You can be anything you want to be." But at the core of this statement is often the lie that true happiness lies in fulfilling your will for your life. I have seen many people in my life that reached their goals only to find an emptiness and longing for something more. The reality is that our ultimate fulfillment and joy is becoming the person, not that we wanted to be, but the person that God created us to be. This does not mean that we are stuck in some predestined situation. There are many ways we can live out our destiny and use fully the gifts God gave each of us. But it does mean that we have chosen a path based on where God is leading us and informed by an insight of the distinct gifts with which we have been created. At the end of that path is a life filled with joy, peace, and contentment.

This is what I want for my kids. May they find their success by discerning God's will and becoming the wonderful people that God intended.

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.

## Sunday Collection July 15th and July 16th

Regular collection .....	\$2,833.25
Loose collection .....	\$301.05
Fuel collection .....	\$144.00

**Saturday, July 29th & Sunday, July 30th**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ John Normoyle  
**9:00AM** ~ Chet Wisniewski

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano  
**9:00AM** ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith, Grace Piazza

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ G. Larkin, J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano,  
M.A. Bergamo, R. Copani, R. Bartorillo  
**9:00AM** ~ J. Mott, P. Schramm, Michael Dykeman, K. Fekete,  
Michele Dykeman, M.E. Cusano, R. Elderbroom

**Mass Schedule for**

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

**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 P. 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**

**Mon. - July 24, 2017 - St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest**

**12:00 Noon** - For the Pope

**Tues. - July 25, 2017 - St. James, apostle**

**12:00 Noon** - All Souls

**Wed. - July 26, 2017 Sts. Joachim & Anne,  
parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Thurs. - July 27, 2017**

**Fri. - July 28, 2017**

**11:30 am** - Confessions

**12:00 Noon** - Shirley Ann Galivan - Dick Sheeran

**Sat. - July 29, 2017 - 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

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

**Sun. - July 30, 2017 - 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Paul Ferretti - Jack & Cathy Moro  
William Jaquin - Mr. & Mrs. Norman Jaquin  
Giorgio DelVecchio - Anna DelVecchio & Children  
Giulia & Cesario Palucci - Mr. & Mrs. R. Paulucci & Family  
**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.**



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

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

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

**Wed. July 26** Catholic Golden Agers 7:00PM  
SJB/HT Parish Center

**SJBA Class Reunion 1977-1978**

St. John the Baptist Academy High School Reunion, classes of 1977 and 1978: Join us on Saturday, August 5, 2017 for 5:30p.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist followed immediately afterwards by a tour of the school. A tour of the old convent will be made available before mass. Dinner will be later at The Franklin Grille 605 North Salina Street at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please see the St John the Baptist 1977-78 Reunion site on Facebook.



**Bunko Date - Sat. Aug. 12**

Anyone interested in playing Bunko with our group that meets approximately every 2 months in the SJB/HT Parish Center on Saturdays 5:00PM, please contact Betty Warren by Wed. Aug. 9 for details. Phone is 420-6357 or email at [warrenbeliz@yahoo.com](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).

**PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it is important to the set up of the game.  
Next Bunko night is Sat. August 12**

**St. John The Baptist 1972 Class Reunion**

Join us in our 45th Class Reunion on August 26th at 6:00pm. We will be at The Retreat 302 Vine St. Liverpool, NY. Come and reconnect with your classmates! Food and beverages are available and your choice.



**HOPE Appeal**

Envelopes for the HOPE Appeal are still available in the Church pews. Your HOPE Appeal donations are still being accepted. You can mail or put them in the donation basket, PLEASE do not add HOPE Appeal to regular Church envelopes as well as do not add regular envelope to HOPE Appeal. Thank you to all who have made a donation so far.

**Without God  
Our week would be**

**Sinday  
Mournday  
Tearsday  
Wasteday  
Thirstday  
Fightday  
Shatterday**

**7 days without God makes ONE WEAK**



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