

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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July 30, 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.

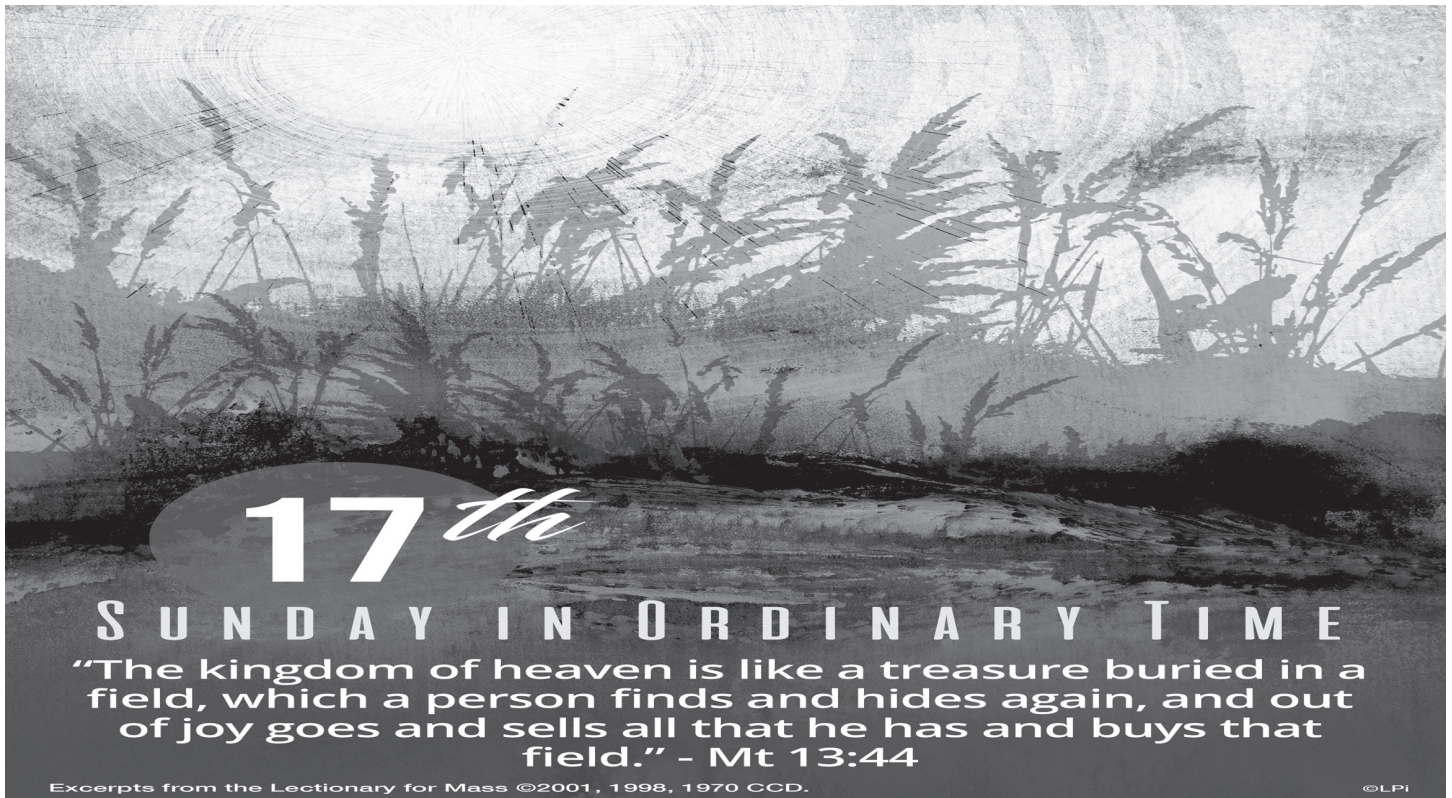
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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17th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Jesus today gives us the image of a merchant who knows he has discovered a great treasure. In fact, its value is so tremendous that the man is willing to sell everything else in order to possess it. Why? Because he knows it will all be worth it. He knows that the pearl will bring him more reward than anything else he has ever owned, more even than all his possessions combined.

This Gospel story is meant to help us understand the unfathomable value of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can compare to it. No material item, no honor or success, can compete with this pearl of great price. Everything we have, short of this, is finite: limited, temporary, and ultimately fleeting. Eternal happiness, on the other hand, is infinite. It never ends. This is the deep contentment, the satisfaction, the peace, and happiness that we crave, the kind that doesn't disappoint.

Like the merchant in the parable, we too should understand the value of this discovery. As Christians, we have "found" the treasure beyond all other treasures! Life in Christ, both now and in heaven, is truly the pearl of great price. The only question is whether we are willing to "sell" all that we have to obtain it. In other words, are we willing to release the other things that claim hold on us? Are we ready to put Christ first in our lives? All of us need to take pause from time to time and examine our attachments and priorities. Money, pleasure, success, or comfort can often seem so important to us that we falsely begin to imagine these things will bring the happiness we so desire. But the message is loud and clear today: the kingdom of heaven is the true treasure we long for.

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

Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.



Prayer

God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself finding a buried treasure.

Mission for the Week

Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

Courtesy Announcements

From Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities provides hundreds of individuals and families throughout our Diocese with mental health and addiction services. If you or someone you know needs help, find your local Catholic Charities at www.ccsyrdio.org or call 315-470-1415.



From Bishop Ludden High School

Bishop Ludden Summer Open House: Wednesday, August 2, 6:00-7:30pm. Contact Andrea Marshall, 315-468-0053 email at amarshall@syrdio.org or bishopludden.org

Bishop Ludden Fall Sweepstakes: All proceeds benefit the school's tuition assistance program for students in grades 7-12. Tickets: \$50 each & only 2,000 tickets being sold! Drawing is Saturday, Nov. 11.

Contact Andrea Marshall: amarshall@syrdio.org.



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.

Live The Liturgy -

Inspiration For The Week

As human beings, we desire to find happiness. This desire is so strong that we often go to great lengths to discover and obtain it. Unfortunately, our search sometimes brings us to the wrong places. We mistakenly think that money, certain possessions, social status, popularity, and even power and control can satisfy the longing that exists in our hearts. Time and again, one after another, these things come up empty and we find ourselves with the same unfulfilled longing gnawing at us deep within. It is only the kingdom of God that can satisfy our desire and that ache. We are made and hard-wired for this. When we discover it, we know that we have found something very special--a pearl of great price. Then, everything comes together and is put in proper order: our relationship with God, others, ourselves, and even the universe in which we live.



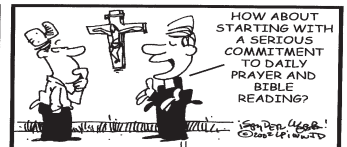
Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

My wife is a big Dave Ramsey fan. She loves when he tells people that in order to pay down their debt they need to sell so many of their possessions that the kids think that even they can be sold for the right price. He definitely sees earthly possessions as simply tools to be used and not possessed. This is a tough, countercultural message for sure in the eyes of the average American. Too often, our self-worth is derived from our wealth and the items we own. The size of our house, the brand of our car, and the quantity of our belongings are all gauges of success in our world. For Ramsey, not only can you not truly own anything if you owe money to others, it belongs to God anyway and is only given to us as stewards.

Could you sell all you have right now? Could you walk away from all that you have amassed and be truly free? When Jesus speaks of the merchant who sells all he has to obtain a pearl of great price, he calls us to see the pearl as the kingdom of heaven. Nothing on earth can rival the value of the kingdom. If that is true, why is it so hard to surrender everything to God to obtain it? It can be fear that keeps us from stepping out in faith. It can be selfishness that prevents us from letting go. Whatever it is, we must face the fact that we are possessed by it. The good news is that God does not expect us to conquer this obstacle on our own. But with God, all things are possible.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collection July 22nd and July 23rd

Regular collection	\$3,288.25
Loose collection	\$234.30
Fuel collection	\$130.00

PEACE



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Saturday, Aug. 5th & Sunday, Aug. 6th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ David Viggiano

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ J. LaVergne, R. Copani, P. Serio, G. Mastriano,
R. Bartorillo, M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin

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

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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 More

William Jaquin - Mr. & Mrs. Norman Jaquin

Georgio DelVecchio - Anna DelVecchio & Children

Giulia & Cesario Palucci - Mr. & Mrs. R. Palucci & Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - July 31, 2017 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

12:00 Noon - Ann Morga - Son, Michael

Tues. - August 1, 2017 - St. Alphonsus Liguori,

bishop & doctor of the Church

12:00 Noon - Nell Brown - Sister, Barbara

Wed. - August 2, 2017 Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop,

Peter Julian Eymard, priest

Thurs. - August 3, 2017

Fri. - August 4, 2017 - St. John Vianney, priest

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Deceased members of the Cooney Family -
The Family

Sat. - August 5, 2017 - Vigil - The Transfiguration

of the Lord

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Jeanette Hill - Alice Carroll

Chuck & Margaret McManus - The Family

Anthony Geremia - Margaret & John Boyle

Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

Sun. - August 6, 2017 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am



Sun. July 30 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 6 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 13 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 20 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Aug. 27 Group 4 Money Counters

Fri. Aug. 4 Group 3 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Aug. 11 Group 4 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Aug. 18 Group 1 Altar Cleaners

Fri. Aug. 25 Group 2 Altar Cleaners

Sat. Aug. 12 BUNKO SJB/HT Parish Center 6:30PM

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

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.



The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn in memory of **Michael Aiello**

Requested by **Phyllis, Kathy and Daughters**



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 6:30PM, please contact Betty Warren by Wed. Aug. 9 for details. Phone is 420-6357 or email at 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

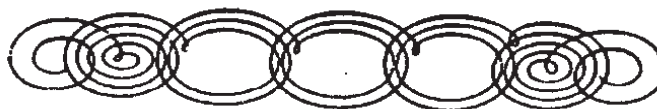
HOPE Appeal

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.



Congratulations to **Claire Elisabetta Johnson and Evelyn Grace Moran** who were baptized during the month of July. Also, to their parents and Godparents. We wish you happiness and God's Blessings.

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



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