

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 12, 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.

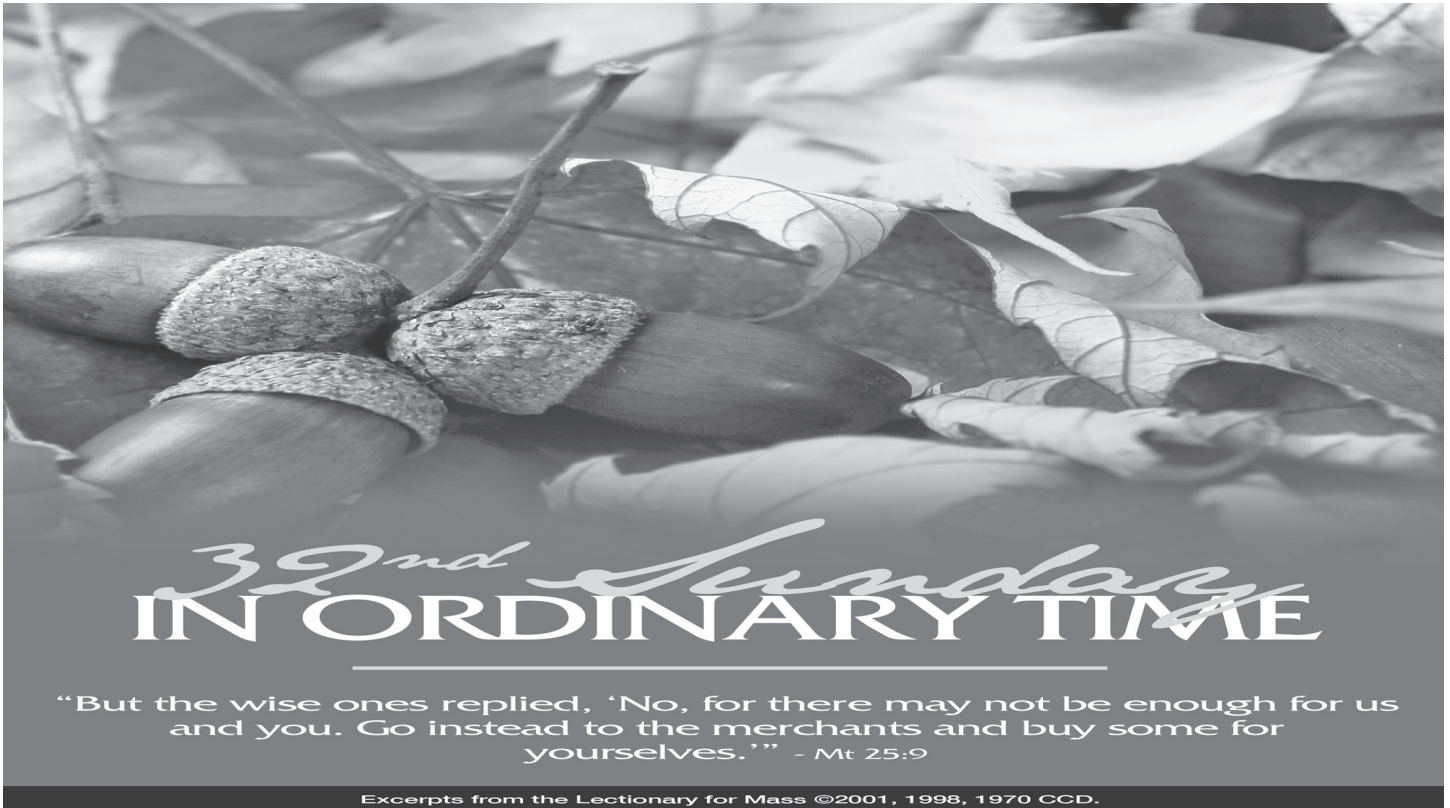
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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32nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'" - Mt 25:9

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

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"But the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." The foolish versus the wise. Today's parable sets these two groups in stark contrast to one another. Two crowds of young women wait for a wedding feast. One group comes prepared for the unexpected, the other just assumes everything will go according to schedule. But it doesn't! The Bridegroom is late, and the foolish virgins are left out in the dark--literally--while the wise ones enjoy the feast inside.

The lesson here is not just about having foresight and gathering the corresponding equipment. It's about being ready for the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself is the "Bridegroom." Traditionally we refer to the Church as the "Bride of Christ" and we, as the people of God who constitute the Church, are even now awaiting the real feast, the culmination of time when Jesus returns. But are we standing among the wise or the foolish as we wait?

Jesus tells us today, "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Are we spiritually awake? Do we have extra oil to see us through, or are we hitting the bottom of the barrel and running on spiritual fumes so to speak? Do we think it's enough to do the bare minimum as we wait for Christ--stepping into church without really being present, or calling ourselves Christian without really taking up the challenge of the cross? In order to avoid standing outside the feast with the foolish, we will want to make sure we fill our flasks with oil or, in other words, fill our hearts with the love of God, fill our minds with his word and his teachings, and fill our souls with the virtues that unite us to his will. If we stock up on these important supplies, we can count ourselves among the wise!

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Office Assistant Mary Olmsted

Music Director/Organist James Stanley

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.



SJB/HT And OLP/SP Christmas Party

Please join us for a lovely evening at Traditions at the Links 5900 North Burdick St. on Saturday, December 2 starting at 5:30PM. Sit down dinner with choice, contact rectory for menu, mingle with family and friends, listen to live music provided by "Old Friends" and dance and sing. \$30.00 per person (steak choice \$10.00 extra). We will take reservations, in the Park St. vestibule, starting this weekend after each Mass and also Nov. 11 & 12 and Nov. 18 & 19. You may also call the rectory during business hours. Table reservations can be made for 8 to 10 people. Monday, November 20 is the dead line for reservations.



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Are we ready and prepared for what life will ask of us? The answers to life's challenges, especially those that involve purpose, meaning, and happiness are not found in material things or by searching the Internet. Many things in life require a journey of the heart and the acquisition of wisdom. When one acquires wisdom, one acquires priceless wealth. Sadly, pursuing wisdom is not valued by our world these days. Examining our lives, pondering the bigger questions, reflecting on where we have been and where we are going, are invaluable exercises that not only bring us wisdom but open our eyes to God's presence. Those who seek wisdom shall not be disappointed and will always be ready for whatever comes their way.

Sharing The Gospel

Make sure your heart is ready for Jesus. One day Jesus will come back. If your heart is empty and dark - without love - you will be sad and lonely. But if your heart is filled with God's love for other people, Jesus will bring you into heaven with him forever.



Prayer

God, fill my heart with your love. I want to be ready for Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping your parents set the table because you love Jesus.

Mission for the Week

As a family, go through your closets and drawers. Take out all the clothes you don't wear anymore. Then donate them to charity.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

The bridesmaids in today's Gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has "entrusted" our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

The Knot Prayer

-Author Unknown

Dear God,
Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life. Remove the have nots, cannots and the do nots. Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart. Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life. And most of all, Dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the am nots that I have allowed to hold me back. Especially the thought that I am not good enough. Amen.



Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we?



For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready.

Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet.

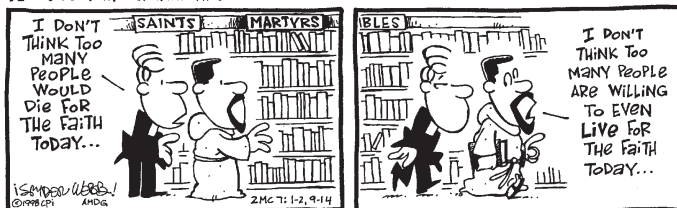
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



World Marriage Day

The 33rd Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 11, 2018 at 2:30PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will specially honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th and beyond 50th anniversary in 2018. If celebrating your 25th, 50th or beyond 50th in 2018 please contact the rectory office to register. All Married couples and their families are invited to attend.

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, Nov. 18th & Sunday, Nov. 19th
LECTORS:
5:30PM ~ Jack Normoyle
9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski

ALTAR SERVERS:
5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano
9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith

EUCCHARIST:
5:30PM ~ R. Copani, G. Larkin, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone,
 J. LaVergne, T. Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo
9:00AM ~ Michele Dykeman, K. Fekete, L. Argiro,
 R. Elderbroom, J. Mott, C. Horton, P. Schramm

Mass Schedule for
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Nov. 11, 2017 - 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
OLP/SP 4:00 pm
SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Thomas Bleskoski - Judy & Fran Cooney
 Speranza & Raffaele Migliore - The Family
 Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children
 Jameson Schmidt - Maria DeMichele & Family

Sun. - Nov. 12, 2017 - 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
OLP/SP 7:30 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People
OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Nov. 13, 2017 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin
12:00 Noon - John & Mildred Allen - Tim Erwin

Tues. - Nov. 14, 2017
12:00 Noon - Mr. Joseph Corso - Daughter & Family
 Kevin Walker - The Walker Family

Wed. - Nov. 15, 2017 - St. Albert the Great,
bishop & doctor of the Church


Thurs. - Nov. 16, 2017 - Sts. Margaret of Scotland
& Gertrude, virgin

Fri. - Nov. 17, 2017 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
11:30 am - Confessions
12:00 Noon - John Billion - Ginger & Ron Gedney

Sat. - Nov. 18, 2017 - 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
OLP/SP 4:00 pm
SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - Nov. 19, 2017 - 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
OLP/SP 7:30 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - Raymond Chouinard - Allan Chouinard
 George Tibbetts - The Family
 Anthony Geremia - Margaret & John Boyle
 Rosa & Antonio Pettrone - Anna DelVecchio & Family
OLP/SP 11:00 am


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



Thanksgiving Holiday Office Hours
 The rectory will be closed at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 22nd, closed Thursday, November 23rd & Friday, November 24th. There is no Noon Mass or confessions on Friday, November 24th.

Thanksgiving Day Mass
 This year please join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass which will be celebrated at OLP/SP at 9:00am.



 **Traveling Snow Birds**
 Parishioners who are getting ready to travel to warmer destinations, it is very much appreciated that when you stop your mail here, please remember to let me know in the rectory for your contribution envelopes. As these do not get mailed first class they are returned for postage due to the office. We will stop them for the time that you are away, restarting upon your return. Thank you all so much and have safe travels.


November

Sun. Nov. 12 Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. Nov. 19 Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Nov. 26 Group 1 Money Counters

Wed. Nov. 15 Catholic Golden Agers 7:00pm
 SJB/HT Parish Center


Thur. Nov. 16 Washington Square TNT Meeting 7:00pm
 SJB/HT Parish Center

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory
Michael Aiello and James Capriozzi
 Requested by The Family




Sunday Collection Nov. 4th & Nov. 5th

Regular collection	\$3,382.25
Loose collection	\$130.00
All Souls collection	\$194.00
Seminary collection	\$162.00

Food Pantry  **All Faiths Food Pantry Donations**
 Your non perishable food donations can still be brought and left in the Food Wagons in the vestibules of the Church.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to
*****"All Faiths Food Pantry"*****

Remember: Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Drenzo, Marilyn Ferretti, 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, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco and Peg Wulfert.



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