

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 5, 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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## 31st Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:10-11

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### 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives!

"Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership--with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

#### **SJB/HT Office & Church Staff**

**Pastor** Father Daniel Caruso

**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

**Office Assistant** Mary Olmsted

**Music Director/Organist** Jim 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.

## Sharing The Gospel

Some people think that they know everything that there is to be known about God. They think they are better and smarter than other people, too. Watch out if you think you are acting that way! Tell God you're sorry. Ask God to help you change your attitude, and serve others.



## Prayer

God, help me to follow you with a humble heart.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself showing off. Draw another picture of yourself helping a friend. Circle the picture that makes God happy.

## Mission for the Week

Look up the words "humble" and "proud" in the dictionary. When you remember that everything you have is a gift from God, it is easier to be humble.



## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.

## Courtesy Announcements

### ...Christ the King Retreat House 500 Brookford Rd.:

Looking for part-time Housekeepers, flexible schedules, perfect job for a young mom wanting to earn extra money! Pay is \$12.00 per hour. Also, part-time Assistant Cook 2:00-8:00pm and weekends. Pay is \$12.00 per hour. Send resume to [ctkretreat@syrdio.org](mailto:ctkretreat@syrdio.org).



**Joseph's House:** Volunteers are needed to help staff the daycare program at Joseph's House in Syracuse. The hours are 7:30am-5:30pm. We're also in need of help in the evenings when moms attend life skills classes from 6:45pm-8:00pm. For more information or inquires please contact Tiffany at [tben-nett@jhfw.org](mailto:tben-nett@jhfw.org) or call 315-760-3189.

**... Theology On Tap** Young adults 18-35 are invited on November 16 at 7:00pm to the Dinosaur BBQ West Willow St. Speakers are Sarah & Tim Fitzgerald and topic is "Love: Timing is Everything." Call 315-383-4744 for further information.



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

It is so easy to cast judgment upon the thoughts and behaviors of others. We have heard the phrase, "Practice what you preach." If we really believe in Jesus we will put great effort and care into following his example and living his message. Humility is our goal. True humility begins when I see myself as one among many wounded, searching souls who are striving to work out a place in life and discover who God is and how God acts. We are here today because we need to taste and feel the God who reveals himself fully in the Eucharist-the God who is our strength, hope, and salvation. We are not here because we are better or wiser than anyone else for we are simply humble sinners in need of mercy.

## Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Over the years we have had many great social events in our parish community. We have had so-cials for New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Valentine's Day, and so many more. It seems we will use any excuse to have a party and enjoy each other's company. And for more than the last decade, my pastor has been present at most of these events. What always tickles me is to see him in his clerics going around with a tray of entrees or desserts as he seeks to serve his parishioners. We have joked that his clothing does resemble that of a waiter in a fine restaurant. The only difference is no tips! Sorry, Monsignor.



To see a shepherd serve his sheep causes me to reflect on how we are all called to serve one another. We are called to a life of humility and service, giving of ourselves for the greater glory of God. When we seek to serve our brothers and sisters, the Jesus in us meets the Jesus in them.

In our everyday lives we can find ways of serving others if we are mindful of the opportunities all around us. We must never fall into the trap of seeing others in terms of "us and them." In Christ, there is only US. In Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, servant or free. We are one. On this day, who will God place on your path for you to serve? Don't be fooled into thinking that all calls are for something grand. Sometimes, even a little dessert might be all it takes to show others they are loved.

-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.

## Sunday Collection Oct. 28th & Oct. 29th

Regular collection .....	\$2,652.30
Loose collection .....	\$455.40
Poor collection.....	\$127.00





**Saturday, Nov. 11th & Sunday, Nov. 12th**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Owen Donovan

**9:00AM** ~ Lisa Primerano

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ R. Copani, G. Larkin, M.E. Cusano, P. Serio,  
T. Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo,

**9:00AM** ~ Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, K. Fekete,  
R. Warren, J. Mott, C. Horton, P. Schramm

**Mass Schedule for**

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

**Sat. - Nov. 4, 2017 - 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

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

**Sun. - Nov. 5, 2017 - 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Robert Marks - The family

Curtis Halsey - Marianne Halsey

Anthony DelVecchio - Anne Carruthers

Bennie R. Sobon, Sr. - Mr. & Mrs. Norman Jaquin

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - Nov. 6, 2017**

**12:00 Noon** - Rose Gervasi - The Family

Angelina Consilvio - The Family

**Tues. - Nov. 7, 2017**

**12:00 Noon** - Vincent Gullotto - The Larkin Family

**Wed. - Nov. 8, 2017**

**Thurs. - Nov. 9, 2017 - The Dedication of the**

**Lateran Basilica**

**Fri. - Nov. 10, 2017 - St. Leo the Great,**

**pope & doctor of the Church**

**11:30 am** - Confessions

**12:00 Noon** - All service men and women

**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

Jamison 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**

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



**International Food Festival**

**Saturday, November 11**

**12:00-7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center**

Please join us on Saturday, November 11 from 12:00

-7:00PM for delicious foods, baked goods, chances at basket raffles, turkey raffles, provided by our generous James St. Wegmans and 50/50 raffles.

Would you like to donate a baked good? You are welcome to bring to the rectory your baked item on Friday, Nov. 10 from 9:00am-2:00pm or to the Parish Center on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11:00am. Would you like to put together a themed basket for the raffle? Each year we have amazing baskets donated to our festival. You can bring them to the rectory at any time prior or right to the Parish Center Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11:00am.

The International Food Festival is a day of fun for the whole family. Please come and spend all day or part of your day with us.

Thank you to all who generously donate goods and their time to this festival.

**November**

**Sun. Nov. 5** Group 2 Money Counters

**Sun. Nov. 12** Group 3 Money Counters

**Sun. Nov. 19** Group 4 Money Counters

**Sun. Nov. 26** Group 1 Money Counters

**Sat. Nov. 11** International Food Festival 12:00-7:00pm  
SJB/HT Parish Center

**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



**"Sock It" To Syracuse**

You are invited to participate in this community event. We, as a community, will be collecting socks to be distributed to various local shelters, etc. that will be giving socks to those in need. So we have permission from the **Guinness Book** of World Records to attempt to break the world record of socks collected in 8 hours! Collect NEW socks any size, men, women, children and babies and bring them to Sacred Heart Church, 8229 Brewerton Rd. Cicero on November 11 between 11:00am-7:00pm **ONLY**. Not before. Call 315-699-2752 for further information.

**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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