

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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October 15, 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.

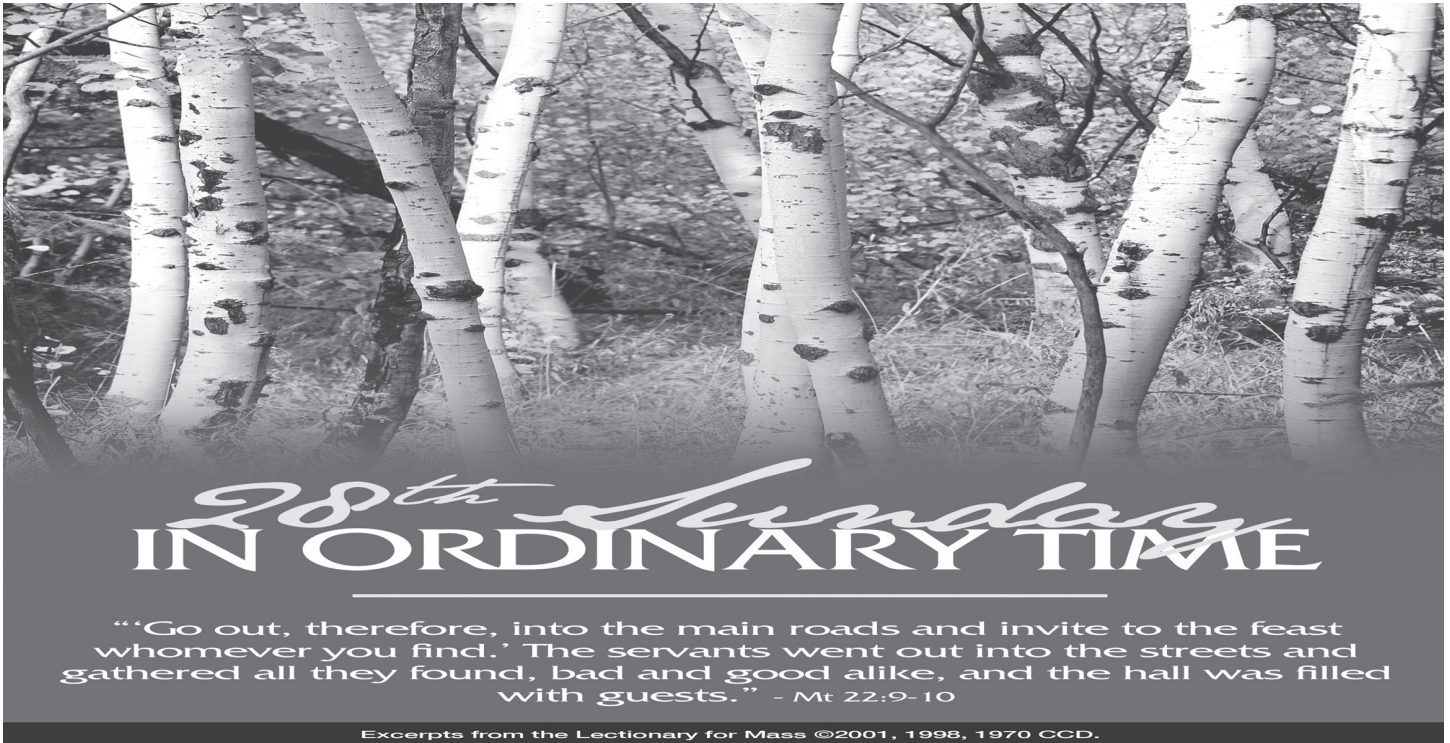
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" Today's Gospel parable is unsettling in several ways. The various images of rejection, mistreatment, and violence paint an unpleasant picture. Guests refuse to come to a feast, servants are killed, troops are dispatched. The King continues to try to fill his dinner hall, and then when someone finally does show up, the King throws him out for wearing the wrong clothes. What is going on here?

The message would have been a poignant one for his Jewish listeners. As the chosen people, they were the first to receive the "invitation" to share in the kingdom of God. But the chief priests and elders were uninterested in accepting Jesus and his authority; thus they didn't show up for the feast. But what about those who did come? Something is expected of them as well. Donning a "wedding garment" is like being properly prepared to enter God's kingdom. Just showing up isn't enough.

Here it's important to pay attention to the details. The King first calls his poorly dressed guest "friend." The approach begins with mercy and kindness. But the man gives no defense for himself, and displays no desire to change. It's as if he doesn't really care to be there at all.

The question this raises for us is whether or not we are "dressed" appropriately. We may hang around the banquet hall--going to church, professing to be Christian--but are we sincere guests of the King of kings? Do we truly accept Christ's teachings and live by them, or are we just showing up? The splendors of the invitation Christ gives us should not be taken for granted. We are called to share in a royal feast. May we all be grateful guests.

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

Imagine how it would feel to be invited by a king to come to his palace for a party! Well, you have been invited! God wants you to come. People who ignore God will not go to heaven. Don't ignore God. Say "yes" to his invitation. Go to God's party in heaven!



Prayer

Thank you for inviting me to heaven, God. I want to go!

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself at a party in heaven with God.

Mission for the Week

As a family, plan a special party. Let each person make their favorite foods and play their favorite music. Heaven will be even better!



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Today's Gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"

Courtesy Announcements

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church 873 DeWitt St.
315-479-9912:**

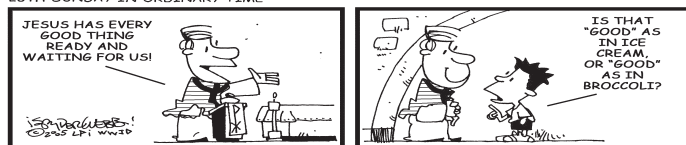
26th Annual Sauerbraten Dinner Sunday, November 5 12:00-3:00PM. Sauerbraten, Red Cabbage, Desserts, Beverages & more! Take-outs available. Adults: \$10.00, Children 6-12: \$3.00 and Children under 6: Free.



Multiple Sclerosis 2017 Health & Wellness Expo Barbagallo's Restaurant 6344 E. Molly Rd. E. Syr. NY 13057:

Tuesday, October 24 3:00-6:00PM. Come visit over 35 vendors. Join us for a program sponsored by Acorda Therapeutics entitled "A Patients Perspective" presented by Dr. Mary Ann Picone. All participants will be entered to win a TV!

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, Shirley Fornito, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Gladys Graham, Vincent Gulletto, 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.

Live The Liturgy -

Inspiration For The Week

Pope Francis constantly reminds us of the wideness of God's mercy and its unconditional character. God is always patiently loving his children and opening the doors to his heart. We must, however, freely choose to accept God's invitation and join in the feast of his love. We desire many things and we have restless hearts. We often attempt to quench our desire with things that are short-lived and shallow. All of us long to be satisfied and at peace. How do we announce to the world, in ways that are convincing and without judgment, that it is really God whom we seek?



Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the "Washington Post" who died in 2007 is credited with saying, "The best things in life aren't things." As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

National Sweetest Day

National Sweetest Day is observed on the third Saturday in October, October 21, 2017, by people of all ages. Just in time for its 100th Anniversary, National Sweetest Day encourages everyone to be generous even in the smallest ways. From its inception as Candy Day in 1916, this day reminds us that even small tokens improve the lives of those around us who are suffering or going without. While the day may have begun with candy and sweets, encouraging us to take home sweets to our sweethearts and friends, it is a day full of lessons in persistence, resilience and doing small things. On National Sweetest Day, take care of all those who need care. Even those who need great care, when given the smallest token will feel the effects. A little treat, a card, a show of support during a time of need may be the sweetest gift on this day.



Saturday, Oct. 21st & Sunday, Oct. 22nd

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Annette Marchbanks

9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Noah & Lucas Smith, Grace Piazza

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ P. Serio, J. LaVergne, M.E. Cusano, R. Copani,
R. BArtorillo, G. Larkin

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

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Oct. 14, 2017 - 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Caroline McGuire - Edward McGuire

Bill Slack - The Family

Dominick Pirozzi - Wife Pauline & Children

Sun. - Oct. 15, 2017 - 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Oct. 16, 2017 - Sts. Hedwig, religious

& Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

12:00 Noon - Margaret Savage - Mary Salanger

Tues. - Oct. 17, 2017 - St. Ignatius of Antioch,

bishop & martyr

12:00 Noon - John Billion - Jerry Mott

Wed. - Oct. 18, 2017 - St. Luke, evangelist

Thurs. - Oct. 19, 2017 - Sts. John de Biebeuf

& Isaac Jogues, priests

Fri. - Oct. 20, 2017 - St. Paul of the Cross, priest

11:30 am - Confessions

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

Sat. - Oct. 21, 2017 - 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - Oct. 22, 2017 - 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Paul Ferretti - John Wall

Anthony Geremia - Margaret & John Boyle

Frank & Josephine Dattola - Daughter, Margaret

William & Edna Jaquin - Mr. & Mrs. Norman Jaquin

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 - Sat. Nov. 11th

If you are planning to cook or would like to be added to the "CHEFS" list for the festival please email **Patty Schramm** at patty.schramm@aol.com or call and leave a message with her at **315-454-5511**. We do ask that as a chef you serve and stay with your food through out the day. Raffle baskets can at any time be brought to the rectory and it is your choice of theme. We have a very popular baked goods table and on Friday, Nov. 10 or Saturday, Nov. 11 we will be happy to receive your donated baked goods. One very important part of our International festival are the volunteers who work hard to set up, work during and later clean up the cafeteria. We are also asking for volunteer workers to assist through out the day.



The International Festival is

Saturday, November 11

12:00 Noon - 7:00PM

SJB/HT Parish Center.



Join us for great food, socialization and FUN!



Sun. Oct. 15 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Oct. 22 Group 4 Money Counters

Sun. Oct. 29 Group 1 Money Counters

Thurs. Oct. 19 Washington Square Assoc. Meeting
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Sun. Oct. 22 Coffee and Doughnuts
After 9:00AM Mass SJB/HT Parish Hall

Wed. Oct. 25 Catholic Golden Agers Meeting
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

National Fire Prevention Week



Fire was the great scourge of American cities in the 19th century. As the country's population grew, compressed tenements and multistory factories posed a growing risk to life and property if fire struck. Insurers and municipalities worked together to protect public safety. Even with the vastly improved building codes of today, fire safety remains a concern. Protect your family by following these simple steps:

- 1) Install working smoke alarms in your home, AND change the batteries twice a year.
- 2) Do not overload circuits by the use of multiple extension cords. Always inspect extension cords for wear and never place them under rugs or mats.
- 3) Do not leave burning candles unattended. Always extinguish them when you leave a room.
- 4) When cooking, do not leave stoves unattended.
- 5) Never barbecue in a garage or other enclosed structure.
- 6) Have a home fire extinguisher; know how to use it; and check it regularly to ensure that it is still charged.
- 7) Always call 911 in the event of a fire. Never presume that you can handle it yourself.

Sunday Collection Oct. 7th & Oct. 8th

Regular collection	\$3,614.94
Loose collection	\$527.50
Fuel collection	\$414.00
Poor collection	\$133.00
Respect Human Life collection	\$72.00

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