

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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October 29, 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.

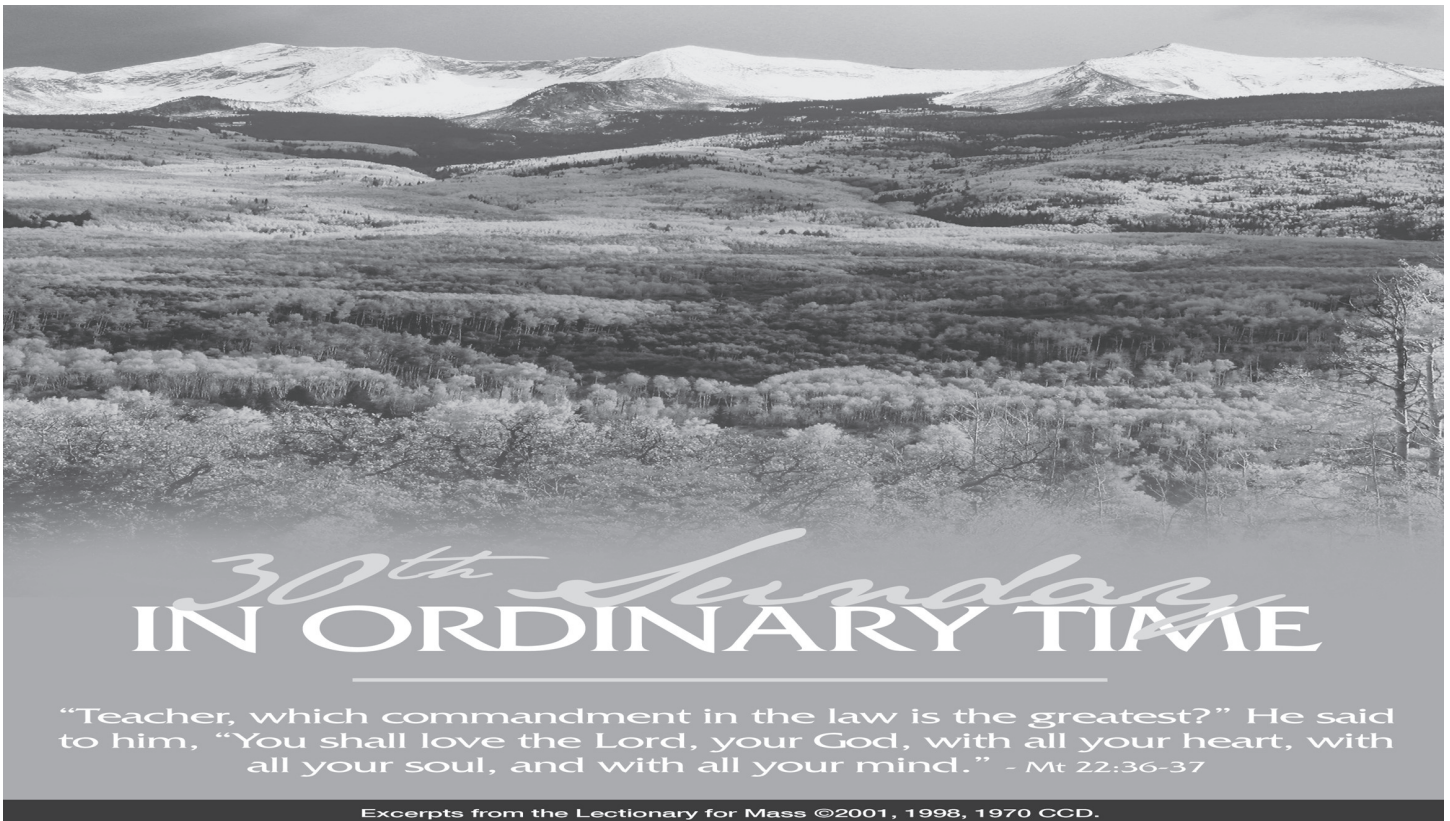
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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30th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:36-37

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

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Jesus gives us a simple moral principle in today's Gospel. He speaks about two kinds of love: love of God and love of neighbor. He tells us that all the other laws and teachings of our faith fall under these two headings. So if we can master these, we will be in good spiritual shape!

First of all, regarding the love of God, Jesus tells us in essence that we must love God completely and entirely, with our whole being—heart, soul, and mind. If we are holding back from a full commitment to God, then we are falling short of this vision. So we would do well to examine ourselves and find those trouble spots where we are hesitant to give God everything. Is there a relationship we hold in our heart that is somehow separating us from God, either by negative association, lingering bitterness, or a kind of idol-worship of the relationship itself? What about our souls? Are we deeply attached to any pastimes, pleasures, or pursuits that cloud our soul from clearly welcoming the presence of God? An examination of our minds is in order as well. How do we direct our thoughts? Do we strive to form our conscience and understanding in the truth, or do we passively allow public opinion or popular consensus to direct our conclusions about the Church, the world, and our own identity?

It follows that the closer we come to loving God with our whole being, the better we will be at loving our neighbors. The more we are filled with God's love, the more that love radiates out to those around us, and the less we concern ourselves about what we can get out of the deal. So let us truly love God, and all the rest will follow.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

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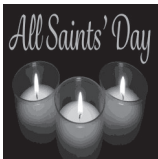
Office Assistant Mary Olmsted

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.



A Message From Fr. Caruso

This coming Wednesday, November 1st, is the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. It is important for us to remember what we celebrate when we observe this

feast. To come together to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a wonderful way to celebrate the holy lives of those men and women, unknown to us, who are enjoying everlasting life with God. It is a celebration of what we ourselves should aspire to. In our observance of that day, let us pray to all the saints, asking them to pay for us, that we may give witness to others of the joy in our lives that comes from our hope of Heaven.

Thursday, November 2nd, is the Commemoration of All Souls. It is a day to remember, and pray for, all of the faithful departed. Indeed, it is important to remember that the whole of November is traditionally dedicated to prayer for the dead. It is a tradition in many Catholic cultures to visit a cemetery on All Soul's Day. While it may not be possible for everybody to do this on November 2nd, I would like to encourage everybody to visit the cemetery during the month of November and to pray for those who are buried there.

During this month of prayer for the dead, those of us who have lost loved ones know the great comfort that comes from the knowledge that others are praying for our departed loved ones. On Monday, November 6th, at 7:00PM, we will be celebrating a special Memorial Mass for all the members of our parish who have died during this past year. We are all brothers and sisters in the Lord; we need to be there for one another. I hope you will join us in prayer on November 6th.

I want to thank everybody for the prayers offered for me last weekend. I hear that there were different rumors circulating about what was going on. It is nothing serious; on Saturday afternoon I went to the ER and was told I had a kidney stone. I normally wouldn't take space in this column for something personal, but I will be away from the parish the next two weekends and out of the office all this coming week for some vacation time and I wanted you to know why I wasn't with you three weekends in a row.

Please pray for all our young parishioners who will be out trick or treating on Tuesday. You are all in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's Peace
Fr. Caruso

Give Them Light and Peace

God, who gives life to all who believe, you dwell in unapproachable light, yet your mercy leads those who hope in you

to a place in your presence before your throne. Grant light and peace to our brothers and sisters who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and who have trusted in your never-ending love. Bring the faithful departed into your kingdom of light, happiness, and peace. Give them a secure dwelling place in the mansion of your holiness, and let them shine with the light of your glory. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.



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.



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

God insists that we treat each other with fairness and love. No compromise is offered here. The great commandment is specific: love God, neighbor, and self. Who is my neighbor? It is not just the person sitting next to me today or the people who live next door. Our neighbor is everyone, especially those most in need: those alien to you or to our country, those who are poor, alone, or abandoned, and even those who are the greatest of sinners. We really struggle with how to live these words. How do we open ourselves to the stranger, the immigrant, those who harm us, those in need, or those with whom we disagree? Pope Francis gives excellent guidance here. We are challenged to stretch our thinking and become more unconditional with others as God is unconditional with us.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.

In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The month of October we laid to rest from our parish community; Paul Collins, Charles Poehlman, Marie Papalardo and Frances Militi

Congratulations to the following couples on their marriages; Kevin & Samantha (Romanyh) Whitfield and Ryan & Ashley (Simmons) Bertrand.

Saturday, Nov. 4th & Sunday, Nov. 5th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ Mary Barraco

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone, M.E. Cusano, P. Serio,
T. Bartorillo, R. Bartorillo, J. LaVergne,

9:00AM ~ Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, L. Argiro,
E. Warren, R. Elderbroom, M.E. Cusano, M. Piazza

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Oct. 28, 2017 - 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Donald McGuire, Jr. - Carol & Ed McGuire
Rosalie Rivizzigno - The Family
Robert Panizzi - The Falcone Family
Jean Troendle - Bill & Sue Slack

Sun. - Oct. 29, 2017 - 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Oct. 30, 2017

12:00 Noon - Bill Slack - Mike Morga

Tues. - Oct. 31, 2017

12:00 Noon - Those who are in need of comfort and care

Wed. - Nov. 1, 2017 - All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 am - OLP/SP

12:00 Noon - SJB/HT - For The People

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

Thurs. - Nov. 2, 2017 - The Commemoration of

All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

12:00 Noon - SJB/HT - For The People

Fri. - Nov. 3, 2017 - St. Martin de Porres, religious

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - Those who struggle with addictions

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

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



**Fall Behind - Set Clocks
and Smoke Detectors**

Day light saving ends on Sunday Nov. 5th so remember to set your clocks behind one hour and change the batteries in all you smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.



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!



November

Sun. Oct. 29 Group 1 Money Counters

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

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, 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, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Barbara Traino, Richard Ventrone, Shelly Visco and Peg Wulfert.



Sunday Collection Oct. 21st & Oct. 22nd

Regular collection\$2,089.25
Loose collection \$361.48
Religious Education collection..... \$177.00
World Mission Sunday \$117.00

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