

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 17, 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.

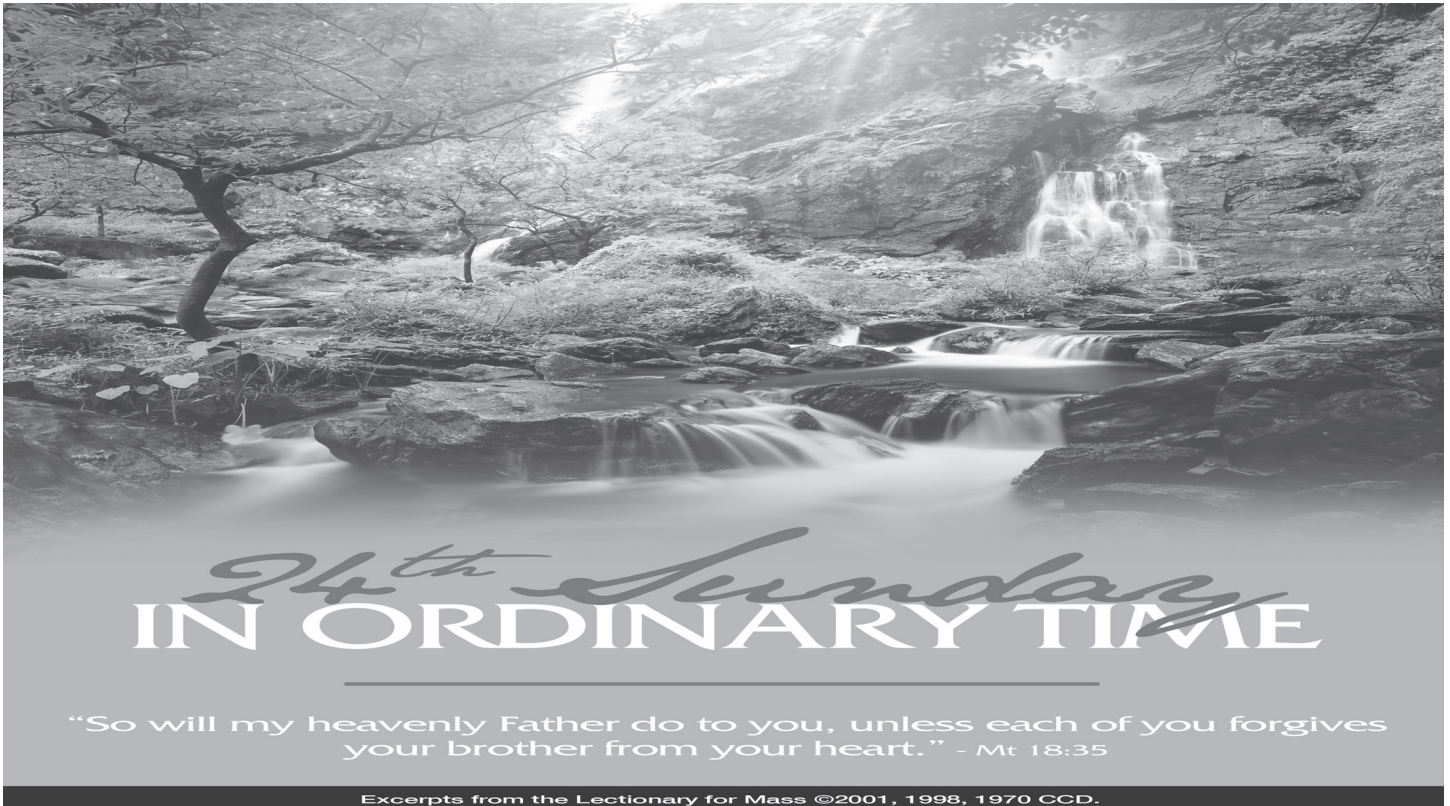
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

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.

2018 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2018 is open.

PLEASE DO NOT MAIL IN REQUESTS.

Intentions will be taken during office hours or we will take requests over the phone. There is limited availability for Saturday and Sunday, we have many weekday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday, Noon Masses available. The Sanctuary Lamp is available and runs from Sunday through Saturday in memory of your loved one. Masses and Lamp are a \$10.00 donation. Thank You.



Sharing The Gospel

You sin, just like everybody else does. God forgives you even if your sin is very bad. God washes all of your sins away and treats you with kindness. The next time someone hurts your feelings, remember how God forgives you. Follow God's example.

Prayer

God, teach me to forgive other people the way you forgive me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus dying on the cross for your sins.

Mission for the Week

Name one person you are angry with. Pray to God. Ask God to help you let go of your anger and really forgive.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.



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 Direnzo, Marilyn Ferretti, Shirley Fornito, Beverly Frey, David Galvagno, Gladys Graham, Vincent Gulotto, 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, Peg Wulfert.

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.

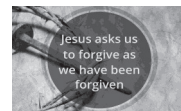


**If you would like to make a monetary donation
please make checks payable to
"All Faiths Food Pantry"**

Live The Liturgy -

Inspiration For The Week

Relationships are the focus of our reflection again this week, calling us to practice forgiveness unconditionally. This is a difficult thing for us to do. Forgiving someone does not mean that we necessarily tolerate or condone their behavior. Rather, it has to do with letting go of the anger and the hurt that really is more self-destructive than productive. We are called to recognize the brokenness and sinfulness of each other. We may, at times, have to walk away from an abusive or destructive relationship. However, keeping in mind the lessons it taught, we can free ourselves from its hurtful grasp by learning how to forgive as God forgives. It's a tall order.



Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Sunday Collection Sept. 9th & 10th

Regular collection	\$2,791.25
Loose collection	\$223.30
Poor collection.....	\$50.00
Fuel collection.....	\$478.00

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, Sept. 23rd & Sunday, Sept. 24th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Pat Campagna

9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ F. Sanzone, L. Sanzone, G. Mastriano, J. LaVergne,
M.E. Cusano, G. Larkin, R. Bartorillo

9:00AM ~ P. Schramm, K. Fekete, M. Piazza, C. Horton,
M.E. Cusano, Michael Dykeman, R. Elderbroom

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Sept. 16, 2017 - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Robert Nicholas - Wife, Celine
Deceased of Taddeo Family - The Family
Madline Gross - Rose Geremia
Frances Ventrone - Daughter

Sun. - Sept. 17, 2017 - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For the People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Sept. 18, 2017

12:00 Noon - For all who suffered lost due to Hurricane Irma

Tues. - Sept. 19, 2017 - St. Januarius, bishop & martyr

12:00 Noon - All first responders during the
recent floods and hurricanes

**Wed. - Sept. 20, 2017 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest
& Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs**

Thurs. - Sept. 21, 2017 - St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist

Fri. - Sept. 22, 2017

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00 Noon - American Red Cross teams

Sat. - Sept. 23, 2017 - 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - Sept. 24, 2017 - 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Rose Lane - Daughter
Louis Cellini - The Family
Marcia Vassar - Rose Mary Lane
Paul Ferretti - Maddalena DelVecchio

OLP/SP 11:00 am

International Food Festival

Yes it is time to get ready for our 11th Annual International Food Festival on Saturday, November 11th!

We will be looking for cooks who would like to share their favorite family recipe, bakers who would donate to the bake sale, themed baskets for our raffle table and volunteers to help throughout the day. Contact the rectory for information. More information will follow in the bulletin.



Religious Education

Religious Education Program

The Religious Education Program is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Teachers for Third, Fourth, Seventh and Eighth grades at OLP/SP.
 - Substitute teachers for all grades for SJB/HT and OLP/SP.
- Please call the Parish office at 315-478-0916 if you are interested in volunteering.
- Registration for classes for both parishes will be after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2nd & 3rd and Sept. 9th & 10th.

Classes will begin for grades K-8 on Sunday Sept. 17th.

SEPTEMBER

Sun. Sept. 17 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Sept. 24 Group 4 Money Counters

Thurs. Sept. 21 Washington Square Association Watch
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Wed. Sept. 27 Catholic Golden Agers Meeting
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of

Guiseppe Migliore

Requested by **The Family**



3rd Banns of Marriage - Andrea Serbun & David Herzog

2nd Banns of Marriage - Ashley Simmons & Ryan Bertrand
Samantha Romanyh & Kevin Whitfield



St. Therese Society

The St. Therese Society invites you to hear Sr. Kathllen Osbelt of Francis House to present important information regarding "End Of Life Planning" pm Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00pm at the OLP/SP convent on North McBride St. across from Cathedral Academy at Pompei. New members are welcome! Any questions please call Pat Turkett at 315-476-0896.

The St. Therese Society of OLP/SP Church founded in 1947, cordially invites all women of SJB/HT to join us as a guest or new member at any meeting or event. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Parish Offices. The months of January and February meetings are at 12 Noon. No meetings in July and August. We have speakers at many of our monthly meetings, conduct Bake Sales, Christmas Party, Member Guest Communion breakfast and Spring Luncheons. Our mission is to assist members to become better Catholics, to give financial aid to the parish and to promote friendship among the women of the parishes. For information call Pat Turkett or Noreen Zakrzeski at 315-457-8643.



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



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