

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 24, 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.

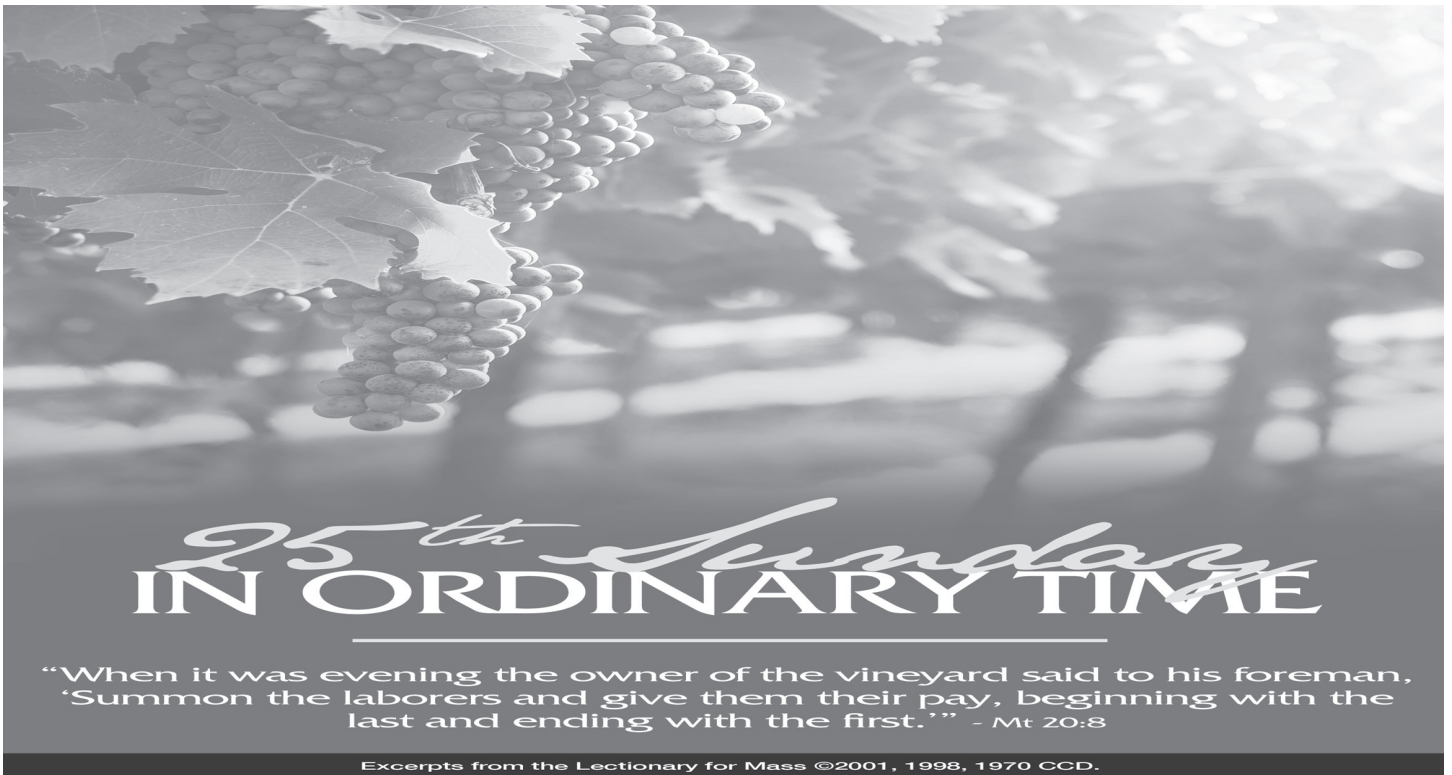
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’” - Mt 20:8

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

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.

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 are more Saturday and Sunday intentions available this year, we have 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.



Hurricane Relief Donations

The Diocese of Syracuse will forward all contributions that have been made for the hurricane collection to Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief to be dispersed and used as need be to both Texas and Florida. Any donations that you would like to add to this collection please make checks payable to **Diocese of Syracuse** and they will be forwarded downtown. Or feel free to make donations as you wish. Be knowledgeable of who you choose to make donations to. Please continue to pray for those who suffer, first responders, volunteers and shelters.



Sharing The Gospel

Whether you work for God your whole life, or whether you just got started, God will reward you in heaven. God doesn't want you to compare yourself with other people. God just wants you to love him with your whole heart.

Prayer

God, help me to be ready when you ask me to work for you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend at school about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Say a special prayer for each person in your family.

A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's Gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.



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 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 and Shelly Visco, Peg Wulfert.



Pray for our sick...



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

True love does not measure itself against the love of others. If I am truly in love with God there is no need to compare myself with others or succumb to jealousy if others appear closer than I or because I have loved longer. Authentic love does not consider benefits or privileges. It simply desires to be in the presence of the One who is loved. God invites all of his children into a relationship with him. It does not matter when along our life's journey we accept that invitation. It is only important that we do. In our Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard promised the usual daily wage to everyone, regardless of what time each started working. God promises love and eternal life to all who enter into relationship with him. It does not matter when. This is God's pure merciful gift. It is God's to give as God desires.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



As everyday stewards, I hope that each of us try to live daily lives of generosity for the glory of God. I hope that we are all working to cultivate characteristics of a good everyday steward so that we can grow in maturity of faith and draw closer to Christ. But if we could accurately see on a magical computer spreadsheet how everyone else around us was living life would it impact how we lived out our stewardship way of life? If we found out that others weren't trying as hard as we were or they were not nearly as generous would it give us reason to pause?

In the workplace, school, and general life, people can easily look around and choose to adapt what they are doing to match more closely what others are doing. Why give work more hours if no one else is willing? Why give a 20% tip to a waiter if you suspect everyone else is only giving 15%? Why spend hours studying for a test when no one else is taking it that seriously?

Our lives of stewardship should never be measured against that of others. Even though we are all called to give all we are and all we have to God, each one of us is unique in our response to that call. Instead of any type of comparison that may temper our generosity, we should hold to the truth that the more we give of ourselves the more fulfilled we will feel. Also, as we grow in our relationship with God, the more we will want to glorify him. Stewardship is not a competition. It is a call to serve God without counting the cost.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Sunday Collection Sept. 16th & 17th

Regular collection	\$4,105.25
Loose collection	\$471.35
Poor collection.....	\$52.00
Fuel collection.....	\$139.00
Catholic University collection.....	\$136.00



Saturday, Sept. 30th & Sunday, Oct. 1st

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ David Viggiano

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis & Aleda Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ R. Bartorillo, T. Bartorillo, M.E. Cusano, P. Serio,
G. Mastriano, J. LaVergne, R. Copani

9:00AM ~ Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, E. Warren,
C. Horton, K. Fekete, M. Piazza, R. Elderbroom

Mass Schedule for

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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

Mon. - Sept. 25, 2017

12:00 Noon - Joan Elizabeth Dominic - Daughters

Tues. - Sept. 26, 2017 - Sts. Cosman & Damian, martyrs

12:00 Noon - All Souls

Wed. - Sept. 27, 2017 - St. Vincent de Paul, priest

Thurs. - Sept. 28, 2017 - Sts. Wenceslaus, martyr,
Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs

Fri. - Sept. 29, 2017 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,
archangels

11:30 am - Confessions

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

Sat. - Sept. 30, 2017 - 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Robert Schotthoefer - The Family

Dorothy McGuire - Ed & Carol McGuire

Antonio & Maria Princi - Daughter

Mary & Mike Rafferty - Mike & Diane Rafferty

Sun. - Oct. 1, 2017 - 26th 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 - Sat. Nov. 11th

If you are planning or would like to be added to the "CHEFS" list for the festival please call the rectory or 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. Sept. 24 Group 4 Money Counters
- Sun. Oct. 1 Group 1 Money Counters
- Sun. Oct. 8 Group 2 Money Counters
- Sun. Oct. 15 Group 3 Money Counters
- Sun. Oct. 22 Group 4 Money Counters
- Sun. Oct. 29 Group 1 Money Counters

- Wed. Sept. 27 Catholic Golden Agers Meeting
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
- Thurs. Oct. 19 Washington Square Assoc. Meeting
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
- Wed. Oct. 25 Catholic Golden Agers Meeting
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

3rd Banns of Marriage -
Ashley Simmons & Ryan Bertrand
Samantha Romanyh & Kevin Whitfield



Religious Education

A teacher for 5th & 6th grade is needed for the SJB/HT Religious Education program and subs are needed to help fill in when necessary. Please contact the rectory if you have any interest. 315-478-0916.

The months of August and September we laid to rest from our parish community; **Robert Fanizzi, Nancy Pompo, William Slack and John F. Billion.**

We welcome into our parish community through baptism; **Adam Winterton and Samuel Kratz.**

Congratulations to the following couples on their marriages; **Michael & Monica (Ucchino) Mastriano, Andrew & Brooke (Adams) Abbot, Clem & Jacqueline (Masucci) Collins, David & Katelyn (Rutherford) Ingram and Paul & Natale (Vannelli) Fisher.**

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