

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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June 17, 2018

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil—5:30 pm

Sunday—9:00 am

Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30am. Or by appointment.

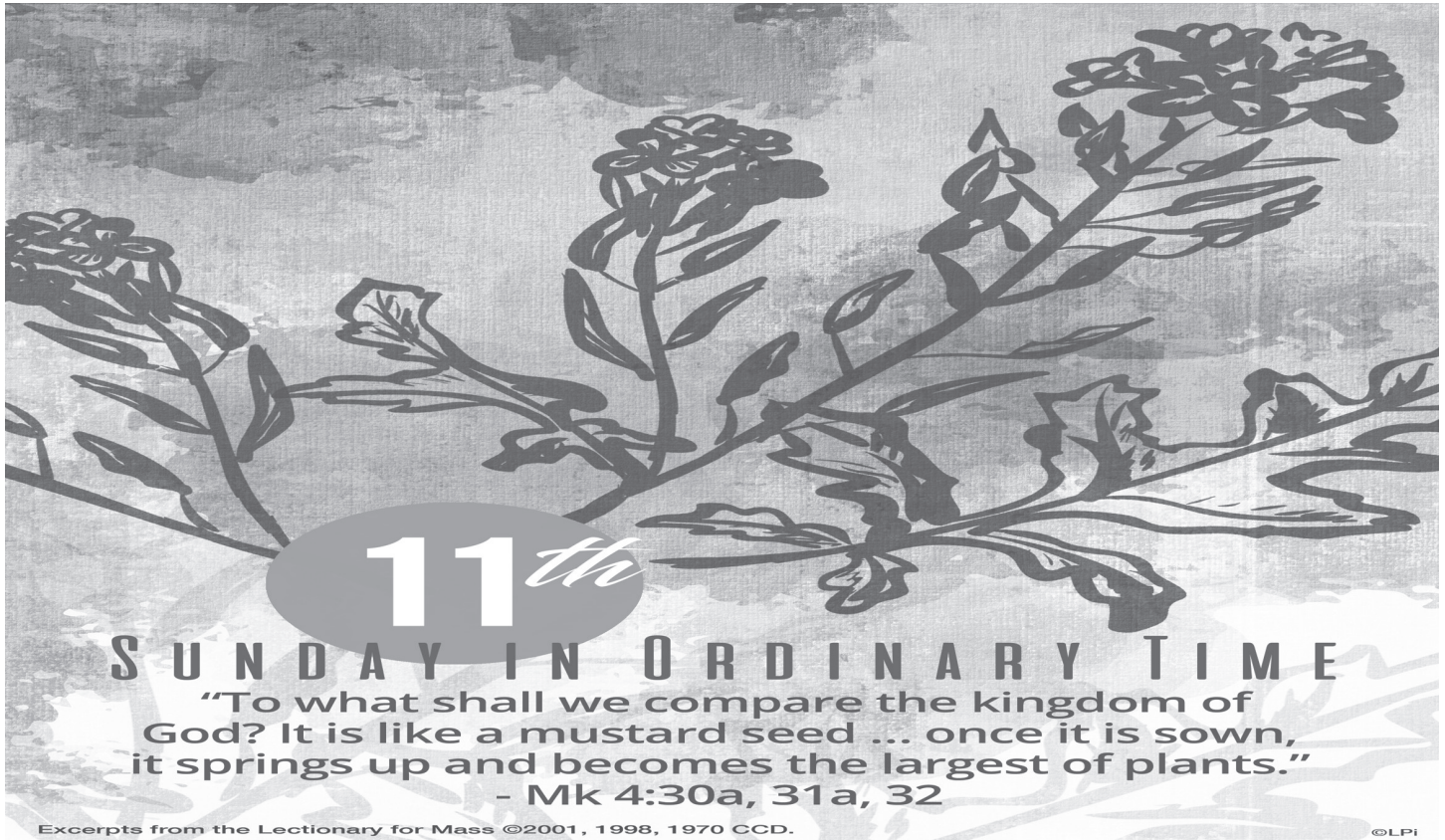
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God." What is a kingdom? Is it the brick and mortar that build up the castle? Is it the expanse of land a king can reasonably defend? Our notions of kingdoms may be romanticized in the modern era, but for the Israelites, a kingdom held deep historical meaning. Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, the Israelites had asked God for a king. After the reigns of David and Solomon, the united kingdom dissolved into factions, and the land was conquered by the Assyrians, Babylonians, and, finally, Romans. For the Israelites, a kingdom was something to build, both structurally and civilly. While this had ended in ruin for their ancestors, many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for the restoration of an earthly kingdom.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are a radical departure from this perspective. He compares the Kingdom of God to a field, but it appears that the farmer has little to do with its progress. "The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit." Jesus introduces his followers to a new sort of kingdom, a kingdom where God provides the growth.

There is work to be done, of course. "When the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." But for the Kingdom of God to flourish, there are certain things that are outside of our control. We sow seeds of kindness, justice, and integrity? and then we must be patient. As shoots of faith appear, we nurture the growth with encouragement. As Christians, our task is not to build the Kingdom of God under our power alone, but to trust in the life-giving movement of God.

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Office Assistant Mary Olmsted

Senior Priest in Residence Fr. Lester Smith

Music Director/Organist James Stanley

Cantor Jonathan Howell

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 Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the Gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact, the farmer does not even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents, we can influence our children but nothing we do can guarantee results.

Think of how much you have grown since you were born. To see you now, it is hard to imagine you ever wore baby clothes. God's kingdom started out small, and it keeps growing, too. God's kingdom needs people like you to love Jesus and to learn from him. Let God's word sink into your life. As you grow closer to Jesus, God's kingdom will grow.

Mission for the Week

Memorize John 3:16 this week. Let God's love sink into your heart. Treasure what you learn from Jesus.



Prayer

Jesus, help me learn from you and love you, so that God's kingdom will grow.

A Note From All Faith Food Pantry

Thank You for the very generous, and anonymous, donation sent to the All Faith Food Pantry recently. We will put this donation to very good use and hope that you know how much we appreciate your kindness.

THANK YOU!

Blessing Of Fathers

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the World as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



You could buy a meal for a person who is hungry or for a person who just ate a feast. You could spend time with a lonely person or with someone who has more friends than you. You could step forward to join a parish committee that your experience and knowledge can help, or you can join a ministry where you will constantly struggle to figure out what to do. All of the above actions involve you giving and sharing yourself and your gifts. But not all of these actions will bear good fruit.

If a sower sows seeds only on rocky or weed-infested soil, nothing of great value will grow. But if that same sower plants his seeds in rich soil, then the harvest will one day be great. In all of the soils, the seed is being sown, but it is not the act of sowing that is the most important factor.

In living a stewardship way of life, we must discern how best to share our gifts. Discernment needs the Holy Spirit and a desire to follow God's will, not our own. Our own desires and misconceptions can cause us to use our gifts unwisely. The more mindful we are of how, when, and why we are sharing ourselves, than the greater the impact for God's glory. God wants all of you, but not in a way that is without understanding and discernment. He wants you to shine as a light to the world through your stewardship just as He came to you as the Light of the World in baptism. You can't shine brightly if the match does not hit the wick.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So, too, in each of our lives, small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right, or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God-given gifts and talents. Our task is to use them creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. We trust that God will take care of the rest.



Sunday Collection June 9th & June 10th

Regular collection	\$2,945.25
Loose collection	\$307.00
Fuel collection	\$110.00
Poor collection	\$149.00
Catholic Communication collection	\$76.00

Saturday, June 23rd & Sunday, June 24th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Jack Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone, J. LaVergne, P. Serio,
M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin, M.E. Cusano

9:00AM ~ K. Fekete, C. Horton, J. Mott, P. Schramm,
M.E. Cusano, R. Warren, E. Warren

**Mass Schedule for
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity**

Sat. - June 16, 2018 - Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - For The People

Sun. - June 17, 2018 - Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
Father's Day

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - All Fathers Deceased

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - June 18, 2018

12:00 Noon - All who work the farmlands of our areas

Tues. - June 19, 2018 - St. Romuald, abbot

12:00 Noon - Peg Moss - Jane Kwasigroch

Wed. - June 20, 2018

Thurs. - June 21, 2018 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

**Fri. - June 22, 2018 - Sts. Paulinus of Nola, bishop,
John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs**

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - All Souls

Sat. - June 23, 2018 - Vigil - The Nativity of

St. John the Baptist

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - John Castle - Nono & Nanna Costantini

Sun. - June 24, 2018 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am



Save The Date

We will have the Annual SJB/HT OLP/SP Clam Bake on Wednesday, July 25 from 1:00-5:00PM at Hinerwadel's. The cost is \$50.00 per person. More info will follow.



JUNE EVENTS

Sun. June 17 Group 1 Money Counters

Sun. June 24 Group 2 Money Counters

Tues. June 19 Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Thurs. June 21 Washington Square Assoc.
Neighborhood Watch 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

Sun. June 24 SJB/HT & OLP/SP BBQ
SJB/HT Parking Lot Noon.

SJB/HT Parish Center if inclement weather.



Theology On Tap

All young adults from 18 to 35 years old are invited to join Theology On Tap on **Thursday, June 21 at the Dinosaur BBQ on West Willow St. at**

7:00PM. Theology On Tap is a terrific way to reach out to Catholic young adults with free food, excellent domestic beers and wine, and an exceptional speaker each month. Our speaker this month is John Sheridan and his topic is "Faith Fit: How Exercise Impacts Your Spiritual Life." Call or text Michael Bespiaty at 315-383-4744.

The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn in memory of

John A. Markert - Requested by The Family

Raffaele DeMichele - Requested by The Family



First Banns of Marriage
Meridith Nappa & Steven Maisto

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



Remember: Antonietta Briggs, Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Theresa Deprimio, Kathy Deprimio, Frank DeYulio, Peter DiBello, Anthony Direnzo, Aaron Doty, Louise Epolito, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Shirley Fornito, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, David Galvagno, Trudy (Sobon) German, Gladys Graham, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Joanne Loughney, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Bernice McClelland, Peggy Miccinelli, Helen Mnich, Darlene Noyes, Jean Padden, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Jason A. Smith, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, and Matthew Watkins.

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