

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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August 19, 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.

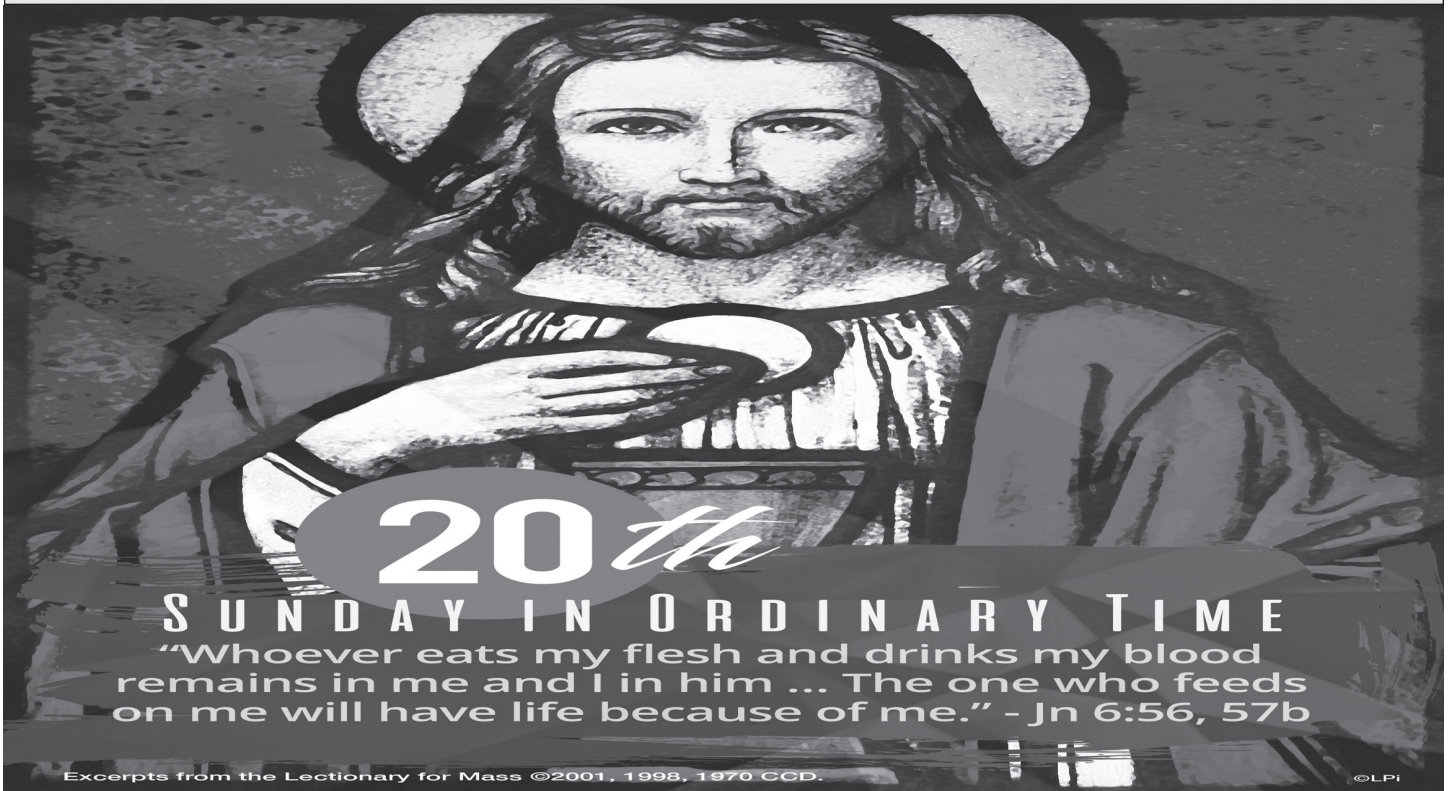
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life Discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically. Jesus doesn't seem to help, however, and only drives his point home with more emphasis. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Jesus would later institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper. There he would definitively establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially his own Body and Blood. We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.

Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive. "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." What is the essence of food and drink? Food nourishes our bodies, providing essential calories for our survival. Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints, regulate body temperature, and protect sensitive tissues like the brain. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the spiritual equivalent of these essential elements. Like water, the Eucharist strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The Eucharist connects us intimately to Jesus and confirms our union with him. That is why we abstain from the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin. It would be a contradiction and deep disrespect to these words of Jesus. To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is not a right but a gift we receive with deep humility.

As we receive the Bread of Life, grace strengthens our love, separates us from sin -- even wiping away venial sins -- unifies us with the universal Church, and helps commit us to humble service. Together we are nourished for our mission in the world!

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

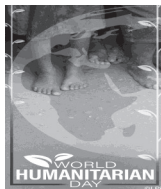
Cantor Jonathan Howell

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.

World Humanitarian Day

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Throughout its history, the Church has paid special attention to the needs of the vulnerable and the transformation of society according to the plan of God. In the midst of the industrialization and interconnection of recent centuries, popes have spoken out more boldly in defense of the human person and developed Catholic Social Teaching. On World Humanitarian Day, we remember our Church's robust tradition of care for the poor, defense of justice, and advocacy for peace. This week, consider how you, too, can contribute and be Jesus' hands and feet to the world. Will you serve at a soup kitchen or donate to clean water projects across the globe? How is God inviting you to make a life-changing impact for His children today?



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of eating his flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.



Would you like to live forever? Jesus would like you to. God sent Jesus so that one day we could live with him forever in heaven. Remember how the Israelites waited every morning for manna? Do you remember they got so hungry they cried? Well, Jesus wants us to wake up every morning, excited to meet him and talk to him. When we read God's word, and when we pray every day, he wants to come inside our hearts.

He wants to be the one to fill every one of our needs.

Mission for the Week

Ask your parents if you can have a snack of grape juice and bread today. Talk about how the Israelites came to get manna every morning. How can you as a family make Jesus a part of your day, every day?



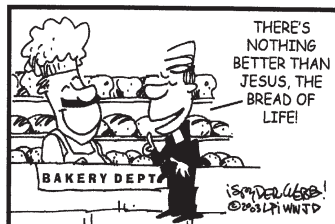
Prayer

Dear God, help me to keep coming back for more of Jesus every single day. Amen.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.” — Jn 6:56-57

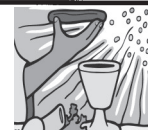
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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

"Show me what is physically different between a host that is consecrated and one that is not." These are words that can be heard on the lips of anyone struggling with faith. Perhaps, they are heard on yours. Physical tests will reveal no difference. The difference is seen through faith. In one sense, it is simple. Either we believe that the risen Christ is present -- soul and divinity -- or we do not. The fruits of faith are the proof. In the Eucharist, God enters into the very depths of who we are. However, it is our choice whether we ignore what He does or act fully upon it. The Eucharist can change us. When people see that we are different, they in turn will themselves believe.



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

We can easily feel obligated to attend a party, wedding, or other event that we find ourselves invited to as a guest. If we want to go, then we get dressed up and rush off with anticipation of fun and good times with friends. If we dread going, we get ourselves together slowly and arrive late, hoping that the event will not be so long and we can then get on with the rest of our day. The difference in our feelings may have to do with many aspects: the host, the attendees, the reason for celebration, or even the venue. Either way, the invitation has been given to us because someone feels that our presence would make a positive difference. Our response is entirely our own. We decide how we will answer the invitation.

Every Sunday, every day in fact, you and I have received an invitation to a banquet more celebratory and grander than any wedding or birthday party. The host is actually Jesus Christ himself, and he has prepared a feast that promises to satisfy. He has prepared for this event by giving all he has to give. No host has ever been more gracious. His hope is that you will be happy to attend for your presence does make a tremendous difference. Would he invite you if attending made no difference at all? Will you RSVP with a sense of joy and anticipation? If this is just another invite that obligates you and you approach the event with indifference, the host wonders if you really comprehend what he went through to make this meal possible. He also wonders if you really understand what is truly being celebrated.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

The food pantry is in need of volunteers. Opportunities include unloading the food bank truck, stocking shelves, accompanying clients in food selection and working the intake desk. The food pantry is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 2:45 pm, and schedules can be flexible. Please contact Nancy Bergeson in the Parish Office at 315-478-0916 and leave your name and telephone number and the Pantry Coordinator will contact you.



Saturday, August 25th & Sunday, August 26th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ Lisa Primerano

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ R. Copani, P. Serio, G. Larkin, J. Lavergne,
M.E. Cusano, L. Sanzone, F. Sanzone

9:00AM ~ L. Argiro, P. Schramm, J. Mott, R. Elderbroom,
C. Horton, E. Warren, M. Piazza



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

Sat. - August 18, 2018 - 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - The DeMichele Family - The Family
Deceased of the Pennacchia Family - The Family

Sun. - August 19, 2018 - 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Edward Radlowski - The Family
Albert Viggiano - Tish, Mike & Pat DeSalvo
Donald Bill - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Palucci & Family

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - August 20, 2018 - St. Bernard,

abbot & doctor of the Church

12:00 Noon - Better & fair health care for all

Tues. - August 21, 2018 - St. Pius X, pope

12:00 Noon - Just and human treatment to all refugees

Wed. - August 22, 2018 - The Queenship of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Thurs. - August 23, 2018 - St. Rose of Lima, virgin

Fri. - August 24, 2018 - St Bartholomew, apostle

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Luella & Lucille Hatter -
Daughters Susan & Nancy & Families

Sat. - August 25, 2018 - 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

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

Sun. - August 26, 2018 - 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Richard Ventrone - Marilyn Ferretti
Rachael Perkins - The Perkins Family
Clemente & Maria Grazia Vigliotti -
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

OLP/SP 11:00 am



Memorials For Hymnals

A reminder that Memorials, that will appear on the inside cover of the Hymnals, are still available in memory of loved ones for \$20.00 per request. You may use the below form or call the office for further assistance. There is no information on when requests already made will be printed but all have been submitted.

In Memory of: 1) _____

2) _____

Requested by: _____

Phone number: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

**Why Do We Do That -
Catholic Life Explained**



Question: Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer: For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

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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