

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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August 26, 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.

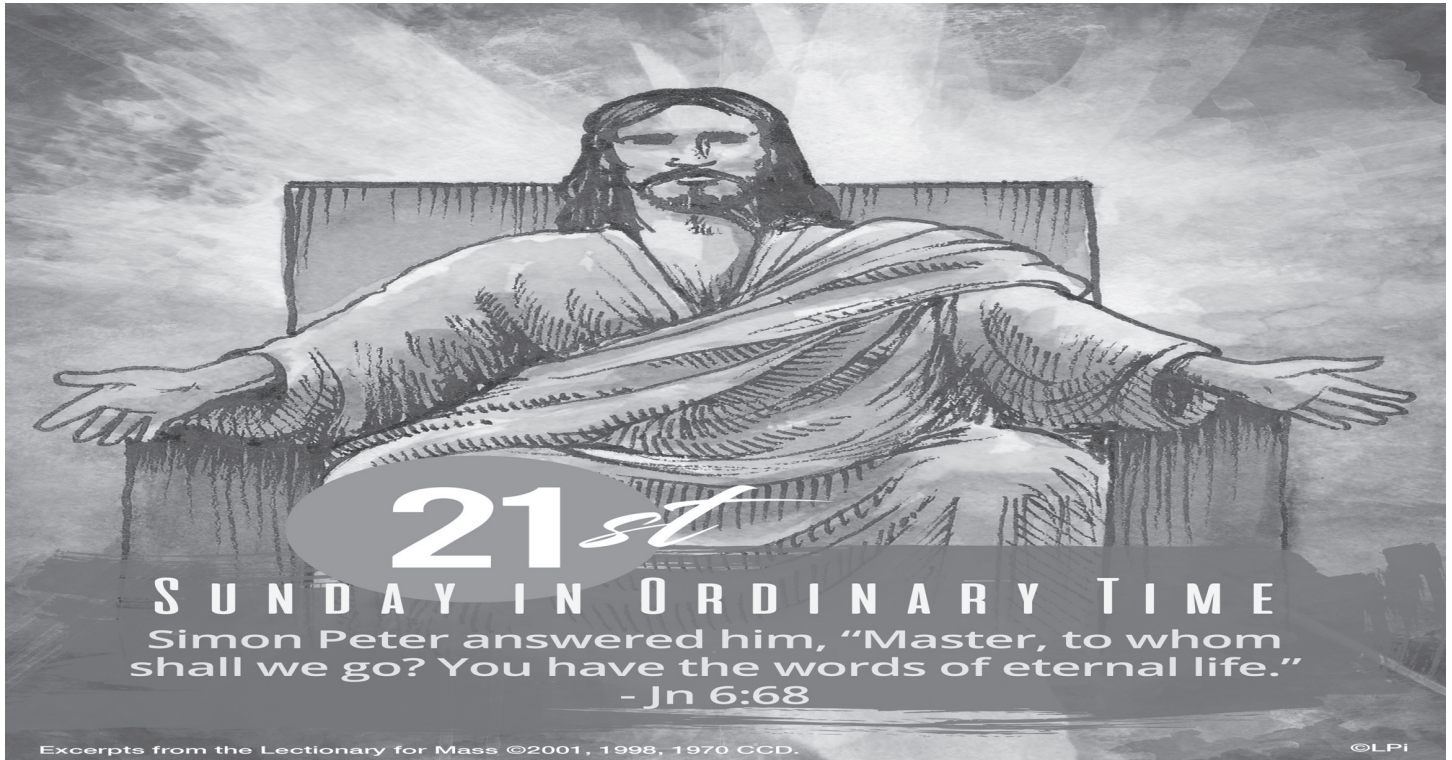
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much.

Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

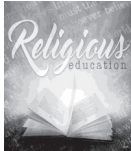
Office Assistant Mary Olmsted

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.



Attention: All Men & Woman Who Would Like To Make A Difference In A Child's Life

We will be starting Religious Education classes soon and are in need of adults (men & women) to share their faith with our children in grades Pre K to Confirmation II. No teaching experience is needed. You will be asked to take a VIRTUS Training class if you are not already trained. You only need the desire to assist our youth on their Faith Journey. We will provide everything needed for each class. Classes are held on Sunday from 9:45 - 11:00 am. Please pray and seriously consider volunteering your time. Call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357 for more information.

Religious Education Classes will start in September. We will be offering classes from Pre K to Confirmation II. If you have a child or children age 3 and up that you would like to register for classes and Sacraments please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357.



Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Jesus' teaching is hard and challenging. In fact, many who originally believed in him left and returned to their former way of life. They were not able to accept what he had to say or to make the changes that are necessary to conform their lives to the Gospel. We often water down our faith and make it more about securing our place in heaven than leading a life in pursuit of the kingdom of God. Following Jesus and living the Gospel require action now. The Gospel demands that we change the way we conduct the business of our lives. Sadly, many are still afraid of taking risks and cannot accept change. Are we really ready to venture forth into the unknown, or would we prefer to simply return to our old ways of doing things?

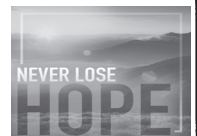
Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

My wife has a hope chest filled with items from her past. Some memories contained in there are joyous, while others are painful and filled with sorrow. However, all those memories helped to make her the person she is today. They have become a part of her very being.

Traditionally, a hope chest contained linens and clothing for a woman's wedding day. It was a chest filled with the hope for the future. As time goes by, many of our hopes are fulfilled. However, life never goes exactly as planned. Some hopes are dashed by unfortunate circumstances or bad choices we have made.

Our hearts are like hope chests that long for the day when we are joined for eternity with our God. Along the way, our chest may accumulate additional items that we collect on our life's journey. If we are gracious and generous along the way, our chest will fill with fruit to abundance. If we live more with a focus on ourselves, we will find our hope chests nearly barren. We will, in fact, lose hope. May the hope chest of your heart be overflowing with love that you have freely given and that has come back to you tenfold. May your generosity provide hope for the hopeless, and may your hope always remain strong.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Events At The CNY Marian Center 5180 W. Taft Rd.

Queen of Heaven, 6:30PM, 8 Fridays beginning Sept. 7. - Never before has the story of Our Lady been told like this. Be part of the incredible journey that begins before time itself, when Mary was only an Eternal Thought in the Mind of God, to her time on earth when she raised our Savior, to the unfolding of her role in the early Church, to her miraculous appearances at Guadalupe, Lourdes and Fatima. Materials Fee: \$25.00.

First Saturday Movie, Sept. 1, 6:30PM, The Scarlet and the Black starring Gregory Peck about Msgr. Hugh O'Flaherty's assistance to thousands of escaped POWs in Occupied Rome. Based on the true story. Rosary at 5:45PM.

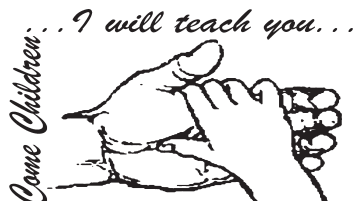
Register for Queen of Heaven: 315-452-4698, or go onto cnymariancenter@gmail.com



After Jesus compared himself to manna, and said that he was sent from heaven, many of his followers turned away from him. They just could not accept what Jesus was saying. It was too hard for them to understand. We have something they did not have. We have the Holy Spirit to help us. Sometimes what we learn might be hard for us to understand, too, but we never need to walk away. We can have faith in Jesus. We can ask him to help us.

Mission for the Week

Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.



Prayer

Dear God, give me the faith to trust Jesus always. Amen.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families, it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.



**Saturday, Sept. 1st & Sunday, Sept. 2nd
LECTORS:**

5:30PM ~ Annette Marchbanks
9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano
9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ M.A. Bergamo, G. Larkin, L. Sanzone,
F. Sanzone, J. LaVergne, R. Copani, M.E. Cusano
9:00AM ~ J. Mott, M. Piazza, P. Schramm, R. Elderbroom,
K. Fekete, Michael Dykeman, M.E. Cusano, Michele Dykeman

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

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

Mon. - August 27, 2018 - St. Monica
12:00 Noon - Evelyn Salani - Joan & Patti

Tues. - August 28, 2018 - St. Augustine, bishop
12:00 Noon - All Souls

Wed. - August 29, 2018 - The Passion of
St. John The Baptist

Thurs. - August 30, 2018

Fri. - August 31, 2018
SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession
SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Martin Salanger - Mary Salanger
Bill Kwasigroch - Jane Kwasigroch

Sat. - Sept. 1, 2018 - 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
OLP/SP - 4:00 pm
SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Domenica Muolo - Joan LaVergne
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Princi - Daughter
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children

Sun. - Sept. 2, 2018 - 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
OLP/SP 7:30 am
SJB/HT 9:00 am - Thomas Bleskoski - Fran & Judy Cooney
Giullia Palucci - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Palucci
OLP/SP 11:00 am



1st Banns of Marriage
Melissa Matthews & Tim Schreiber

SEPTEMBER EVENTS	
Sun. Sept. 2	Group 4 Money Counters
Sun. Sept. 9	Group 1 Money Counters
Sun. Sept. 16	Group 2 Money Counters
Sun. Sept. 23	Group 3 Money Counters
Sun. Sept. 30	Group 4 Money Counters
Tues. Sept. 4	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Tues. Sept. 18	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Thurs. Sept. 20	Washington Square Assoc. 7:00PM Neighborhood Watch SJB/HT Parish Center
Tues. Sept. 25	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center
Wed. Sept. 26	Catholic Golden Ages 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Sunday Collection Aug. 4th & Aug. 5th

Regular collection\$2,852.00
Loose collection \$522.00
Fuel collection \$356.00

Sunday Collection Aug. 11th & Aug. 12th

Regular collection\$2,991.00
Loose collection \$333.00
Poor Collection..... \$106.00

Sunday Collection Aug. 18th & Aug. 19th

Regular collection\$2,400.00
Loose Collection \$217.00
Assumption of the BVM collection..... \$154.00

The month of August we laid to rest from our parish community; Nick LaRose.

Congratulations Joshua and Elise (Heick) Blodgett on your marriage.

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, Michael Morga, 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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