

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 2, 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.

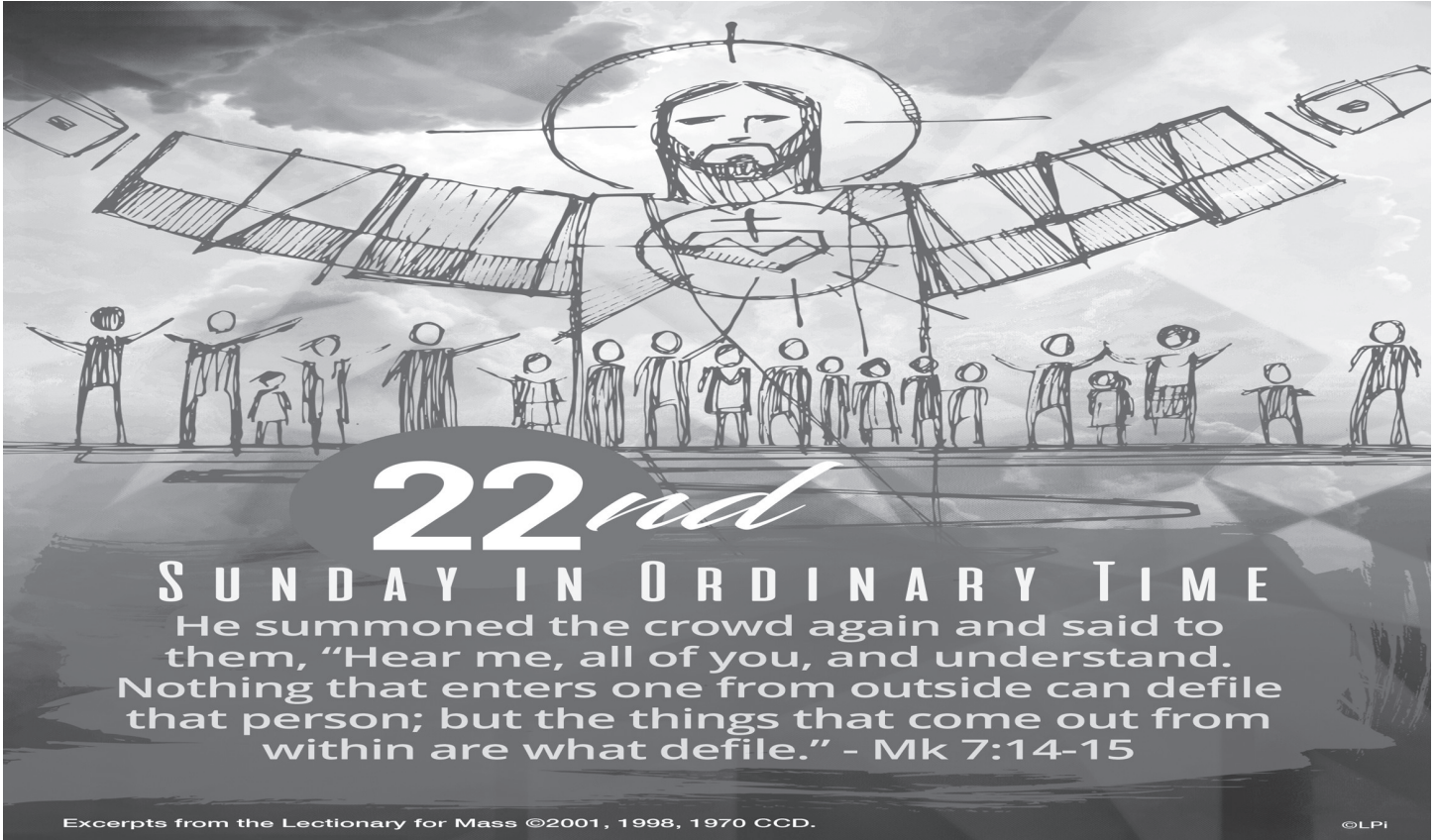
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Judgment tends to have a bad reputation. We often associate it with condemnation, and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees. Today's Gospel features the Pharisees doing exactly what we expect. "They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands." The Jewish people had strict purification laws that applied to all areas of life. The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus of not following the ancestral traditions. Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se. He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words. "You hypocrites ? this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

From there, Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart. "The things that come from within are what defile." He lists off a number of sins, including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with, including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance. When we examine the list, perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts. We must judge our own actions. Are they leading us closer to God or away from Him? Are we growing in love of our neighbor, or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As we move into this week, consider the state of our own heart. Perhaps you are overly scrupulous in less important areas. Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin that you've excused for too long. Whatever it is, the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a share in His mercy as soon as we turn to Him. This week, allow your heart to be transformed!

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

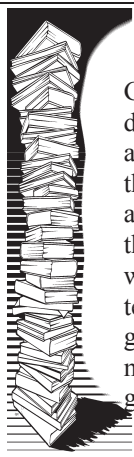
Call the Rectory to arrange for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist and cantor directly. Baptisms and hospital/home visits.



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.



Back To School Prayer

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the wonders of your world and the opportunity to learn about you and your creation. Just as Jesus stayed in the Temple in the midst of the teachers, so too we ask you to bless these young people as they begin their studies, learning from wise men and women who are their mentors and teachers. Bless both teacher and student as they continue to learn and grow to the betterment of themselves and our community. We ask this blessing in the name of the great teacher, Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother.
Amen.

Wash your hands before you eat! Did you know that rule came from God, so that we would stay healthy? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees liked to wash their hands and follow God's rules, only because they liked to show off. Don't be like those Pharisees. When you follow God's rules, do the right thing out of love for God.

Mission for the Week

The next time you wash your hands, thank God that he made rules to keep us all safe, healthy and happy.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to keep my heart clean, full of love for you and other people.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns, "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a lifetime are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That is the good news! That can also be the bad news!



Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

In response to how the Pharisees and scribes lived their faith, Jesus said, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Both good and evil impulses come from our hearts. Which one has the upper hand depends on how well a person has taken on the mind and heart of God. How well we live our faith is determined by the same. As Pope Francis tells us, Jesus is present in all of our brothers and sisters, especially those who endure suffering like his own. Our world is full of tragedy, conflict, and suffering: slave labor, diseases, wars, terrorism, exploitation, famine, human trafficking. We cannot simply pay lip service to the evils of the world, we must act!

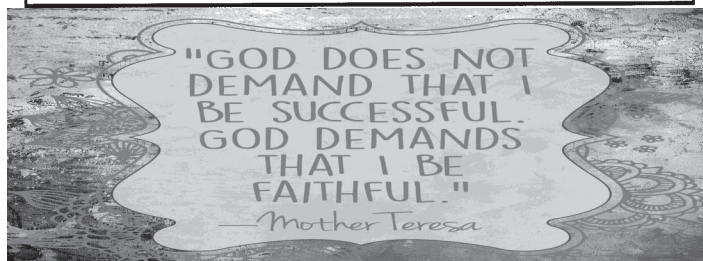


Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Justice is a concept under attack in today's world. When I watch the news, I see so many distortions of justice. One person's notion of fairness is sometimes far from another's understanding of justice. Perhaps the issue is that human justice often becomes corrupted by selfishness and greed. Justice for one's self always seems more important than justice for another. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to use what we have been given not only to fight for human justice alone, but also to offer a more benevolent justice that can only come from God.

We are called to offer all we have to God for His greater intentions. Our gifts cannot only level the playing field for some but can serve as instruments of grace for those who, in the eyes of the world, do not even deserve it. In God's framework of justice, second chances and overflowing generosity are commonplace. Everyone created in the image of God deserves love regardless of their state in life or the actions they have taken against another. The world will never understand this type of justice. Humans have a hard enough time figuring out the simple concepts of equity or fair play. For those who do not believe in Jesus, his justice seems even more difficult to comprehend. In fact, it can appear downright crazy.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Sunday Collection Aug. 25th & Aug. 26th

Regular collection	\$2,635.25
Loose collection	\$385.00
Religious Education collection	\$192.00
Nigerian Mission collection	\$925.95

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. There is no Noon Mass for this day.



Saturday, Sept. 8th & Sunday, Sept. 9th
LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00AM ~ John Robinson

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

5:30PM ~ J. LaVergne, R. Copani, G. Larkin,
M.A. Bergamo, M.E. Cusano

9:00AM ~ E. Warren, R. Warren, L. Argiro, K. Fekete

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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
Nick LaRose - The Warren Family
Burns Neveldine - Paula & Barbara Nevaldine

OLP/SP 11:00 am

**Mon. - Sept. 3, 2018 - St. Gregory the Great,
pope & doctor of the Church**

12:00 Noon - No Mass - Labor Day

Tues. - Sept. 4, 2018

12:00 Noon - Joseph Conti - Joan LaVergne
Nick LaRose - Jerry Mott

Wed. - Sept. 5, 2018 - St. Teresa of Calcutta, religious

Thurs. - Sept. 6, 2018

Fri. - Sept. 7, 2018

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Safe school year for all

Sat. - Sept. 8, 2018 - 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Patrick Homa - Sue Slack
Bill Slack - Wife, Sue, Daughters & Grandchildren

Sun. - Sept. 2, 2018 - 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am



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

Rosary Procession

Saturday, September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be a Rosary Procession following the 4:00PM Mass at St. Daniel's Church. The Rosary will be prayed on a short route from Roxford Road to Lyncourt Place to Court St., returning to St. Daniel's for Benediction. The Rosary will also be prayed in the Church for those not able to make the outdoor procession or in the case of inclement weather. Come and join the CNY Marian Center and St. Daniel's at this midpoint of the 54 Day Rosary Novena For Our Nation as we move from petition to thanksgiving.



2nd Banns of Marriage

Melissa Matthews & Tim Schreiber



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of
Michael Aiello and James Capriozzi
requested by The Family**

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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