

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 16, 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-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter.

First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. "'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.'" Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. "Whoever loses his life for my sake ? will save it."

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.

2019 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2019 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. **Again please do not mail in requests.** Thank You.



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves"), we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The Gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

Jesus was the king, the Messiah that God's people had been waiting for. In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were confused. If Jesus was the king, why was he saying he would die soon? Jesus' friends did not understand yet that by dying on the cross, Jesus would save them from their sins.

Mission for the Week

With your family, talk about what you would enjoy if you were a king or queen. Tell how Jesus was different from other kings.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for coming to save me from my sins.



Annual HOPE Appeal Update

We want to thank all those parishioners who have so generously given to the 2018 HOPE Appeal thus far.

This year our goal is \$24,262.06. So far we have 81 parishioners who have given/pledged a total of \$11,011.50. Won't you please prayerfully consider donating to the Annual HOPE Appeal to help us reach our goal/assessment? Your support helps many in our parish and diocese.

Remember there is no pledge/donation too small or too large.

We remind you that since we are assessed \$24,262.06 and what we don't receive, we must take out of savings to make up the difference. So please help us reach our goal.

You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrdio.org.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



Who do you say Jesus is? Some look to Jesus as the reliever of pain and suffering. We want to believe in a God who will take away the discomfort we are feeling and make things better. Frustration and even a lessening of faith can happen when we realize this is not happening. Jesus is the Christ. As the Christ, he is the one who shows us how to keep both the joys and sorrows of life in balance. There is no hopping, skipping, or jumping over suffering. It is a part of life. In addition to the physical pain we are asked to endure, living the Gospel can bring rejection and suffering as well. Jesus the Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Do we have the desire and faith to follow him?



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

I must confess. I have not always prayed for someone if I told him or her I would. I have fallen victim to making the phrase, "You are in my prayers," a sentence void of real emotion or intent. It is like asking the question, "How are you?" Do I always want to know how you are at the time? Then follows the most common responses of "fine" or "good." I could have had the worst day, but I still utter a response that does not reflect my true state. Many of us say things to be nice without really thinking about it. At least, I hope I am not the only one.

The truth is that words are meaningless without action. We sometimes make ourselves and others feel better by saying we will do things only to provide no action at all. Offering best wishes to those in real need without any action is worth little. Even if we think we are sincere, true faith without works is dead.

Good stewardship requires us to say what we mean and mean what we say. Stewardship is a way of living. It does ask for sentiments of love. It asks for profound actions of love. We need to offer our gifts, talents, time, and prayers to one another and then follow through. This means we need to be more mindful of what we are saying, more committed to following through, and more accountable for our actions if we fail. If we practice this way of living, not only will we be able to say we are doing the right thing, but our integrity will be intact and we will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Sunday Collection Sept. 8th & Sept. 9th

Regular collection	\$3,955.00
Loose collection	\$407.00
Fuel collection	\$451.00



Bishop Ludden Used Book Sale

Friday, Oct. 12, 4-7 pm, Saturday, Oct. 13, 9-3 pm and Sunday, Oct. 14, 12-3 pm Bishop Ludden Jr Sr High School will be having their annual used book sale to support the After the Prom party (a safe event for the students to go to after their prom). For information contact, Kathleen Hosek at 315-727-0049.



Saturday, Sept. 22nd & Sunday, Sept. 23rd

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Jack Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Ashley Murphy

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ P. Schramm, K. Fekete, M. Piazza, J. Mott,
M.E. Cusano, Michael Dykeman, R. Elderbrook

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

Sat. - Sept. 15, 2018 - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Speranza Migliore - The Family
Andrea Gambino - Mr. & Mrs. L. Sanzone
Rev. Guiseppa Di'Ielsi - Mr. & Mrs. Luisi

Sun. - Sept. 16, 2018 - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - The Ciriase Family - Carmella Dauccio
Giorgio DelVecchio - Anna DelVecchio & Family
Joseph & Maria Carmina Papa -
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Sept. 17, 2018 - St. Robert Bellamine,
bishop & doctor of the Church

12:00 Noon - Warm and safe shelters for the homeless

Tues. - Sept. 18, 2018

12:00 Noon - Nick LaRose - Patti Schramm

Wed. - Sept. 19, 2018 - St. Januarius, bishop & martyr

Thurs. - Sept. 20, 2018 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,
priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

Fri. - Sept. 21, 2018 - St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - All Souls

Sat. - Sept. 22, 2018 - 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Robert Nicholas - Wife, Celine
Guiseppa Migliore - The Family
Robert Giusti - Maria DiMichele
Deceased of the Taddeo Family - The Family

Sun. - Sept. 23, 2018 - 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - Paul Ferretti - Marilyn
Joan Dominic - Daughters
Antoine Tetrault - Norm & Pat Jaquin

OLP/SP 11:00 am



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sun. Sept. 16 Group 2 Money Counters

Sun. Sept. 23 Group 3 Money Counters

Sun. Sept. 30 Group 4 Money Counters

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 Agers 7:00PM
SJB/HT Parish Center

A PRAYER FOR OUR TEACHERS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZING TEACHERS
WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES
TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN.
AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE NEW YEAR,
FILL THEM WITH STRENGTH TO LEAD,
GRACE TO GUIDE AND HOPE TO THRIVE
IN THEIR CLASSROOM.
BLESS THEM BEYOND MEASURE
FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS
TO POUR INTO THE NEXT
GENERATION THROUGH EDUCATION. AMEN

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, Mi-
chael Morga, Darlene Noyes, Jean Padden, Cathy Galutz
Sacco, Patty Schramm, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Ja-
son A. Smith, Timothy K. Suppes, Reita Suppes, Barbara
Traino, Shelly Visco, and Matthew Watkins.

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