

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 23, 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.

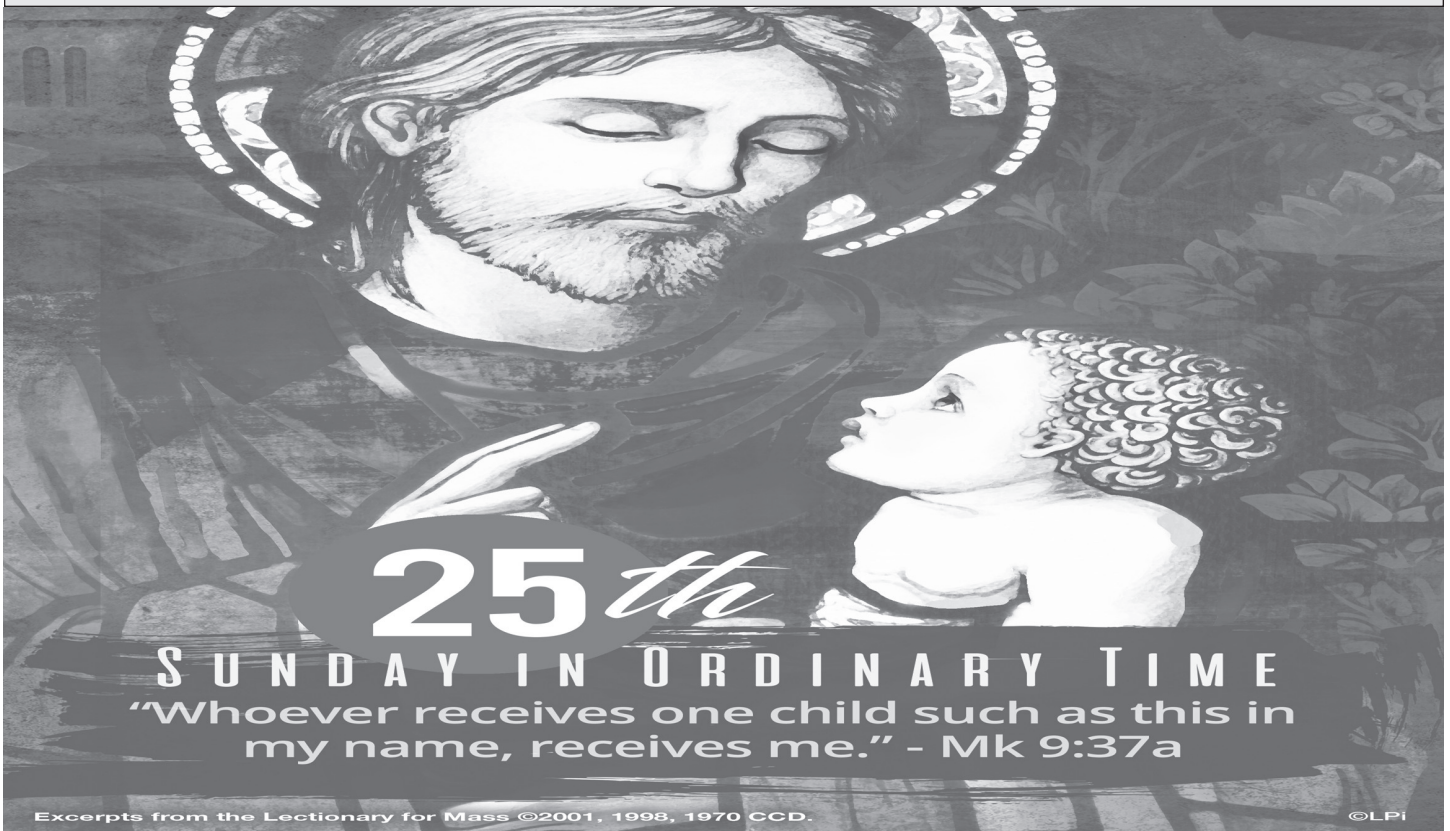
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to "be the best" goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big.

Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. "The Son of Man is to be handed over ? and they will kill him." Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. "They ? [discuss] among themselves on the way who was the greatest." True to style, Jesus flips their pretensions on their heads. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it. "'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.'" Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not be measured by worldly output alone but by how much love and service we offer to others in the process.

### **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

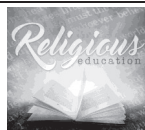
**Call the Rectory to arrange** for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist and cantor directly. Baptisms and hospital/home visits.

## 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.



## Religious Education News

Our Religious Education Program started on Sept. 16 for Pre K- 8th grade. Our Confirmation II program starts this weekend, Sept. 23. There is still room for more students if you have a child age 3 & up for Pre K to Confirmation II. We are also still looking for teachers, even if you can only teach part of the time. Please call Betty Warren for more information at 315-420-6357.

## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Disagreements are common in families. However, what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.



Even though they were friends, sometimes the disciples fought with each other. In today's Gospel reading, they were fighting over who was the most important. All twelve of them wanted to be number one-the best disciple. Then Jesus told them a secret. The best disciple is the one who helps other people.

### Mission for the Week

Ask your family members how you can help each of them this week. When you help them with a cheerful heart, God smiles.

### Prayer

Dear God, when I am tempted to fight with my friends, show me ways to help them instead.



## Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Humility is really a virtue that allows us to keep our relationships in proper order: God first, others second, and myself third. However, we all wrestle with our incompleteness, weakness, and imperfections. Passions and impulses from within can color how we view our lives and distort them. Who among us does not struggle with jealousy, envy, pride, and lust? Then, when we can't have what we desire, we find ourselves angry, greedy, and taking more than we deserve. The downward spiral continues. Even Jesus' disciples, who knew him better than most, argued about who was the greatest. Humbly seeking the wisdom that comes from God and His righteousness is the corrective we need in order to keep ourselves in check.



## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

If you have traveled on Southwest Airlines, you are aware of how they line people up prior to boarding. You receive a lettered group of A, B, or C and a number. You line up with your group and in sequence based on your numbers. This means that before every flight, you'll hear people ask over and over, "What number are you?" Some don't ask and simply place themselves in the line. I have been A-1 before and had someone stand in line in front of me. There is nothing before A-1 in the line! It is crazy the urgency of some to board the plane and get the perfect seat. For some, I think it has more to do with a sense of entitlement. No one is going to cheat me out of my place in line! I deserve it!

Of course, you can't deserve your place in the line more than another. We are all getting on the plane and going to the same place. In life, some of us act like people in a Southwest boarding line. We want our place in line, and we will sometimes put ourselves ahead of others without merit. Good stewardship allows us to see our actions in this regard as folly. Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." We are called to serve and not to be served. If we seek what we truly deserve in this life, we will find that we are not actually entitled to much. If we humble ourselves and seek to serve others, we will receive an abundance of good things, even though we still won't deserve it. For all we receive, whether we are A-1 or C-30, is a gift.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 7

Life Chain events to prayerfully oppose abortion:

St. Rose of Lima Church, 409 S. Main St. Contact

Robert George email: [rdgeorge1985@gmail.com](mailto:rdgeorge1985@gmail.com) or call 315-468-2828.

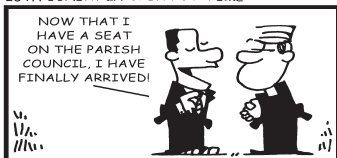


AUTUMN  
BEGINS

Happy Fall/Autumn  
Saturday, September 22!



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Sunday Collection Sept. 15th & Sept. 16th

Regular collection .....	\$3,287.68
Loose collection .....	\$250.00
Fuel collection .....	\$176.00
Poor collection.....	\$72.00

**Saturday, Sept. 29th & Sunday, Sept. 30th**

**LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Annette Marchbanks

**9:00AM** ~ Fran Brimfield

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

**9:00AM** ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ M.E. Cusano, J. LaVergne, M.A. Bergamo  
Any available Ministers

**9:00AM** ~ P. Schramm, J. Mott, E. Warren, R. Warren,  
L. Argiro, M.E. Cusano

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

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

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**

**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - Robert Nicholas - Wife, Celine  
Guisippe Migliore - The Family  
Robert Giusti - Maria DeMichele  
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**

**Mon. - Sept. 24, 2018**

**12:00 Noon** - Patricia Gallivan - Catherine Flavin Wagner

**Tues. - Sept. 25, 2018**

**12:00 Noon** - We remember those still displaced  
from hurricane Florence

**Wed. - Sept. 26, 2018 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs**

**Thurs. - Sept. 27, 2018 - St. Vincent de Paul, priest**

**Fri. - Sept. 28, 2018 - Sts. Wenceslaus, martyr &**

**Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs**

**SJB/HT 11:30 am** - Confession

**SJB/HT 12:00 Noon** - All Souls

**Sat. - Sept. 29, 2018 - 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP - 4:00 pm**

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

**Sun. - Sept. 30, 2018 - 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**

**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Louis Cellini - The Family  
Paul Ferretti - Marilyn  
Patrick Loperfido - The Family  
Dorothy McGuire - The McGuire Family

**OLP/SP 11:00 am**



**Coffee and Donuts**

We will be serving coffee and donuts on Sunday Sept. 30 after the 9:00am Mass. Please join us for a cup and a treat and some nice conversation with friends.

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**Sun. Sept. 23**

Group 3 Money Counters

**Sun. Sept. 30**

Group 4 Money Counters

**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

*Lord, bless our family, all of us now  
together, those far away, all who are gone  
back to you.*

**Bending Toward The Light**

Woodlawn Cemetery is proud to present  
"Bending Towards The Light" a Jazz Nativity  
on Wed. Dec. 19 at OLP/SP Church 7:00PM.

Tickets are available, \$35.00, \$45.00 & \$50.00, after all  
Masses or from the rectory at OLP/SP. Call the office with  
questions or for more information at 315-422-7163.



*Bending Towards the Light... a Jazz Nativity*



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of  
Paul Ferretti  
requested by Marilyn**

**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.

**Ink Jet Collections**

Thank you for dropping off your used ink jet car-  
tridges. We are able to accept all INK JET cartridges  
now. The receptacle can be found on the bench located in the  
front vestibule of Church.





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