

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 9, 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.

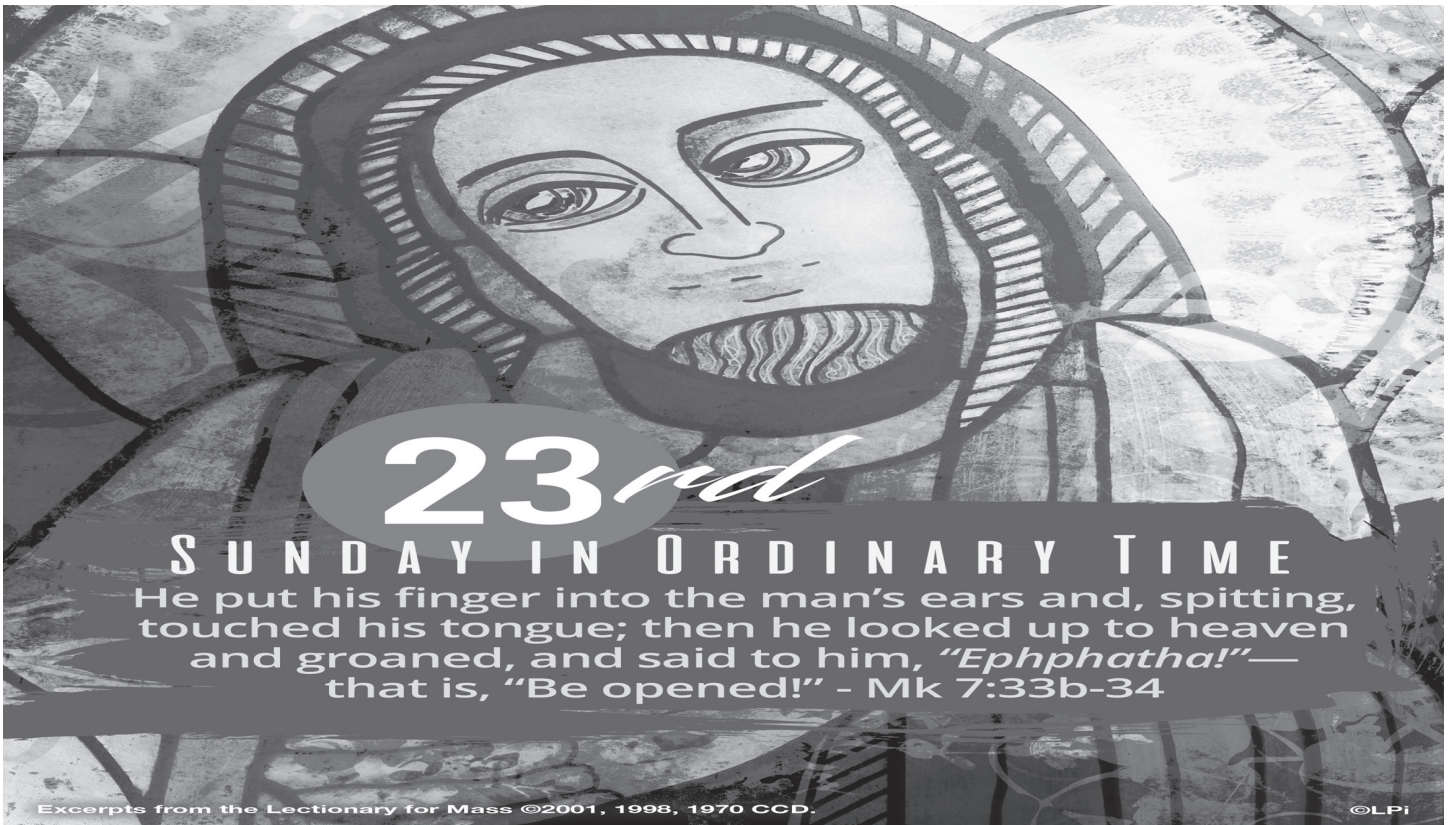
Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Jesus ? went by way of Sidon ? into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well."

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "Be opened!" Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, "He has done all things well."

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso

Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

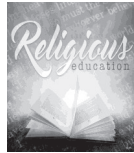
Office Assistant Mary Olmsted

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.

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.



Imagine what it would be like to be deaf-unable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?

Mission for the Week

Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.



Prayer

Dear God, you are so amazing. Thank you for healing the deaf man. Help me to use my ears and my voice to praise you.

Sunday Collection Sept. 1st & Sept. 2nd

Regular collection	\$4,434.00
Loose collection	\$710.00
Poor collection.....	\$215.00
Fuel collection.....	\$135.00



Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

We often associate the word "healing" with something that produces dramatic, physical results: the blind see, the crippled walk, and the deaf hear. Witnessing such miraculous events is few and far between for most. Healing happens more frequently in very ordinary ways using very ordinary means. And we can all be God's instruments for bringing it about. Kindness, love, mercy, and compassion can go a very long way. Treating people with kindness ? being inclusive and welcoming of the poor, the weak, and the powerless ? listening to another's story and pain ? offering compassion and love to those who have wronged us ? avoiding hurtful criticisms and watching our tongues. All can go a long way to changing and healing human hearts. There is power in love and kindness. Does this power not speak of someone greater than ourselves working in and through us?

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

I love watching replays of great sports highlights. Sometimes you see something so extraordinary that you tell others they have to see it to believe it. The one-handed catch, the in-the-park home run, and the photo finish are all examples of these types of moments. They are amazing feats that boggle the mind.



I wonder how many people in biblical times saw Jesus perform miracles and told others they wouldn't have believed it unless they saw it with their own eyes. Of course, we believe the stories of his miracles, and we didn't see them in person. We do believe them, don't we?

There is no television program that features replays of the actual miracles Jesus performed 2,000 years ago. However, there are miracles every day for the world to see. Many of those come about by allowing God to work through us. People are waiting to be healed and fed, and mountains are waiting to be moved. There might not be a replay for these miracles either. However, people will be amazed by the power of God. Jesus said we could do these things if we had faith. Blessed are those who believe but who have not seen. Furthermore, blessed are those who perform great works with God so that others may see.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

HOPE Appeal Update

We want to thank all those parishioners who have so generously given to the 2018 HOPE Appeal thus far. As you know, this year our goal is \$24,262.06. So far we have 81 parishioners who have given a total of \$10,911.50. 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. You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syradio.org.



Saturday, Sept. 15th & Sunday, Sept. 16th

LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Owen Donovan

9:00AM ~ Patrick Minnoe

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

9:00AM ~ Ben Chouinard, Luis Guerrero

EUCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, M. Piazza,
R. Elderbroom, J. Mott, C. Horton, M.E. Cusano

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

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. 9, 2018 - 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am -For The People

OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Sept. 10, 2018

12:00 Noon - Nick LaRose - Rosemary Lane

Tues. - Sept. 11, 2018

12:00 Noon - Ann Morga - Son, Michael

Wed. - Sept. 12, 2018 - The Most Holy Name Of Mary

**Thurs. - Sept. 13, 2018 - St. John Chrysostom,
bishop & doctor of the Church**

Fri. - Sept. 14, 2018 - The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - Pray for the unborn babies with
medical complications

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

OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

SJB/HT - 5:30 pm - Speranza Migliore - The Family

Rev. Guiseppe Di'Ielsi - Mr. & Mrs. L. Luisi

Andrea Gambino - Mr. & Mrs. L. Sanzone

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

OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - The Ciriase Family - Carmella Dauccio

Georgio DelVecchio - Anna DelVecchio & Family

Joseph & Maria Carmina Papa -

Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rosano

OLP/SP 11:00 am



**3rd Banns of Marriage
Melissa Matthews & Tim Schreiber**



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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. 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


**Post-Abortion
Hope & Healing Opportunities**

project rachel The pain of abortion haunts many. Retreats offered by Project Rachel Ministry can help women and men find hope, healing and forgiveness after abortion. If you or a loved one is suffering from post-abortion pain, contact Project Rachel about upcoming "Entering Canaan Hope and Healing day retreats for women and men."


Days of Hope & Healing: September 29. February 2, 2019 & April 27, 2019. For more information, call Project Rachel toll free at 855-364-0076. Email hopeandhealing@syrdio.org. All inquires are confidential.


Northside Festival

September 15 from 1:00-4:00pm Bova Center at Schiller Park (Whitwell & Farmer St). Live Music, Arts & Crafts, Games, Snacks, Face Painting and Magic Show. Sponsored by TNT Northside Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today. This is a free event.



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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