

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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November 4, 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.

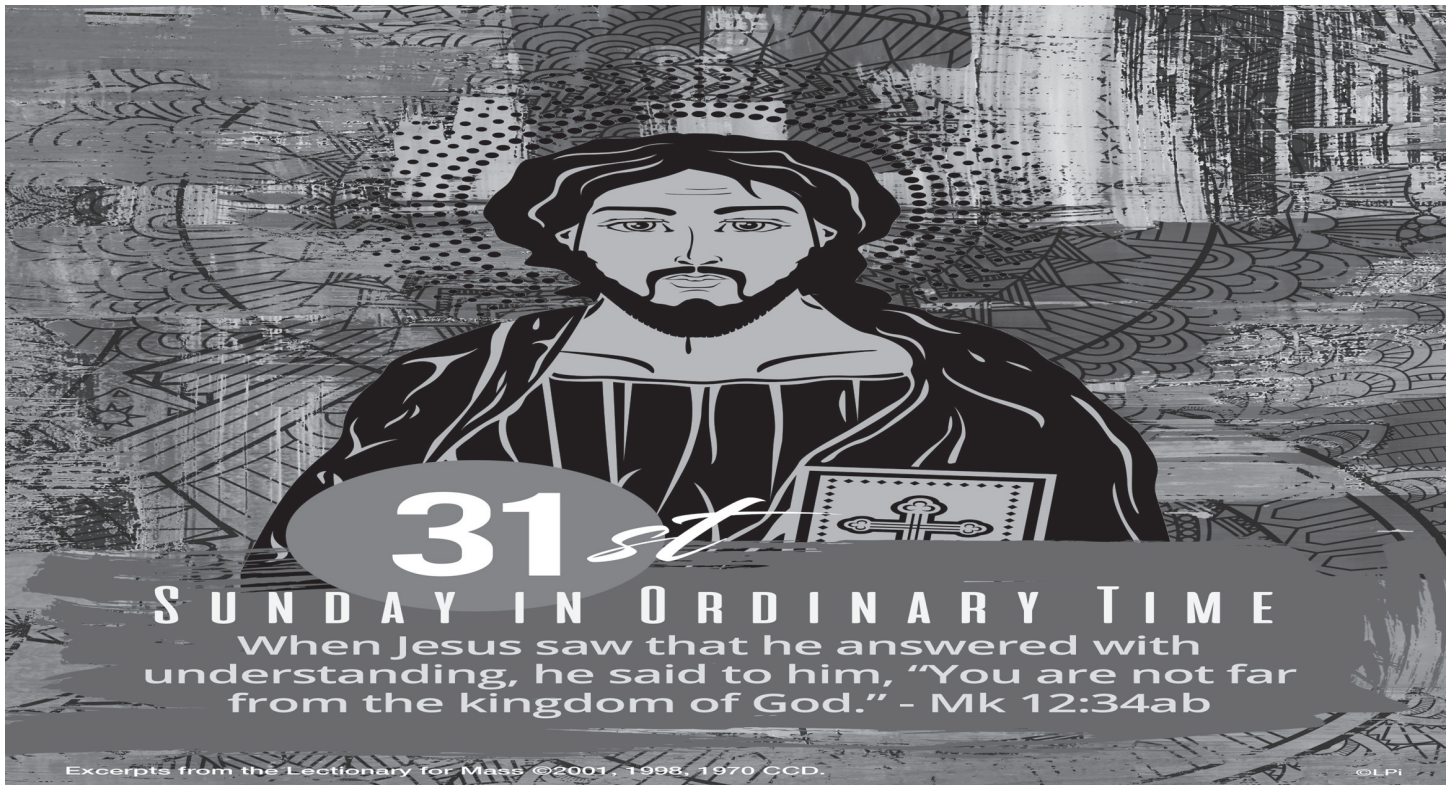
## Office Hours for SJB/HT

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

Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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## Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

"You are not far from the kingdom of God." What does it mean to be close to God's kingdom? In today's Gospel, Jesus is in a dialogue with teachers of the law. They know well the Law of Moses, with its complex codes, expectations, and punishments. What will Jesus say?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus effortlessly distills all the books of law into two commands. The simplicity of the Gospel message doesn't mean it's easy to follow. Far from it! The simplicity of the Gospel indicates its totality. Anything that requires the passions of our heart, the choice of our soul, the reason in our mind, or the strength of our body - all of this ought to be animated by love. As you can imagine, that means pretty much everything! The love of God and love of neighbor is meant to flow into our entire lives.

The Gospel can appear complicated because life is complicated. Not every outcast is easy to love. We lack the knowledge or compassion to heal everyone who suffers. Personal sacrifice is not always noticed or valued. In the face of the unknown, fear can be easier than faith. Life's circumstances can seem like obstacles to God's love, not opportunities. And yet Jesus' command still stands. As you reflect this week, examine those areas where it's easy to love. Thank God for them! But take some time to consider the people and circumstances that challenge you. Ask God to show you what it means to love there. How is He inviting you to enlarge your heart, strengthen your soul, open your mind, and persevere in your strength? How is He inviting you to love?

### **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.

## Inter National Food Festival Saturday, November 17 Noon - 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

Please join us on Saturday, November 17th in the SJB/HT Parish Center for our 12th Annual Inter National Food Festival. Festivities start at 12:00 Noon - 7:00PM. If you are interested in cooking a family favorite, donate a Baked Good or a Gift Basket for raffle, please call the rectory 315-478-0916 or Patty Schramm 315-569-9806 for information. Also, we always need and appreciate those who volunteer to help set up, work during and clean up after this event. We will have many wonderful dishes for \$1.00 samples or \$3.00-\$5.00 dinners, Baked Good table, Gift Basket raffle, 50/50 and Turkey raffle. (Turkeys are frozen 10-12 lbs.).

**Thank You WEGMANS James St. for donations towards the Turkey Raffle.**



### Religious Education News

This week, classes will be back at SJB/HT at 9:45 for 1st grade to 8th grade. There is NO CONFIRMATION II class this week. There is still room for more students if you have a child age 3 and 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



In a family children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

### Sunday Collection Oct. 27th & Oct. 28th

Regular collection .....	\$2,383.10
Loose collection .....	\$251.00
Religious Ed collection .....	\$180.00
Poor collection.....	\$85.00
Fuel collection.....	\$50.00

The man in today's Gospel reading was a scribe. It was his job to write out copies of God's word. Many of the scribes did not care for Jesus, but this one man really understood the heart of God's law-love. To love God and to love others is more important than anything else.

#### Mission for the Week

Pretend you are a scribe.  
Copy Mark 12:32-33 in your own handwriting.  
Hang it up in a place where you will read it every day.



#### Prayer

Dear God, help us to love you and love others the way you want us to.

The month of October we laid to rest from our parish community; **Frank Reschke, James Stassi and William Rush.**

## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week



Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately bound together. You cannot have one without the other. Who are my neighbor and how do I love them? It is easy to confess with our lips that we love our neighbor. But how does this get translated into action? Our neighbors are not only those who live around us or are most familiar to us. Everyone is our neighbor: those who are foreign to us, those who have come here illegally, those who have hurt us, those we envy, those we take for granted, and those who are poor. Embracing humanity in all of its forms is not always an easy task, and doing so can quickly take us out of our comfort zones. Working for justice, as God desires, often means adjusting how much I can have and sacrificing our wants and desires. The very image of God is on the faces of our neighbors, and our face can be found there as well. How much do we really love them

## Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

You can ask many Christians if God is the most important person in their life, and without much thought, they will respond, "Yes." However, just saying it does not make it true. It is the answer that we have been programmed to give, but I am not sure most people reflect too long on what the answer really means. Is God more important to you than all your worldly possessions? Is God more important to you than your spouse or your children?

Oftentimes, we would like to believe that God holds the most important position in our lives, but our actions give us away. We do and say things demonstrating that position of top importance belongs to things, circumstances, or simply ourselves. If we placed God first in our lives, we would be more generous, happier, and more fulfilled. The amazing thing here is that the ultimate self-help action is to turn from our own wants and desires and focus all that energy on God. We actually help ourselves the most by thinking of ourselves the least and turning it all over to someone else. Of course, God knows that. God does not ultimately benefit by anything we give Him. The fruits come to us by putting Him at the top of the list. Then we give Him those fruits to find we have now even more than when we started.

How important is God in your life? Your answer could be the key to life that you have been looking for all along.  
--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Syracuse Half Mile



The Syracuse Half Mile Race will be held on Sunday November 11. While the race is not being run around the SJB/HT property, some of the side roads will be blocked for runners. Please be aware of the blocked streets and courteous of the runners and volunteers who are directing them and traffic. The race starts at 7:45am and runners will be in the area throughout the morning.



**Saturday, Nov. 10th & Sunday, Nov. 11th  
LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Owen Donovan  
**9:00AM** ~ Ashley Murphy

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ R. Copani, G. Larkin, M.E. Cusano  
**9:00AM** ~ K. Fekete, J. Mott, R. Warren, P. Schramm,  
Michele Dykeman, Michael Dykeman, C. Horton

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

**Sat. - Nov. 3, 2018 - 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**  
**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - For The People

**Sun. - Nov. 4, 2018 - 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**OLP/SP 7:30 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Bernie R. Sobon, Sr. - The Family  
Anthony DelVecchio - Anne Carruthers  
Chester Wisniewski, Sr. - Charlie & Sally Cole  
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - Nov. 5, 2018**  
**12:00 Noon** - Victims & Community of  
The Tree of Life Synagogue

**Tues. - Nov. 6, 2018**  
**12:00 Noon** - End of hatred and violence in our World

**Wed. - Nov. 7, 2018**

**Thurs. - Nov. 8, 2018**

**Fri. - Nov. 9, 2018 - The Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica**

**SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession**  
**SJB/HT 12:00 Noon** - Eugene McGinley - Sue Slack

**Sat. - Nov. 10, 2018 - 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**OLP/SP - 4:00 pm**  
**SJB/HT - 5:30 pm** - Robert Marks - Marie Marks  
Dominick Pirozzi - Wife, Pauline & Children  
Vincenzina Sicola - Mr. & Mrs. L. Sanzone

**Sun. - Nov. 11, 2018 - 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**OLP/SP 7:30 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Patricia Gallivan - Ann Billion  
Kevin Walker - The Walker Family  
Rosa & Antonio Pettrone - Anna DelVecchio & Family  
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**



**YOUR VOTE**  
*Matters*

**Don't forget to VOTE on  
Tuesday, November 6th**

**NOVEMBER EVENTS**

**Sun. Nov. 4** Group 1 Money Counters  
**Sun. Nov. 11** Group 2 Money Counters  
**Sun. Nov. 18** Group 3 Money Counters  
**Sun. Nov. 25** Group 4 Money Counters

**Tues. Nov. 6** Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree  
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Thurs. Nov. 8** Washington Square Assoc.  
Neighborhood Watch  
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Wed. Nov. 14** Catholic Golden Agers  
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Sat. Nov. 17** Inter National Food Festival  
Noon - 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Tues. Nov. 20** Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree  
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center

**Tues. Nov. 27** Knights of Columbus 4th Degree  
7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center



**Courtesy Announcement**  
**Transfiguration Church 740 Teall Ave**  
**315-479-6129**

Huge Clothing Sale in Transfiguration Church Parish Hall on  
Nov. 9 & 10, 16 & 17 from 9:00am-2:00pm. New and gently  
used clothing, all sizes, all seasons. This includes adult men &  
women, children & infant clothing, shoes and accessories.

**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of**  
**Michael Aiello and James Caprilozzi**  
**Requested by The Family**



**Day Light Savings Ends Sunday, Nov. 4**

**Next Week** Day Light Savings ends. Before bed  
on Saturday, November 3rd turn your clocks back  
one hour. This is also a good time to change all batteries in  
your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.

**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, Beverly  
Frey, Ellen Gangemi, David Galvagno, Trudy (Sobon) Ger-  
man, 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, Sharon Peparata, 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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