St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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October 14, 2018

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues. & Fri.—12:00 Noon Saturday Vigil—5:30 pm Sunday—9:00 am

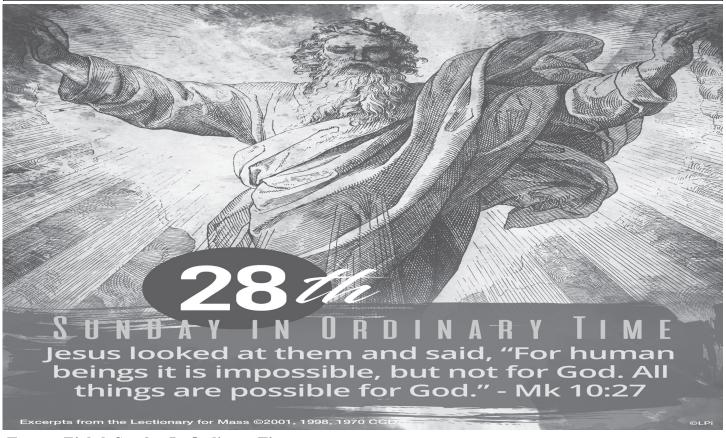
Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30am. Or by appointment.

Office Hours for SJB/HT

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Christian author C.S. Lewis once wrote that Christianity is not so much about being nice people but in being "new men." We see this contrast in today's Gospel. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first answers in the predictable way. Follow the commandments! "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Perhaps for some of us it's easy to answer this way. "I'm a good person!" he seems to reply. Does he truly follow all the commandments he professes to follow? Does he -- in word and deed - check off all the boxes of the moral law? Perhaps. Whether he's being honest or fudging the truth, Jesus accepts his answer at face value with compassion. "Jesus, looking at him, loved him."

But he's not done yet! Jesus wants to remind us that this attitude alone is not enough. "Go, sell what you have ... then come, follow me." Jesus' invitation to the young man is radical. Abandon everything that gives you any sense of security. Give it all up for an unknown future with a wandering preacher.

The Christian life is not easy. "How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" It's easier, Jesus says, for a gigantic camel to squeeze itself through a tiny needle's eye. But the God of the universe creates out of nothing, breaks the bars of hell, and raises the dead to life. Is a needle's eye really such an obstacle? Jesus' invitation is always bigger than our own limitations. This week, what do we need to offer up? How is Jesus inviting us to follow him?

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.



Religious Education News

Welcome back to Religious Ed class. We will be having our Safe Environment Class for all grades on Oct. 28 at OLP/SP at 301 Ash St. at

9:50-10:50AM. You should have received a letter advising you of this class and directions as to opt your child out, should you choose to do so. If you have any questions, please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357. 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

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's Gospel, Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He could not let go! In families, our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we cannot control anyone but ourselves.

The man in today's Gospel reading thought he was pretty good. He had been careful to obey most of God's rules. But he forgot the most important rule of all-love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. When Jesus asked the man to give away all he owned, the man went away sad. He loved money more than he loved God.

Mission for the Week

Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask him to help you love him more than anything.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to love you more than all the gifts you have given to me.





International Food Festival

The International Food Festival will be Saturday, November 17, 12:00 Noon - 7:00PM in the

SJB/HT Parish Center. If you would like to cook a traditional family favorite and be a part of the "CHEFS" please contact the rectory for information. We do ask that as a donating chef, you do stay at your table and serve the samples and or dinners. Again this year we will have Baked Goods Table, Gift Baskets, 50/50 Raffles and Turkey Raffle. Volunteers are a very big part of this festival with helping to set up and take down from Thursday, Nov. 15 through Sun. Nov. 18. WE NEED YOU! Contact the rectory office or Patty Schramm at 315-454-5511 or email at patty.schramm@aol.com.

Everyday Stewardship -Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



Are we content and satisfied with the bare minimum and essentials of our faith, or do we desire excellence and proficiency? The Ten Commandments represent the minimum and, if we are honest with ourselves, are pretty easy to keep. The fullness of the Gospel, however, is another story. Truly living as Jesus taught often comes with great self-sacrifice, self-emptying, and possibly leaving the things of this world behind. Are we ready to pursue this kind of life? God wants us to live and love abundantly not superficially. Love asks that we extend ourselves beyond the status quo and the bare minimum and venture into that which is risky, countercultural, and even radical. What we possess can no longer be important. When Jesus laid this out before the rich young man, he went away sad because he had much. When Jesus lays it out before us, how do we react?

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

I oftentimes say in prayer, "Grant me the wisdom to see Your will for my life and the courage to follow that will." It is a request for true discernment to see that God's will is always more important and fruitful than my own will. It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking happiness and fulfillment lie in doing what I want to do and following my own wants and desires. Our entire secular culture is filled with that message. However, that road has led too many to a place of emptiness and regret. I must pray to keep in the forefront of my mind that God created me on purpose and for a purpose. Being wise enough to see that purpose is the key to true satisfaction in this world.

Giving of our gifts and talents in only ways we want to means that we become deaf and blind to the numerous times Jesus Christ calls us to give. We also easily avoid any form of real sacrifice, which often leads us to give only from our excess. Wisdom allows us to see where we are being called, even if we are unsure what increase will result from our investment. Our trust is no longer in the gift given but instead in the One who is calling us to give. When our lives of generosity and compassion are ordered in this way, it is hard for anything to steal our joy away. Our purpose is found, our aim is true, and our desire is fulfilled.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Saturday, Oct. 20th & Sunday, Oct. 21st LECTORS:

5:30PM ~ Jack Normoyle

9:00AM ~ Chet Wisniewski

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30PM ~ Mary Elizabeth Cusano

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

EUCHARIST:

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

9:00AM ~ M.E. Cusano, J. Mott, M. Piazza, E. Warren, K. Fekete, P. Schramm, L. Argiro

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sat. - Oct. 13, 2018 - 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time OLP/SP 4:00 pm

SJB/HT 5:30 pm - Vincenzia Sicola -

Mr. & Mrs. L. Sanzone

Sun. - Oct. 14, 2018 - 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time OLP/SP 7:30 am SJB/HT 9:00 am - For The People OLP/SP 11:00 am

Mon. - Oct. 15, 2018 - St. Teresa of Jesus,

virgin & doctor of the Church

12:00 Noon - The victims of the Schoharie Limo crash

Tues. - Oct. 16, 2018 - Sts. Hedwig, religious,
Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

12:00 Noon - Margaret Savage - Mary Salanger

Wed. - Oct. 17, 2018 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

Thurs. - Oct. 18, 2018 - St. Luke, evangelist

Fri. - Oct. 19, 2018 - Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & companions, martyrs

SJB/HT 11:30 am - Confession

SJB/HT 12:00 Noon - The less fortunate of our community

Sat. - Oct. 20, 2018 - 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time OLP/SP - 4:00 pm

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

Sun. - Oct. 21, 2018 - 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time OLP/SP 7:30 am

SJB/HT 9:00 am - William & Edna Jaquin - The Family
Carol McGuire - The McGuire Family
Mary Olszewski - Odetta DiBello
Donald McGuire, Jr. - The McGuire Family

QLP/SP 11:00 am



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Regular collection	3,526.00
Loose collection	\$648.00

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Sun. Oct. 14	Group 2 Money Counters	
Sun. Oct. 21	Group 3 Money Counters	K
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Mon. Oct. 15	Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM	000000000000000000000000000000000000000
Tues Oct 16	SJB/HT Rectory	0000000
Tues. Oct. 16	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center	20200200200
Thurs. Oct. 18	Washington Square Assoc.	000000
	Neighborhood Watch	0000000
	7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center	0000000
Sat. Oct. 20	BUNKO 6:30PM	2000000
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Tues. Oct. 23	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree	000000
	7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center	0000000
Wed. Oct. 24	Catholic Golden Agers	
	7:00PM SJB/HT Parish Center	W



Bunko Date - Sat. Oct. 20

Anyone interested in playing Bunko with our group that meets approximately every 2 months

in the SJB/HT Parish Center on Saturdays 6:30PM, please contact Betty Warren by Wed. Oct. 17 for details. Phone is 315-420-6357 or email at warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.

PLEASE, contact Betty if playing as it is important to the set up of the game. Next Bunko night is Sat. Oct. 20

To Our Snowbirds

Please, as you cancel your mailings, let the office know when you will be leaving and returning so that I can temporarily stop your contribution envelopes. As they are not mailed first class, they will come back to this office for postage due. Thank you and safe and happy warm travels.



2nd Banns of marriage Jennifer Ohlsen and Thomas Stone

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, 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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