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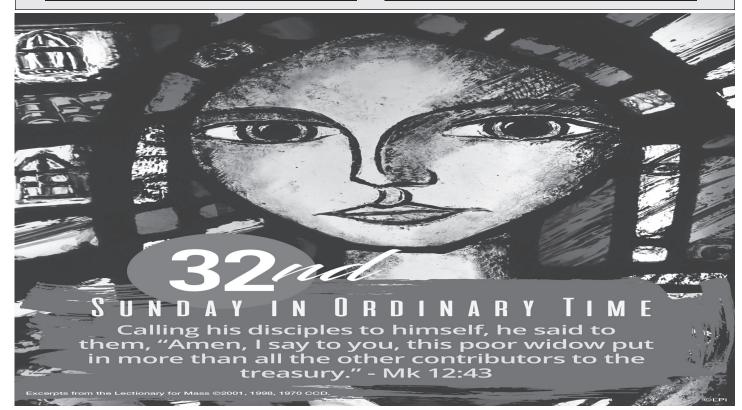
November 11, 2018

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 E-mail - <u>nbergeson@syrdio.org</u> Web Site - <u>www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com</u>



Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

In 1 Samuel, God advises the prophet Samuel not to observe as men see but as God sees. He tells him to "look to the heart." This is the movement of this Sunday's Gospel reading. "Beware the scribes," Jesus advises. He points out their public greetings and "seats of honor," which stands in sharp contrast to their private greed. For the Jewish people of Jesus' day, honor resides at the top. Power and prestige created a high profile back then as it still does today. After his warning, Jesus turns his disciples' attention elsewhere: a poor widow.

"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had." While the scribes donated large sums to the temple, they did so "from their surplus wealth." This woman -- in her faith and devotion -- offers "her whole livelihood." Jesus invited his disciples to see with God's eyes, to recognize a holy life in people the world overlooks. Here -- in the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized -- God waits hidden.

Today's Gospel begs a few questions. What do we see? Whom do we value? Are we impressed by the pomp and circumstance of modern day Pharisees? Do we ignore their self-righteousness because it looks impressive, even seems somewhat helpful? The point isn't to judge the scribes, of course. God can see their hearts as well, and those assessments are firmly his responsibility. The point is to turn our eyes from the typically honored to the rarely respected. Are we disinterested in the poverty of the modern day widows? Do we ignore their faith because we forget to look for it? This Sunday, consider the widows in your own life. Who can you see with God's eyes?

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. Many wonderful and delicious dishes will be available. Samples are \$1.00 and dinners \$3.00-\$5.00. Baked Good table, Gift Basket raffle, 50/50 and Turkey raffle. (Turkeys are frozen 10-12 lbs.). If you are able to help in any way and any amount of time, please contact the rectory at 315-478-0916.

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



Religious Education News

All classes will be back at SJB/HT at 9:45 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



The widow in today's Gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many little moments, which can have great significance and glue the family together Seize the moments.

God wants us to be humble, and he wants us to share our blessings. So many people Jesus met were proud, and they thought they deserved special treatment. Other people were rich, but they took what they wanted first and gave God what was left. The poor widow in today's Gospel got it right. She quietly gave to God all she had.

Mission for the Week

Praver

If you have a piggy bank, and with permission, take money out and give it to God next Sunday. Shhhh! Remember to give it to God quietly.

Dear God, help me to quietly give you the best of all that you have given me.





Christ The King Retreat House 500 Brookford Rd. 315-446-2680

Early Thanksgiving Day Mass and Lunch Tuesday, November 20 from 11:30am-2:00pm. God is

pleased when we give thanks for all of our blessings. Today we will take time to offer thanks. We will begin with Mass, and then enjoy a turkey dinner with all the fixin's. Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. John Rose. Offering \$15.00. For reservations call 315-446-2680.



Live The Liturgy -**Inspiration For The Week**

We are all generous, at least to some degree. Most of us when asked for something --



whether it be our time, our talent, or our treasure -- assess whether we can "afford" to fulfill the request and still preserve our own needs. Have we ever given the last bit of what we had knowing that we will have to do without so that someone else can benefit? We all tend to be a little covetous of our time, talent, and treasure. There are people throughout history who have given everything away only to find that they have received much more in return. St. Francis of Assisi is a prime witness. The Scriptures today bring us two widows who do the same. Do we see in people such as this examples of foolishness or wisdom, inspiration, and hope?

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What does sacrifice look like? I think of those who serve in the Armed Forces. They have sacrificed much for my freedom and to work towards real peace in our world. I think of those in service to our Church: priests, deacons, and religious. Their lives are dedicated to prayer and good works so that the Good News might not only be preached but be seen in the love they display toward God and their fellow brothers and sisters. I think of parents who stay up long nights with sick children and then one day find themselves staying up even longer as they wait for them to return home. I think of teachers who work hard to educate the next generation of citizens with low salaries and little respect.

I can see sacrifice all around me. I think you can see it, too, if you look. However, I also see too many seeking to get ahead at the expense of others. I see those who have so much and only crave for more. I see those caught up in themselves to the point where families fall apart, friendships disappear, and people literally die from a lack of compassion. I see many who have forgotten where all their gifts in this world came from, if they even knew in the first place.

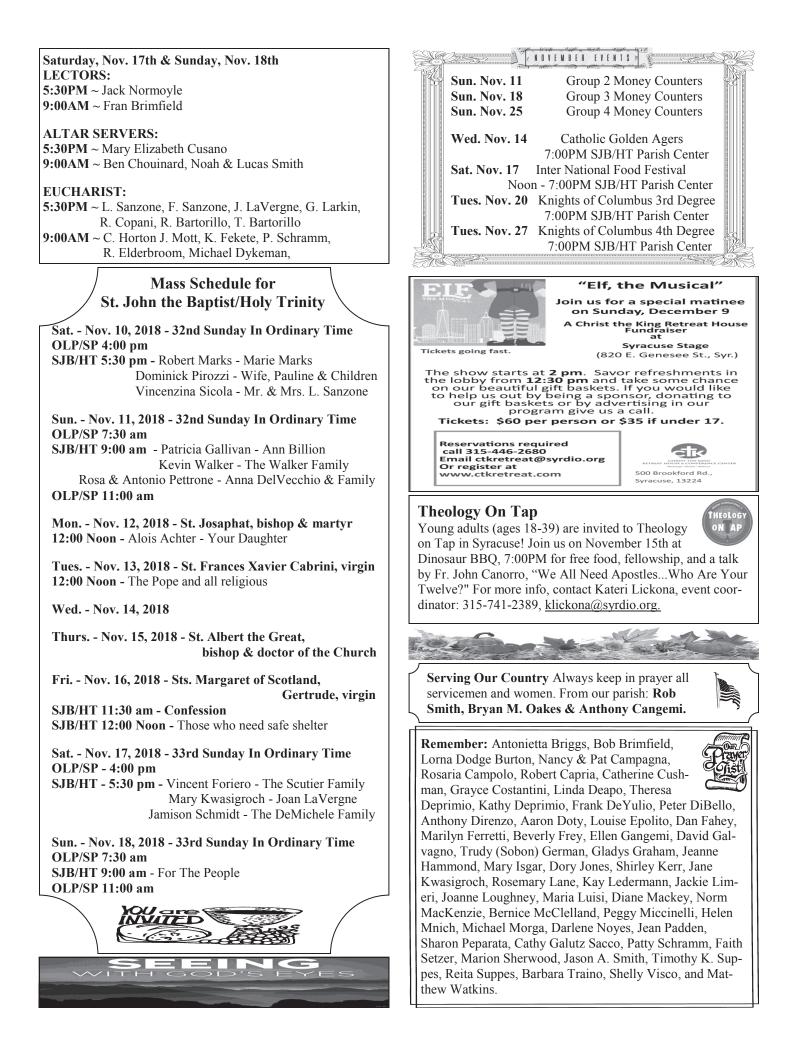
I think of all those who sacrifice and see all those who do the opposite. May our eyes see more of those who are generous. May we never focus on those who have forsaken others more than those who have given freely to others. May the witness of true sacrifice show us the way to the Father and to a world full of His love.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Sunday Collection Nov. 3rd & Nov.4th

Regular collection	\$2,888.00
Loose collection	\$554.00
Poor collection	
Fuel collection	\$60.00
Seminary collect	\$130.00



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