

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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September 8, 2019

## Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. - 12:00 Noon held in our Chapel  
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am  
Reconciliation Fri. 11:30 am. Or by appointment.

## Office Hours for SJB/HT

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:30pm  
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm  
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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27

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### **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.

## Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Hearing and listening are two different things. Even in our human relationships, people can hear what we are saying, but are they really listening? This is true with God as well. We hear God's word as it comes to us through Sacred Scripture, but are we really listening to it? Listening requires a good dose of humility and openness to the one who is speaking. It requires that we free up some of our personal space so that we can be available and receptive to another person and to God. Listening does not require the use of words. We can listen to God through art, creation, the unfolding of life, and the human story. Truly listening to God provides us with the direction of where we need to go, how we are to live, what we are to choose, and what we must avoid. Listening prepares and anchors us. Are you listening?



## Faith Formation Classes SJB/HT

Classes for Pre-K to Confirmation, begin on Sunday September 15 at 9:45 to 11:00am. Any questions please call Betty at 315-420-6357.



Living God's way can be very hard for some people. Name the people in your family. Can you love God more than you love your family? Name some of your friends. Can you love God more than you love your friends? Name your favorite books, movies or toys. Can you love God more than those things? It is OK to love your family, have good friends, and enjoy the gifts God has given you. Just remember to love God first.

### Mission for the Week

Say a special prayer to God today. Thank him for your family, your friends, and for all the things God has given you to enjoy.

### Prayer

Dear God, help me to love you more than anyone or anything else.



## Grandparents Day Blessing

God our Father,  
you create all things in this world  
as gifts for your created beings.  
This day is made holy  
by the presence of new life,  
made real by the love of spouses  
and their collaboration with you.  
On this day bless all grandparents  
and their grandchildren.  
May they both praise you  
for their place in the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen



## A Family Perspective

### Family Life Education

Today's Gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's Gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device — "his own cross" — and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.



"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments — our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.



**Saturday, September 14th & Sunday, September 15th  
LECTORS:**

**5:30PM** ~ Owen Donovan  
**9:00AM** ~ John Robinson

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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

**EUCCHARIST:**

**5:30PM** ~ A. Chouinard, J. LaVergne, P. Serio,  
G. Larkin, M.A. Bergamo  
**9:00AM** ~ R. Elderbroom, D. William, J. Cooney,  
C. Horton, J. Mott

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

**Sat. - Sept. 7, 2019 - Vigil - 23rd Sunday In  
Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**  
**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - For The People

**Sun. - Sept. 8, 2019 - 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - Bill Slack - Sue Slack & Family  
August & Julia Loperfido - Children  
Giorgio DelVecchio - Anna DelVecchio & Family  
Giulia Pallucci - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pallucci & Family  
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**

**Mon. - Sept. 9, 2019 - St. Peter Claver, priest**

**12:00 Noon** - Pray that all students are kind  
and considerate to all classmates

**Tues. - Sept. 10, 2019**

**12:00 Noon** - Pray for all who suffer from loneliness  
and the feelings of failure

**Wed. - Sept. 11, 2019**

**Thurs. - Sept. 12, 2019 - The Most Holy Name of Mary**

**Fri. - Sept. 13, 2019 - St. John Chrysostom,  
bishop & doctor of the Church**

**SJB/HT 11:30 am** - Confessions  
**SJB/HT 12:00 Noon** - Ann Morga - Son, Michael

**Sat. - Sept. 14, 2019 - Vigil - 24th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 4:00 pm**  
**SJB/HT 5:30 pm** - For The People

**Sun. - Sept. 15, 2019 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**OLP/SP 7:30 am**  
**SJB/HT 9:00 am** - For The People  
**OLP/SP 11:00 am**



**AUGUST EVENTS**

<b>Sun. Sept. 8</b>	Group 1 Money Counters
<b>Sun. Sept. 15</b>	Group 2 Money Counters
<b>Sun. Sept. 22</b>	Group 3 Money Counters
<b>Sun. Sept. 29</b>	Group 4 Money Counters
<b>Tues. Sept. 17</b>	Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center
<b>Thurs. Sept. 19</b>	Washington Square Assoc. Neighborhood Watch 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center
<b>Tues. Sept. 24</b>	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center
<b>Wed. Sept. 25</b>	Catholic Golden Agers 7:00pm SJB/HT Parish Center

**ATTENTION**  
ALL KIDS RETURNING TO SCHOOL  
IF YOU SEE  
ANOTHER STUDENT STRUGGLING TO MAKE FRIENDS,  
ANOTHER STUDENT BEING BULLIED,  
ANOTHER STUDENT THAT IS SHY OR NOT WITH  
THE 'IN' CROWD or  
A STUDENT THAT EATS LUNCH ON THEIR OWN...

**BE A LEADER!**  
SAY "HI"  
SMILE AT THEM  
ASK IF YOU CAN EAT WITH THEM  
INCLUDE THEM IN ANY ACTIVITY

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THEY MIGHT BE FACING  
INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL - YOUR KINDNESS  
WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

#MADD About Bullying  
Making A Direct Difference

**2nd Banns of Marriage  
Stephanie Ingram & Robert Vault**



**Serving Our Country** Always keep in prayer all  
servicemen and women. From our parish: **Rob  
Smith, Bryan M. Oakes & Anthony Cangemi.**



**Remember:** Nancy Bailey, Antonietta Briggs,  
Bob Brimfield, Lorna Dodge Burton, Lena Cam-  
panino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Cath-  
erine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Frank De-  
Yulio, Peter DiBello, Cathy DiPrimio, Anthony Drenzo,  
Aaron Doty, Louise Epolito, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti,  
Beverly Frey, Chris Gabriell, Ellen Gangemi, David Gal-  
vagno, 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, Antonio McLaughlin, Peggy Miccinelli, Helen  
Mnich, Bill Moran, Michael Morga, Darlene Noyes, Jean  
Padden, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sher-  
wood, Jason A. Smith, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino,  
Shelly Visco, Brian Warren and Matthew Watkins.

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