

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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October 1, 2023

## Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., Fri. - 12:00 Noon  
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am  
Reconciliation OLP/SP Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm  
SJB/HT Thursday 4:00-5:00pm

## Office Hours for SJB/HT

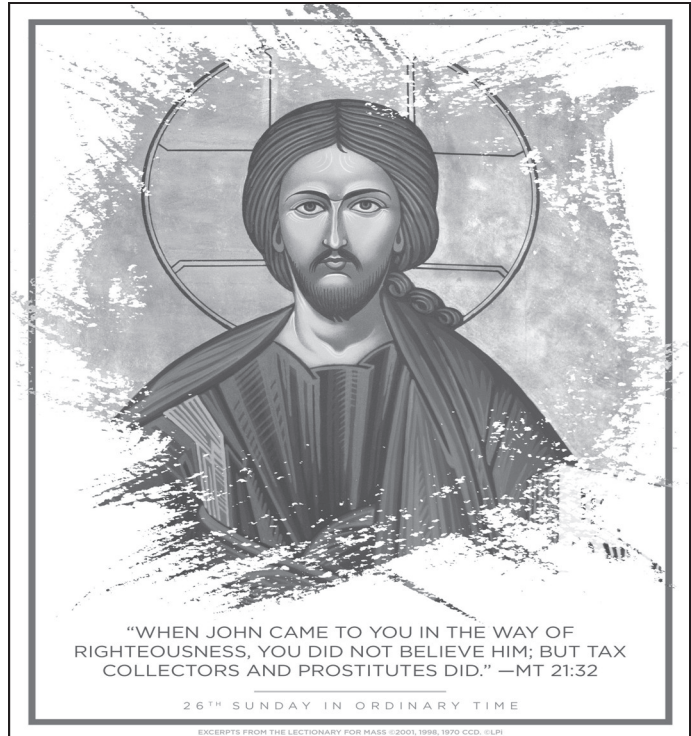
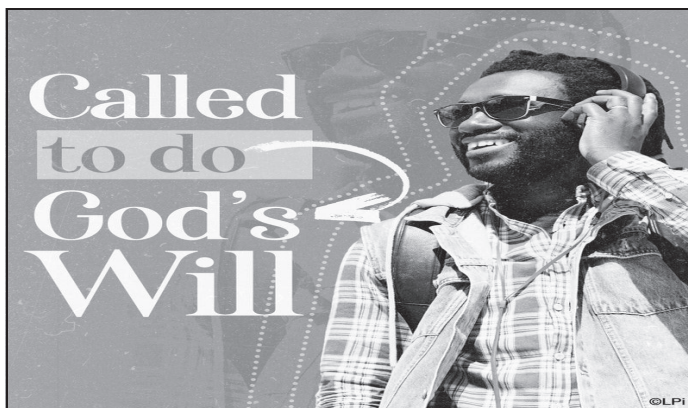
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm  
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## St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm  
Sunday, 9:00am  
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

## Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church

Saturday, 4:00pm ~~~~~ Saturday, 6:00pm Vietnamese  
Sunday, 7:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm  
Sunday, 9:30am Vietnamese  
Tuesday – Friday 9:00am in Chapel



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### 26th Sunday In Ordinary time

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, “I can’t stand all these converts to the faith. They’re always rocking the boat.” It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of “us” and “them.” The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don’t we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus’ punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn’t get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. **“Which did the will of his father?”** asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won’t do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. *Everyone* is called to do God’s will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let’s reject the convenient but damaging categories of “insiders” and “outsiders.” Instead, let’s embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren’t *them*. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

### SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

**Pastor** Father Daniel Caruso  
**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

**Senior Priest in Residence** Fr. Lester Smith

**In Residence** Fr. Paschal Anionye  
**In Residence** Fr. Bernard Dan

**Music Director/Organist** James Stanley

**Buildings/Grounds** Robert Warren  
**Religious Education** Betty Warren



### SJB/HT Religious Education

Confirmation I or II classes this week. There are no Religious Ed classes next week, Oct. 8th in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day. Classes will resume on Oct. 15th. We offer classes from Pre-K (4 yrs. Old) to Confirmation II. If you wish to have your child participate, please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357. If you are interested in teaching, please call Betty. Please pray for our Students and our Teachers, that they will have a successful and enjoyable year.

### BUNKO!!

We will be playing bunko on Saturday, October 7th in the Parish Center. We will have dinner at 6:30 and should start playing around 7. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes dinner, beverages, snacks, dessert and prizes. Please contact Betty Warren by Wednesday, October 4th if you would like to play. She can be reached at 315 420 6357 or warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.



### A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

### Pray For Vocations

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the chief priests and the elders of the people a parable. "A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'" The Lord might be telling you to go out into the vineyard and become a priest, deacon, or religious. Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org.



### Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances. Week September 23rd & September 24th SJB/HT Collection: \$2,740.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$6,223.00 Thank you to all those parishioners who have faithfully been mailing their envelopes because they still cannot attend Mass. If you have been away or have been unable to attend Mass, please remember to send your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate whatever you can do to help with expenses.



### HOPE Appeal Update

To date our pledges/donations to the HOPE Appeal are \$2,220.00. The assessment for SJB/HT parish is \$20,000.00. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful donations.

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### (Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments The Vineyard



The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin?

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me." "I'll believe it when I see it." It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does *the work* mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? *We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go?*

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

"Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way." — Psalm 25:8 ©LPi



**Remember:** Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Mary Frenza, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Camille Grosso, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perrotta, Philomena Piraino, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Sal Scro, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler.

"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." — Mt 21:31



**Saturday September 30, 2023**

**4:00pm OLP/SP** - Pasquale Sisera - Gilda Sisera  
Frank Yaizzo - Rose & Family  
Eleanor Laron - Frank & Family  
Salvatore Licitra - Joanne Licitra  
Dan Laurenti - Mom, Dan & Danny  
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph  
Henry Pagano - Mr. & Mrs. Peter Daley  
Anthony Barbuto & Vito Vesparer - Frank & Sue

**5:30pm SJB/HT** - Mr. & Mrs. Steven Morga -  
Grandson, Michael

**Sunday October 1, 2023**

**7:30am OLP/SP** - Pasquale Sisera - Wife, Gilda  
**9:00am SJB/HT** - Janet William - The Family  
Sharen & Chester Wisniewski - Mary & Chet

**11:30am OLP/SP** - Vito Toia - Betty & Family  
Genevieve Ilacqua - Children  
Salvatore Mule - Margherita & John  
Joseph Lostumbo - Ginnie & Family  
Helen Barbato - Angelo & Rosita Cannata

**5:00pm OLP/SP** - For the people

**Monday October 2, 2023**

**12:00pm SJB/HT** - For the people

**Tuesday October 3, 2023**

**9:00am OLP/SP** - Anne folvo - Merietta & Family  
Louis DeStefano - Connie & Family  
Lea & Frank Martorelli - Joanne Licitra

**12:00pm SJB/HT** - Agnes Ewald - The Estate

**Wednesday October 3, 2023**

**9:00am OLP/SP** - Angelina DeMascoli - Grandson, Anthony  
Mary Rose Strano - Joanne Licitra & Paul  
Deceased members of the Sisera Family - Gilda Sisera

**4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession**

**Thursday October 4, 2023**

**9:00am OLP/SP** - Henry Pagano - Jim & Angela Albanse  
**4:00pm - 5:00pm SJB/HT Confession**

**Friday October 5, 2023**

**9:00am OLP/SP** - For the people  
**12:00pm SJB/HT** - Antonio McLaughlin - Mother  
Tommasina Carfagno - The Twin Brothers


**Saturday October 6, 2023**

**4:00pm OLP/SP** - Henry Pagano - Wife  
Joan Rey - Lee Mento  
Ronald Piera - John Perla  
Santa Andaloro - Maria Rafta  
Joseph Santoro - Marty Nave  
Richard Sisto - Frank Giannantonio  
Frank DeMichele - John & Angela  
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph  
Gibbs Foster - Foster—Murdock Family


**5:30pm SJB/HT** - Agnes Ewald - The Estate

**Sunday October 7, 2023**


**7:30am OLP/SP** - Julia D. Magnarelli - Pat & Fran

 **Lector Schedule - Oct. 7th & Oct. 8th**  
5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan  
9:00am SJB/HT: Chet Wisniewski


**Offices Closed - No Noon Mass**  
The offices of SJB/HT and OLP/SP will be closed on Mon. Oct. 9th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday. At SJB/HT there is no Noon Mass.




*In Sympathy* **Memorial Mass For Abel Agbulu**  
**Fr. Immanuel's Father**  
Please join us at OLP/SP on Thursday, Oct. 12th at 5:30pm as we offer a Memorial Mass in memory of **Abel Agbulu, Fr. Immanuel Onum Agbulu's** father, who passed away in September.

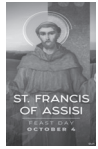


**2024 Mass Book**  
The 2024 Mass Book is open. Please call 315-478-0916 or stop by the rectory during office hours to request your intentions. The Masses available starting in January 2024 are Mon., Tues. & Fri. Noon, Saturday Vigil 5:30pm and Sunday 9:00am. Masses are \$15.00. As well, you may request to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memory of your loved one(s) for \$10.00. The Lamp will burn from Sunday through Saturday of the requested week.



 **Serving Our Country:** Always keep in prayer all servicemen and women. From our parish: **Richard L. Cooper, Jack McAndrew & Matthew McAndrew, Bryan M. Oakes & Rob Smith.**

**St. Francis of Assisi | Feast Day October 4**  
St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.  
Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith. Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.



**Sunday October 7, 2023**  
**9:00am SJB/HT** - Stella Sobon - Norm & Pat Jaquin  
Agostino Canzano - Pasquale Cerullo  
**11:30am OLP/SP** - Angelo Cannata - Gloria LoBello  
Leonardo Colavita - Maria Pratico  
**5:00pm OLP/SP** - For the people



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