

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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October 8, 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

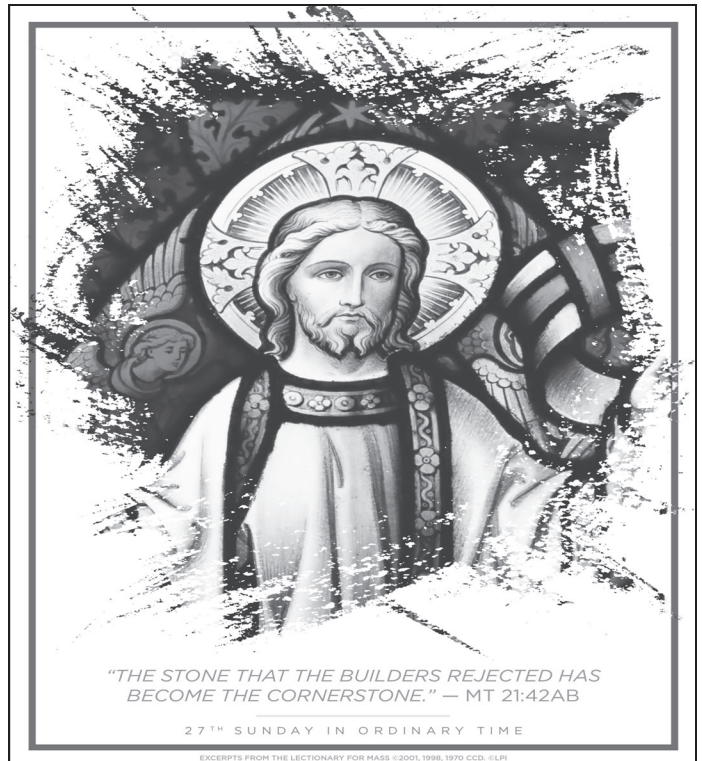
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



October 8, 2023

27th Sunday In Ordinary time

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— 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

There are no Religious Ed classes this 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.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education



Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.



Pray For Vocations

In today's passage Jesus relates his parable with scripture. *"This stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?"* Let the Lord become the cornerstone in your life. Let him overwhelm you with love and mercy. In that prayer ask the Lord if he is calling you to be a priest, deacon, or religious. Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrдио.org.

Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

Week September 30th & October 1st
SJB/HT Collection: \$2,068.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$6,079.00
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 \$6,335.00. The assessment for SJB/HT parish is \$20,000.00. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful donations.

Sock Out Cancer, an initiative whose mission is to assist financially distressed cancer patients and their families pay for non-medical necessities such as food, transportation, and housing, is hosting their upcoming annual benefit concerts in Binghamton and Syracuse. This year's Sock Out Cancer Concerts will feature the voices of John Elefante, former vocalist from Kansas, and Fran Cosmo, former vocalist from Boston. To learn more about Sock Out Cancer and to purchase tickets please visit www.sockoutcancer.org.



Presented by Security Mutual Life and McNeil & Co. Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 8:00 P.M.
Landmark Theatre - Syracuse

*Net proceeds benefiting the cancer patients of Crouse Health, St. Joseph's Health, and Upstate Cancer Center

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments The Gift that Gives Back



It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... full. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43 ©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.

Saturday October 7, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Henry Pagano - Wife
Joan Rey - Lee Mento
Ronald Piera - John Perla
Santa Andaloro - Maria Rafte
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 8, 2023

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

Monday October 9, 2023

12:00pm SJB/HT - No Noon Mass

Tuesday October 10, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - David Petragrani - Aunt Marietta
Bartholomew DeMascoli - Son, Anthony
12:00pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - The Estate
David Mura - The Family

Wednesday October 11, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Esther Pagano -
Antimo Vigliotti & Family
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday October 12, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - For the people
4:00pm - 5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday October 13, 2023


9:00am OLP/SP - Carmella DiBello - Daughter, Julia
William D'Augustino - Nephews, Anthony & Dom
12:00pm SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother

Saturday October 14, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Henry Pagano - Wife, Esther
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Alex J. Cimino, Sr. - Love, Michelle
5:30pm SJB/HT - For the people


Sunday October 15, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - For the people
9:00am SJB/HT - Catherine Valentine - Friends
Bill Bleskoski - Fran & Judy
11:30am OLP/SP - Mattia Scro - Marty Nave
Mary Ellen Sunser - The Family
Nino & Enza Mule - Margherita & John
Anthony James Cannizzaro -
The Cannizzaro & Stagnitta Families
David Petragrani - Bertha Canino & Family
Mary Anne Pagano - Henry & Veronica Pagano
Eustachio & Rosaria Cannizzaro - John & Margherita
5:00pm OLP/SP - Abel Agbulu - Anthony Colavita

 **Lector Schedule - Oct. 14th & Oct. 15th**
5:30pm SJB/HT: Annette Marchbanks
9:00am SJB/HT: John Robinson


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.



 **Indigenous Peoples' Day Monday Oct. 9**
Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday in the United States that celebrates and honors indigenous American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. It is celebrated across the United States on the second Monday in October.


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.

Offer Of The Bread And Wine
The opportunity to Offer the Bread and Wine in memory of your loved one(s), similar to the Sanctuary Lamp Offering, is now available. The cost will be \$25.00. Your request will appear in the bulletin as an offering from Sunday through Saturday of the week you request. Call the rectory office for more details or if you wish to request this offering for your loved one(s).
Example - The Bread and Wine will be offered in memory of _____ requested by _____.



 **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.**

 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."
— Mt 21:42ab, 43
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Call the Rectory to arrange for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.

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