

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 30, 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

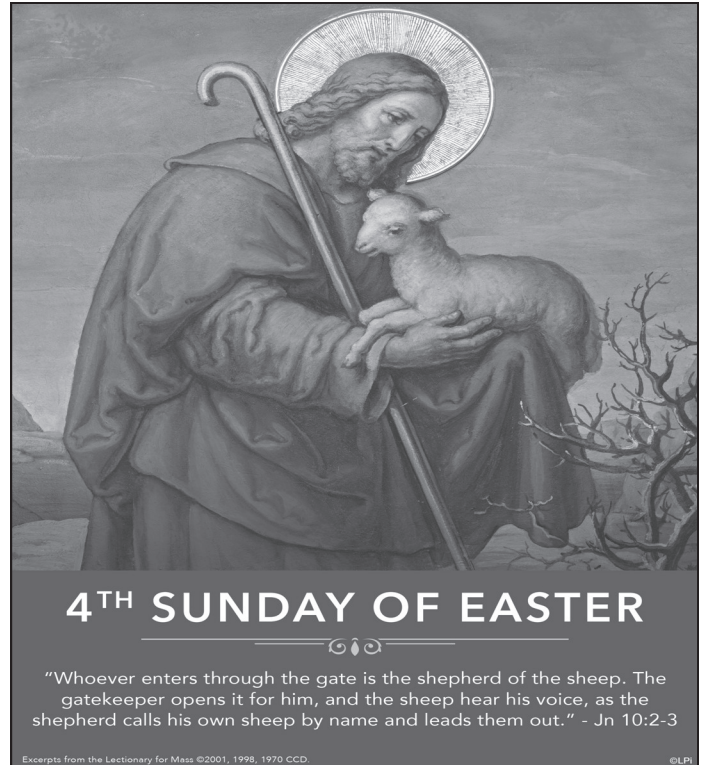
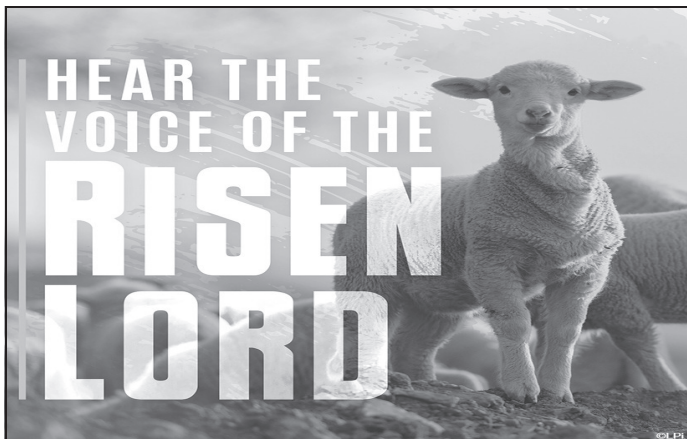
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, **"They recognize his voice."** He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can.

— 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
Music Director/Organist James Stanley

Buildings/Grounds Robert Warren
Religious Education Betty Warren



Religious Education

Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2022-2023 year. Next week is our last class. Please join us to celebrate our May Crowning Mass on Sunday, May 7th. Please pray for all our students, their families and our teachers.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, He is the way and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."



Pray For Vocations

"I came tso that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Have you ever considered leading others to more abundant life as a priest or religious? Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

Did you know that St. John's/Holy Trinity has a PayPal account? We have 2 ways now that people can use it. You can either log into PayPal and donate through the site, or we now have a new QR



Code that you can scan with your cellphone and it will take you directly to our page. 1) www.PayPal.com and follow the site directions. 2) QR Code above: Hold your cellphone up the QR Code as if taking a picture. The QR Code should prompt your phone for our PayPal page. It may go directly to the page or you may have to click "PayPal". Follow the site prompts for debit/credit card donations. Of course, you can always mail in a donation to the rectory as well. SJB/HT 406 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208.



World Day Of Prayer

Sunday, April 30th also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" is observed as World Day of Prayer. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman - Cut to the Heart



Everyone who has been married knows this feeling: you're in the midst of a disagreement with your spouse. You've really dug in your heels. You're ready to die on this hill. And you have the awful, heartbreaking realization that you are wrong. Whatever it is you're arguing about, you're wrong. You.

So where do you go from here? The only way forward is to own it. Fess up. Grab a fork and dig into that humble pie. It makes me cringe just to write about it, because it's the worst feeling.

I use the example of marriage because it's the one I'm most familiar with — my closest relationship, the one that teaches me the most about who I am and who God asks me to be. But this is a universal experience, and everyone — single or married, child or adult, lay or ordained — knows how badly it feels to realize that you're wrong. You're human. You messed up.

It is hard to recognize that the Christian life is one of ongoing repentance. It is painful to acknowledge the ways in which we are falling short, even as we strive to follow in Christ's example.

It can, in the words of today's reading, "cut to the heart."

But that feeling of despair is what propels forward motion. We have to allow ourselves to feel bad, that's the fertile ground of penitence. We are meant to have not just life, but life "more abundantly." Stasis isn't the goal. Baptism isn't the finish line.

Examining our conscience is hard. It cuts to the heart. It cuts to the truth.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." — Acts 2:38

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Remember: Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Mary Ann Felicia, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Shirley Kerr, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Frank Maraviglia, Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, The Pavia Children, Philomena Piraino, Sandy Pisani, Joe Ruggeri, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Maryann Vigiotti and Matthew Watkins.



Sacrificial Giving

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

Week April 22nd & April 23rd

SJB/HT Collection: \$2,940.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$3,919.00

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.

Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday April 29, 2023

- 4:00pm OLP/SP** - Mary Ann Felicia - Grace Niland
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Guilia DeTommaso -
- 5:30pm SJB/HT** - Cecile Marnell - The Family
Rosalie Rivizzigno - The Family
Anthony & Rosalie Sansone -
The Family & Mary Prince

Sunday April 30, 2023

- 7:30am OLP/SP** - N/A
- 9:00am SJB/HT** - Shirley Fornito - The Family
David McLaughlin - Mother
- 11:30am OLP/SP** - Pasquale Sisera - Wife, Gilda
Leon Saya - Ginnie Lostumbo
Helen Barbato - Lou Fratangelo
The Meola Family - Angela & John
Frank & Nancy Fugale - Steve & Beth
The deceased members of the
Paduano Family - Nick Paduano
- 5:00pm OLP/SP** - N/A

Monday May 1, 2023

- 12:00pm SJB/HT** - Domenico Tropepi - Wife

Tuesday May 2, 2023

- 9:00am OLP/SP** - Antoinette Trinca - Rose
- 12:00pm SJB/HT** - Edward Page - Georgiann

Wednesday May 3, 2023

- 9:00am OLP/SP** - Mary Long - Jim & Julie Taft
Agostino DiBello - Daughter, Julia
- 4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession**

Thursday May 4, 2023

- 9:00am OLP/SP** - Cindy Caruso - Joanne Licitra
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm SJB/HT Confession**

Friday May 5, 2023

- 9:00am OLP/SP** - Robert Blasi - Mom & Family
- 12:00pm SJB/HT** - Antonio McLaughlin

Saturday May 6, 2023

- 4:00pm OLP/SP** - Joan Rey - Joanne Licitra
Rose Caracci - The Family
Henry Pagano - Rose Trinica
Josie Hooker - Richard Hooker
Richard Palmer - The fishing crew
Mary Anne Pagano - Esther Pagano
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Frank & Orsola Razzano - The Family
Frank DeMichele - OLP/SP Golf League
Alice Merriman - Ralph Torrillo Sr. & Family

- 5:30pm SJB/HT** - For the people

Sunday May 7, 2023

- 7:30am OLP/SP** - N/A
- 9:00am SJB/HT** - Carol McGuire - Fran & Judy
Mary Hennessy - Fran & Judy
Agostino Canzano - Pasquale Cerullo
Margaret & Irving Gegier - Daughter, Marilyn



Lector Schedule - May 6th & May 7th

- 5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schotthoefer
9:00am SJB/HT: Religious Education Students

Our Health Care Workers: Please pray for all health care workers of our parish serving in this crisis of COVID 19. That God helps to guide their decisions and to keep them safe as well. **Dr. Patrick Abt, Alisa Albanese, PA., Christopher Jacques, EMS, Lynda Keller, Nurse, Ross Mathewson, Joseph & Rita Nicoletti, Nurses, Robert C. Palucci, Nurse, Dr. Alyssa Toia, Stacy Toia, Nurse and Lauren Townley, Nurse.**



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.**

Genuflecting & Kneeling

Question: Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting? **Answer:** Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar. ©LPi



“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

— Jn 10:9-10
Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (2001), 1998, 1975 ©CD.

- 11:30am OLP/SP** - N/A
5:00pm OLP/SP - N/A

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