

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 14, 2024

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

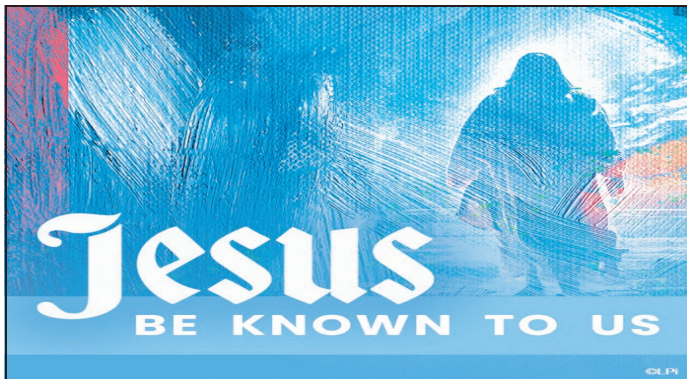
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm
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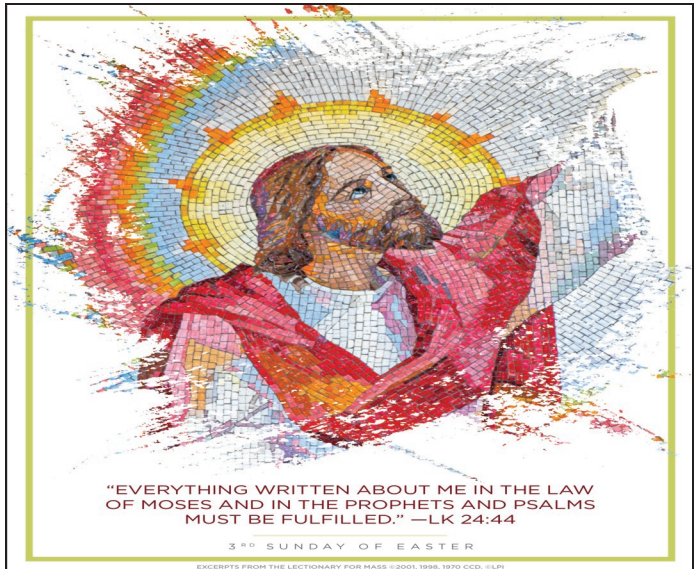
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

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



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.



April 14, 2024

Third Sunday Of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— 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



“Pot Luck Dinner”

Our first gathering for 2024 is the “Pot Luck Dinner” on Saturday April 20th in the Parish Center from 4:00-7:00pm. So far the food being brought is; Baked Ham, beverages (donated by the Church), potato salad, pasta salad, half moon cookies. We would prefer not to have to use the stove or oven, but if need be we will make certain it is available. If you would like to let us know what you would like to bring please call the rectory, but it is not a requirement. We ask that as a price for admission, and this is not a requirement either, you bring a scratch off lottery ticket that will be added to the big International Festival raffle. The Pot Luck is intended to be a fun, family friendly gathering. So do invite and bring friends. Do consider attending and come have a fun night with us!



Scratch Off Lottery Tickets

We’ve requested Scratch Off Lottery Tickets as an admission for the “Pot Luck” dinner on Saturday, April 20th and would like to add a little to this. For the International Festival, Saturday October 12th, we would like to create a “Scratch Off Lottery Board” as a raffle. Would you please consider donating at any time the lottery tickets. You may put them in the collection basket, in an envelope marked “lottery ticket”, and it is your choice of tickets to donate. We thank you for your consideration and support.



SJB/HT Religious Education

There are no Religious Education classes next week, April 21st, for Spring Break. Our classes will resume on April 28th. Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2023-2024 year. There are only 4 classes left for our students. Our last class will be on Mother’s Day, May 12th. This last class will be our First Communion and May Crowning Mass. Please pray for all our students, their families and our teachers. Please especially pray for our 2 Confirmation II students who will be receiving their Confirmation on April 16th, and our 4 First Penance/ First Communion students who will be receiving these Sacraments in the Spring.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family, the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God’s presence in your family. These “ordinary” moments contain the “Extraordinary.”



Pray For Vocation

“Peace be with you.” His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to. If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest or in consecrated life, then reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman The Twist Ending



Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the “dead main character trope” fairly often. This is the famous *Sixth Sense* twist ending (I would say “spoiler alert,” but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you’ve probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I’m always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You’ve come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don’t like to have the rug pulled out. It’s why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It’s what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: *he was a ghost the whole time!* The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

“Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” — Luke 24:39

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Reflect: Readings and Gospel for Third Sunday Of Easter

First Reading: Peter challenges the religious leaders of Jerusalem who put Jesus to death to repent of their sins and be converted. Have you ever seen someone have a conversion to the Faith?

Second Reading: John tells us that we should turn to Jesus, our Advocate, when we sin and fail to keep his commandments. Can you think of a time when you sought Jesus in a time of need?

Gospel: The resurrected Jesus taught the disciples how they were witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled in his suffering, death, and resurrection and that forgiveness of sins was to be preached in his name. How might you share your faith this week at home or at work?

Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday April 13, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Frank Procopio - The Family
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Michael Canestrare - Marlene & Family
Anthony & Giovanna Barbuto - Frank & Sue
Henry & Esther Pagano - Regina & Bill Sarsfield
Antoinette & Nicholas Silvaggio - Tony, Nick & Joe
5:30pm SJB/HT - Domenico Troppi - Wife

Sunday April 14, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Maria Giamartino - Rosemary Greco
Salvatore & Mariantonia Sisera - Daughter-in-law, Gilda
9:00am SJB/HT - Giovanni Failla - Wife & Children
Rosemary Lane & Family - The Estate
Ambrose & Flavia Barbuto - The Failla Family
Salvatore & Josephine Failla - The Failla Family
11:30am OLP/SP - Lorriane Stacy - John Minozzi
Stephen "Jerry" Vislosky - Love Anne
Jean Lostumbo Radley - Sister, Ginnie
Anthony James Cannizzaro & Mule/Cannizzaro Families
- John & Margherita
5:00pm OLP/SP - Egidio "Gino" Fabrizi -
Ed & Marilyn Campagna

Monday April 15, 2024,

12:00 Noon SJB/HT - Annette Cannavino - Georgianne

Tuesday April 16, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Luke DiBello - Sister, Julia DiBello
Pasqualina Pallotta - Colavita Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - Requests from our prayer boxes

Wednesday April 17, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Deceased of the Perratta Family - Family
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday April 18, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Thang Dang - Dodie Murphy
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday April 19, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Anthony DeMascoli - Grandson, Anthony
12:00pm SJB/HT - All the people of SJB/HT

Saturday April 20, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Sharon Wade - Debra Wade
Marilyn Cox - Frank & Sue
Victoria Giannantonio - Anna
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Salvatore Calabrese - Connie, Carlo & Family
Henry & Esther Pagano - Regina & Bill Sarsfield
Anthony "Midnite" Silvaggio - Wife Sally, sons
Jeff & Tony Jr. & Grandson Nick
5:30pm SJB/HT - Ruth Smith - The Family

Sunday April 21, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - William Lombard - Mike & Mary Fronak
9:00am SJB/HT - Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
Frances Jefski - Pat & Norm Jaquin
Grazia Mucci - Husband, John & Family
Francis & Loretta Cooney - Fran & Judy

New Rectory Hours

SJB/HT Rectory will now be open Monday—
Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm and Friday 9:00am-2:30.



Lector Schedule - April 20th & April 21st

5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan
9:00am SJB/HT: Mary Barraco

Wood Carving Sale/April 20th & 21st

Holy Family is a group in mission to help catholic families from Bethlehem by selling their Olive wood carvings in churches. Catholic families in Bethlehem are going through a very hard economic situation and need your help. Representatives will be in the church vestibule after each Mass this weekend. We do accept cash, credit cards and checks



Sacrificial Giving

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

Week April 6th & April 7th

SJB/HT Collection: \$4,840.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$6,702.00

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.



Holy Hour With Bishop Lucia

Please join Bishop Lucia on Sunday April 21st at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Holy Hour.

Remember: Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, De De Calkins, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Camille Grosso, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perrotta, Joe Petasano, Philomena Piraino, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women and our Health Care Workers.**



11:30am OLP/SP - Helen Barbato - The Family

Angelo Borreggine - Wife, Frances

Joseph Lostumbo - Daughter, Ginnie

Carmen, Mary & Melanie Surace - The Family

5:00pm OLP/SP - Natalie Losurdo - John Sunser