

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 21, 2024

Mass Schedule: SJB/HT

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

Friday 9:00am-2:30pm

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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



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

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Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, “**I know my own and my own know me,**” and “**I lay down my life for the sheep.**” Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— 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

Scratch Off Lottery Tickets

We've requested Scratch Off Lottery Tickets to create a large raffle prize for the International Festival, Saturday October 12th. Would you please consider donating at any time a scratch off lottery ticket. You may put them in the collection basket, in an envelope marked "lottery ticket", and it is your choice of ticket to donate. We thank you for your consideration and support.



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf



I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppy seed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: what's in it for Him? we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. Why does He keep trying?

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11 ©LPi



SJB/HT Religious Education

There are no Religious Education classes this week, April 21st, for Spring Break. Our classes will resume on April 28th. Please congratulate our two confirmation II students, Emma Batuk and Gianni Carello, who were confirmed by bishop Lucia on April 16th at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters Church. Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2023-2024 year. There are only 3 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 4 First Penance/First Communion students.

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Today's Gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their parents. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."



Pray For Vocation

"There is no salvation through anyone else." Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrдио.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.



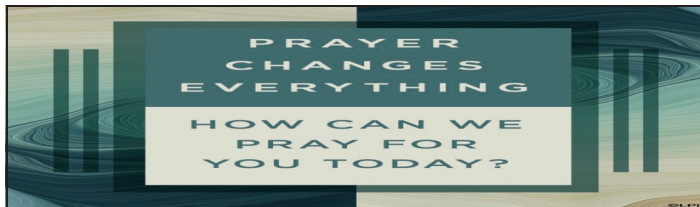
Reflect: Readings and Gospel for Fourth Sunday Of Easter

First Reading: Peter bore witness to the Sanhedrin that it was the crucified and risen Jesus who healed the crippled man and through whom we are saved. Have you ever told someone else about your faith in Jesus?

Second Reading: John tells us that as believers we are destined one day to be like the resurrected and glorified Jesus. How do you think we can best prepare for such a future?

Gospel: As the "Good Shepherd," Jesus speaks of the power given to him by the Father to lay down his life for his sheep. What could you do this week for the benefit of another?

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Here and there you will see this blurb in the bulletin. At the Park St. vestibule and Parking Lot vestibule of the Church you will always find paper that you can anonymously or sign, requesting prayers that you are in need of and a box to insert your requests. Each Monday these prayers will be collected and put into a basket in our Chapel. During one of the weekday Masses, all these prayers will be remembered as the Mass Intention.

FYI - We are still in need of men and women who might be interested in helping serve during funeral.

Mass intentions \$15.00, Bread and Wine in memory of your loved one(s) \$25.00 or Sanctuary Lamp \$10.00.

Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

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
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

Monday April 22, 2024,

12:00 Noon SJB/HT - James Ball - Friend, Pat

Tuesday April 23, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Vincent Intondi - Antoinette Perrotta
12:00pm SJB/HT - Kieran & Rosaleen Donoghue -
Mary (Jerge) & Tim Reid & Family

Wednesday April 24, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Robert M. Blasi - Mom, Marietta
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday April 25, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Camille Grosso - Pat Kesselring
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday April 26, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Jack Garofalo - Joan Zednick
12:00pm SJB/HT - Jack Meehan - The Family

Saturday April 27, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Peter Cappuccilli, Sr. - The Family
Frank & Louise Buda - The Family
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Henry & Esther Pagano - Regina & Bill Sarsfield
Matteo & Antoinetta Paduano - Daughter, Chora
Victoria Giannantonio & Marianna DeLorio - Frank & Sue
5:30pm SJB/HT - All the people of SJB/HT

Sunday April 28, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Angela Lattanzio - Clara Delledora
9:00am SJB/HT - David McLaughlin - Mother
Alexa Bolton - Sherrie Johnson
11:30am OLP/SP - Stella Corona - Cathy & Family
Frank & Nancy Fugale - The Family
Anna Lattanzio - Jim & Angela Albanese
Bartholomew DeMascoli - Son, Anthony
Nunziata Fichera - Grandsons, Anthony & Dom
5:00pm OLP/SP - Ann Carfagno - Jack & Melanie

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 27th & April 28th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Annette Marchbanks
9:00am SJB/HT: Patrick Minnoe

Sacrificial Giving

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

Week April 13th & April 14th

SJB/HT Collection: \$TBA OLP/SP Collection: \$TBA

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.

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.**



Earth Day - Monday April 22

Everyday should be considered Earth Day, in so many ways. Care for our planet and all places you plant your feet. Be kind to our Earth and all who dwell on our planet.

Love - Kindness - Respect -
Thoughtfulness - Patience - Peace.

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.