

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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April 7, 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-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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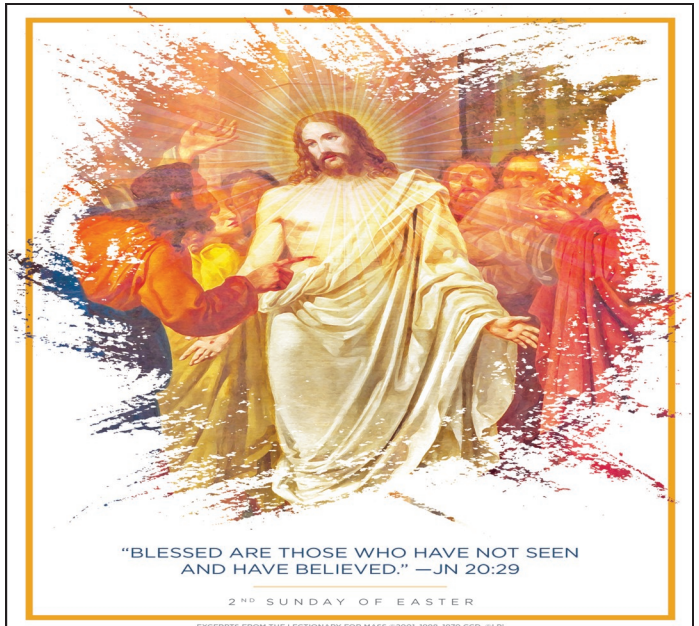
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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

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.



No Request
is too
Audacious
for God.

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday Of Easter

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do *you* get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

— 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. We ask that as a price for admission you bring a scratch off lottery ticket that will be added to the big International Festival raffle. We still have a few kinks to settle, but we hope as a parish to provide baked ham to start the dinner menu off. It will be entirely up to you what to add. A main dish, a side dish, bread & butter, dessert, etc. I do not mind keeping track of the menu, but it is supposed to be “Pot Luck” so it isn’t necessary to do so. Please mark your calendar and come have some fun 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

Religious Education resumes this week. Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2023-2024 year. There are only 5 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

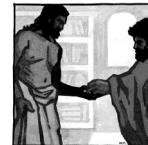
In today’s Gospel Jesus teaches, “Blessed are those who have not seen and believe.” Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance, a home is only a house and a family is just a group of housemates.



Pray For Vocation

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Let us affirm our priests and help carry our Christ’s mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman Written in the Wounds



For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there’s something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn’t ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. “You have no wounds,” she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don’t think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, “Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?” Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. “Here, and here, and here,” he can say. “And I overcame them all.”

It’s the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!”
— John 20:28 ©LPI



Reflect: Readings and Gospel for Second Sunday Of Easter

First Reading: We hear how the early Christians lived in unity and holiness, bearing witness to Jesus, and living in community as friends. Which of these traits do you see at work in your faith community?

Second Reading: John teaches his community that our faith in Jesus helps us “conquer the world.” What struggles are you facing that you need to confront and defeat?

Gospel: The risen Jesus meets Thomas in the midst of his doubt and encourages him to believe. Who could you encourage this week to have faith in the resurrection of Jesus?



Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday April 6, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Karen Magnarelli - The Family
Guy P. Blasi, Sr. - The Children
Anthony Merluzzi - Debra Wade
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Henry & Esther Pagano - David Delucia
5:30pm SJB/HT - Marianna Sanzone -
The Costantino Family

Sunday April 7, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Marie Felice - The Colaneri Family
9:00am SJB/HT - Rita Carroll - Twin Cousins
Joseph Jefski - Pat & Norm Jaquin
11:30am OLP/SP - Vito Toia - Betty & Family
Anthony Caracci - The Family
Nicolangelo Pallotta - Colavita Family
Anthony Visciglio, Jr. -
Frank Ventre & Ann Marie Scaninach
Ann & Gus Mancuso & Carmen Emmi, Sr.
- Rosemarie & Family
Edward & Michael Swanka - Grace & MaryAnne
Emily Alibrandi & Theodore Alibrandi - The Family
Salvatore & Mariantonia Sisera - Daughter-in-law, Gilda
5:00pm OLP/SP - Delores DiBello - The Family
Frank Scarfino III - The Family
Mary Anne Scarfino - The Family

Monday April 8, 2024,

12:00 Noon SJB/HT - Rita Carroll - Michael Nesci

Tuesday April 9, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Luke J. Oscuro - The Estate
Richard Ward - Loving Family
Donald Ryan - Jim & Kim Robinson
Henry Pagano - Jim & Angela Albanese
12:00pm SJB/HT - All the people of SJB/HT

Wednesday April 10, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Cindy Caruso - Connie & Skip Smithers
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday April 11, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Deb DiFino - Mary Esposito
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday April 12, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - For my special intentions - Pat Sacco
12:00pm SJB/HT - Edward Page - Georgiann

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



Lector Schedule - April 13th & April 14th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Cathy Schotthoefer

9:00am SJB/HT: John Robinson

Sacrificial Giving

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

Week March 23rd & March 24th

SJB/HT Collection: \$1,906.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$4,719.00

Week March 30th & March 31st

SJB/HT Collection: \$6,673.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$13,780.00

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.

Monday April 8th



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, Francis Galimi, 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 Perotta, 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.**



9:00am SJB/HT - Giovani 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