

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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May 5, 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



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Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, “He is mistaken about our friendship. I don’t recall ever having suffered with him.” As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I’m not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn’t the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, “**You are my friends if you do what I command you**” (John 15:14). In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you’ll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you’ve suffered together a great deal.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso

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Senior Priest in Residence Fr. Lester Smith

In Residence Fr. Paschal Anionye

Music Director/Organist James Stanley

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SJB/HT Religious Education

Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2023-2024 year. There are only 2 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 challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.



Pray For Vocation

The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrдио.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyrracuse.

Nothing is impossible with God.

Reflect: Readings and Gospel for Sixth Sunday Of Easter

First Reading: The Jewish believers who accompanied Peter to the house of Cornelius were "astonished" that Gentiles who had faith in Jesus also received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever been surprised by what God has done in your life?

Second Reading: John teaches us that the essence of God is love and we are called to love one another. Who might you work on loving this week?

Gospel: Jesus taught his disciples that loving him and loving each other brings "complete joy." What brings you joy in your life? ©LPi



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
As I Love You



This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. "Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end," my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

"Because you're old," she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It's so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn't give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn't fear death or the world's hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn't ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can't see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."
— John 15:12 ©LPi

May is the Month of Mary!

Here are 3 ideas of how to honor Mary this month:

1. Celebrate May Crowning:

May Crowning is celebrated by crowning a statue or image of Mary with a wreath of flowers to honor her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.

2. Give someone a Marian Gift:

Great gift ideas to honor Mary include a Marian Medal or a Marian Scapular.

3. Pray the rosary:

Consider participating in a group rosary at your parish or with friends/family!



Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday May 4, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Anthony Merluzzi - Debra Wade
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Henry & Esther Pagano - Frank & Sue
Michael Canestrare - Marlene & Family
Maria Calabrese - Connie, Carlo & Family
Mary Rose Strano - Joanne Licitra & Paul

5:30pm SJB/HT - All the people of SJB/HT

Sunday May 5, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - N/A

9:00am SJB/HT - Rita Carroll - Twin Cousins
Mary Gangemi - Norm & Pat Jaquin
Rita Carroll - Joey & Kthy Cargagno

11:30am OLP/SP - Mary Surace - Children
Vito Toia - Betty & Family
Rose Caracci - The Family
Helen Barbato - The Family
Robert M. Blasi - Mom, Marietta

5:00pm OLP/SP - Frank Scarfino III - The Family
Mary Anne Scarfino - The Family

Monday May 6, 2024,

12:00 Noon SJB/HT - Rosemary Lane & Family

Tuesday May 7, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Richard Ward - Loving Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - All the people of SJB/HT parish

Wednesday May 8, 2024 - Vigil Ascension of the Lord

9:00am OLP/SP - All the people of OLP/SP
5:30pm OLP/SP - All the people of OLP/SP
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday May 9, 2024 - The Ascension of the Lord

9:00am OLP/SP - All the people of OLP/SP
12:00pm SJB/HT - All the people of SJB/HT & OLP/SP
5:30pm SJB/HT - All the people of SJB/HT & OLP/SP
4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday May 10, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Joanne Bruse - Maryann Priola
Pierre & Italia DiLorenzo - Sister, Gilda
Deceased members of Anthony Adornato Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - Requests from our prayer box

Saturday May 11, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Frank Procopio - The Family
Virginia Lanza - The Family
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Maria, Nick & Frank Meola - Frank & Sue
Henry & Esther Pagano - Regina & Bill
5:30pm SJB/HT - Angela Abbatiello - The Family
Angelo & Isabella Scivetti - The Family
Francine Varisco Magnarelli - Aunt Marie, Lisa & Mike

Sunday May 12, 2024 - Mother's Day

7:30am OLP/SP - All Mother's Deceased
9:00am SJB/HT - All Mother's Deceased
11:30am OLP/SP - All Mother's Deceased
5:00pm OLP/SP - All Mother's Deceased

New Rectory Hours

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



Lector Schedule - May 11th & May 12th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan
9:00am SJB/HT: Religious Education Students

Sacrificial Giving

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

Week April 20th & April 21st
SJB/HT Collection: \$2,054.95 OLP/SP Collection: \$

Week April 27th & April 28th
SJB/HT Collection: \$2,049.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$6,510.00

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.



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, Michael & 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 & our Health Care Workers.**



The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday May 9th Holy Day of Obligation

The Mass schedule for the Ascension is;
Wednesday May 8th - 5:30pm Vigil at OLP/SP

Thursday May 9th 9:00am OLP/SP
Thursday May 9th Noon SJB/HT
Thursday May 9th 5:30pm SJB/HT
SJB/HT Lector's, please call the rectory if you are available to read at the Noon or 5:30pm Mass. Very much appreciate your help.

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.