

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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October 27, 2024



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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From Fr. Brendan Foley

This is the second Sunday in a row now where Jesus has posed the question, "*What do you want me to do for you?*" How would you respond to this opportunity? I think sometimes we ask and ask and ask and think our prayers are not being answered. Or sometimes we don't think to ask something of God that we have already determined as an impossibility. Either way, both times Jesus offers this question, he's drawing out a concrete expression of faith from the one he is speaking to.

The encounter between Jesus and Bartimaeus is a beautiful one. As Bartimaeus, a blind man, calls out to Jesus using a title we haven't heard at this point in Mark's Gospel: "Son of David, have pity on me!" This is a messianic title—meaning that though he was blind, Bartimaeus had been given an internal sight to be able to recognize who Jesus really is, namely, the messiah.

We learn from Bartimaeus' faith here that Jesus cannot resist changing course to come to tend to one who knows who He is. Not only does Jesus restore the gift of his sight, but also it is quite evident that the eyes of his heart are opened. Jesus tells Bartimaeus to "go your way, your faith has saved you." Isn't it interesting that after having received this healing, to go his way immediately takes shape in his following after Jesus? Bartimaeus is made whole, and in his freedom what naturally comes out of him is a readiness for discipleship.

With the gift of his sight restored we have the reminder that the Lord is about the work of salvation and restoration. Maybe this would be a better question for our reflection today. What does being brought to restoration or to be made whole again look like in your life? Have we been asking for the wrong thing in prayer? In your mind's eye, how does Jesus look at you when you turn to him asking to be made whole again? How can we give ourselves to him so that he can heal?

One of the ways that Jesus makes us whole again is through the Sacraments of Healing, which we know well. Sin, selfishness, preoccupation with the things that are not of God lead us to be disintegrated, divided within. The grace of God offered to us especially in absolution offers us a power that we can't simply create or obtain on our own, but it is something that He desires to give us—so why would we ever deprive ourselves of this? As we hear in our first reading and psalm, restoration and being brought to unity is a prophecy and promise that the Lord makes known to Jeremiah. Jeremiah largely is a prophetic book that sees mostly doom, rejection, disharmony and disunity. But today, taken from a small section in a part of Jeremiah called the Book of Consolation, we are encouraged that God will not abandon his people to destruction, and he will gather back into one body all who have been scattered, including "the blind and the lame" (enter our story of Bartimaeus!)

If this is the case, that God is about the work of restoration, let us call out to him in the same disposition of faith that Bartimaeus had. We can be confident that with Jesus is the power to restore, heal, and set free. If we allow Jesus to do this for each of us as individuals, he will also be at work building up the restored unity of His Body, the Church. Lord, may we have the gift of your sight to see what you see, even when our lives or the world around us only know brokenness, help us trust that you alone will bring to fruition your work of restoration.

Mass Schedule SJB/HT

Sunday - 9:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm

Office Hours SJB/HT

Monday - Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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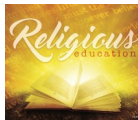
Sacristan/Grounds: Allan Chouinard

Altar Server: Benjamin Chouinard

Religious Education Announcements

We offer classes from Pre-K (4 years old) to Confirmation II. If you wish to have your child participate, please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357. Please pray for our Students and our Teachers, that they will have a successful and enjoyable year.

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A Family Perspective Family Life Education

When Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer.

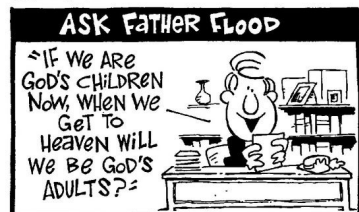
Pray For Vocations

"Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." Will you share in Christ's saving mission? He may be calling you to a beautiful and sacrificial life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.



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Prayer For Everyday And Everybody

Prayer for Courage

"Take courage," we hear, "Jesus is calling you!" Jesus, give me the grace to respond to your call — your invitation to what I don't understand, to the unknown, the mystery. In these spaces, your grace abounds. Be with me, give me courage! Amen. ©LPi



Reflect: Readings and Gospel 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah speaks of a joyful future awaiting those Israelites who were in captivity in Babylon. What are some things you are looking forward to with joy?

Second Reading: Hebrews teaches us that God glorified Christ by making him the eternal "high priest." What are some gifts you have received from God?

Gospel: The blind man, Bartimaeus, pleaded to Jesus and Jesus healed him saying, "your faith has saved you." What worries or fears do you need to bring to the Lord? ©LPi

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



The Safety of Darkness

Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.

Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but *on* the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us.

Do we have the courage to answer him? ©LPi



2025 Mass Book and Special Requests

The 2025 Mass Book is open for your intentions for the 9:00am Sunday Mass. ****Note: we will only be booking Masses and requests from January-April at this time.** Please call 315-478-0916 or stop by the rectory during office hours for your intentions. Masses are **\$15.00**. As well, you may request to have the **Sanctuary Lamp \$10.00** or **Bread and Wine \$25.00** in memory of your loved one(s) for the week.

Have A Safe And Happy Halloween!



9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

Sunday October 27, 2024

9:00am SJB/HT - Jack Wall - Jerry Mott
Brian Mingoelli - The Family
Rosemary Lane & Family - The Estate
Anthony DelVecchio - Ann Carruthers

Apologies that Mass Intentions were wrong last week.

Sunday November 3, 2024

9:00am SJB/HT - Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
Grazia Mucci - Husband & Family
Rosemary Lane & Family - The Estate

Lector - Sunday Nov. 3

9:00am SJB/HT: Mary Barraco



Eucharistic Ministry

We have returned to using Eucharistic Ministers to help distribute the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays. If you would like to help with this, please contact Betty Warren at 315-420-6357 or email at warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.

Below is the list of ministers for October.

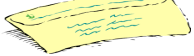
Center

Oct. 27 Mary Beth Cusano
Nov. 3 Dave William
Nov. 10 Larry Argiro
Nov. 17 Joan LaVergne
Nov. 24 Betty Warren

Mary's Side

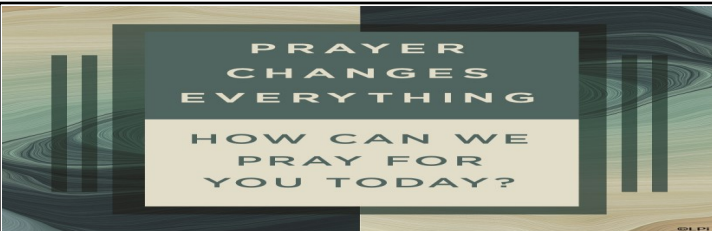
Betty Warren
Mary Anne Bergamo
Cathy Horton
Karen Fekete
Mary Beth Cusano

Offering Envelopes



Sacrificial Giving

Week October 20th
SJB/HT Collection: \$2,343.00



Prayer Requests

Please do continue to put your prayer requests into the prayer boxes. The boxes are located in the Park St. vestibule and inside the Church at the parking lot entrance. Fr. Lester has graciously agreed to offer up your requests when he says Mass for himself, which he faithfully does everyday. The prayers will be collected each Monday and kept on the altar in the Chapel.

"Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

— Mk 10:48c-49, 51

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Mass Schedule OLP/SP 315-422-7163

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm Vietnamese Mass 6:00pm
Sunday - 7:30am, 11:30am
9:30am Vietnamese
Monday - Thursday 9:00am in the Chapel
Reconciliation Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm

All Saints Day Schedule

For Friday November 1st All Saints Day

Masses are as follows;

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter's Church 7:15am

Assumption Church 9:00am

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church 12:15pm

SJB/HT & OLP/SP offices will be closed on Friday Nov. 1st.

SJB/HT will remember all those who have passed in our parish at our Sunday November 3rd 9:00am Mass. Candles with each departed soul name will be set up on our back altar. And their names will be remembered in our bulletin.

SJB/HT & OLP/SP offices will be closed on Monday Nov. 11th. in observance of Veteran's Day. Please check with OLP/SP if there is a 9:00am Mass that day.



HOPE Appeal 2024



Thank you for your support of the 2024 HOPE Appeal. We have raised \$10,075.00 towards our goal of \$16,968.00. If you have not yet made your gift, we ask you to join us in strengthening our church and serving people throughout our diocese. You may bring your completer pledge card to Mass next

week, drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syradio.org.

75th Election Day Spaghetti Supper

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters Church will hold their annual Spaghetti Supper on Tuesday, Nov. 5th from 11:30am-7:00pm. \$12.00 single, \$7.00 kids, \$60.00 1/2 tray and \$120 full tray. 1/2 tray and full tray available on take out, curbside and delivery. All curbside must be preordered and prepaid. Taking orders now at 315-422-7163.



More information at www.ourladyofpompei-stpeter.org.



Remember: Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Jon English, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Thomas Quinn Love, Luciano & Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael & Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler and Maureen White. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women & our Health Care Workers. Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients. Please notify the parish office if you have a loved one in the hospital, a nursing home or is homebound and would like a visit.**

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.

