

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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From Fr. Brendan Foley

It's hard to believe that we've arrived at the month of November, which means the end of another liturgical calendar year is just a few weeks away. I'd like us to listen with renewed interest to the Sunday Gospel readings over the next few weeks as they will draw us into the ultimate realities of our life: heaven and hell, death and judgment—we should especially note Jesus' teachings and what our response must be. Today's gospel may have a more of a hidden connection to these, but there is clearly an important message. As St. John of the Cross says, at the end of our life, we will be judged on how we have loved.

While initially hearing about these subjects can make us uncomfortable, simply engaging Jesus' words and remembering his desire for us to live with him forever can change that perspective from subconscious anxiety to abiding and liberating peace.

A simple place to start in assessing ourselves and our relationship with the Lord is laid out before us today:

The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul...and mind...and your neighbor as yourself.

The Lord asks this of us not because He will get something out of it for himself, but rather because following after the life he calls us to is actually intended toward our greatest fulfillment. Following his commandments isn't just a good thing to do because he says it's a good thing to do. In reality living others-focused and giving of ourselves to God and neighbor actually gives us life, it does not take it away. It's a beautiful paradox of our faith. The more we give love away the more we end up encountering it for ourselves.

But of course our efforts to live following this path can only bear fruit when we first look to the One who is the source of this radical form of love. Each of us must come to receive first the tremendously deep love that God has for each one of us, that we are indeed seen and known by him. And it can sometimes sound trite or cliché but this love is powerful and only once we have truly experienced being loved by God, once we've received his personal delighting in us, that our hearts can be oriented away from ourselves and toward God and neighbor.

The Saints who we just celebrated on Friday show us how transformative of an encounter with the life and love of God can be. What would happen if you responded more to the promptings of God's grace and friendship?

One of my favorite lines that comes up regularly in the Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours, is a line from the book of revelation that references the lives of certain disciples who lived courageously the life of the Gospel while eventually losing their lives for it. "Love for life did not deter them from death..." (Rev. 12:11). It captures a holy boldness and freedom that is offered to us when we live perpetually from a place of gratitude and desire to stay in relationship with the Lord. It implies that while alive on earth we are called not to hate or completely remove ourselves from this world, but live and embrace the reality that we were made for something more, something which is beyond the comprehension of our mind. But we can trust in the One who still chose to bless us with experiencing His love in many ways here and now, which is what moves us toward Thanksgiving. Inspired to live and love wholly for the Lord, may we be people of hope that draw others with us, in peace, toward eternity.

One who has truly been changed by encountering the Lord knows what it means to live for Him with the entirety of one's being: heart, mind, soul, and strength.

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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Religious Education: Betty Warren

Sacristan/Grounds: Allan Chouinard

Altar Server: Benjamin Chouinard



We remember all our SJB/HT dearly departed family and friends from this past year.

James Walter Luce	Rita Carroll
Jane F. Hunkler	Frank Thomas Mirizio
Patricia Worlock	Luigi Cannata
Yolanda M. Matarazzo	Roberto Flores
William F. Judge	Francis M. Galimi
Sharon Hardenburgh	George L. Monnet
Karin G. Airel	Lucy Rossomando
Brian D. Mingoelli, Sr.	Mary Jimenez
Dolores "DeDe" Calkins	Jack Wall
Andrew Anthony Ianniello	Pauline A. Pirozzi
Johnna Louise Johnston	Marie Klotz
Deborah Gmyr	

May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer for Our Deceased

Dear Lord,
Comfort us in our grief as we mourn those no longer with us on earth. Free those in purgatory quickly, and guide us in Your will, so that one day we may all be united with You, for eternity.
Amen. ©LPi



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

Pray For Vocations

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart 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.



Reflect: Readings and Gospel 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

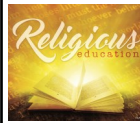
First Reading: Moses taught the Israelites the importance of passing on the faith and keeping the Jewish prayer, the great Shema ("Hear, O Israel..."). What are some faith traditions your family practices?

Second Reading: In Hebrews we hear that Jesus is the eternal and perfect high priest who intercedes for us before God. Do you have a friend or co-worker who needs you to pray for them this week?

Gospel: Jesus and the scribe find common ground on agreeing that the two greatest commandments are to love God and our neighbor. Do you value making peace with people you disagree with? ©LPi

Parking Lot Happenings

The Court Street side roof of the church has been repaired and now the St. Joseph side altar ceiling will be repaired and painted. Also, the drainage grate located in back by the side hill will be having work done to it. Date TBD. That area will be taped off for all parking till it is finished. No parking on the side hill please, it is a fire lane anyway. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Religious Education Announcements

There are no Religious Ed classes next week, Nov. 10th, in observance of Veteran's Day. Classes will resume on Nov. 17th. We offer classes from Pre-K (4 years old) to Confirmation II. Please pray for our Students and our Teachers, that they will have a successful and enjoyable year.

If you wish to have your child participate, please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
All Our Strength



I didn't realize how much my arms would hurt when I became a mom.

It occurred to me first during Mass when my daughter was just a few weeks old. She was the kind of kid who could only sleep in someone's arms. I desperately wanted her to stay quiet during the service, so I held the swaddled bundle in front of me like it was a bomb, not daring to move. By the homily, my arms were on fire.

I quickly realized this was a common scenario of my new life as a parent. Holding, rocking, bouncing, restraining, dragging — honestly, my weak little chicken-arms had never been worked out like this before. It took all my strength.

But isn't that the way it is with everything that's worthwhile? It takes all your strength. Not some of it. Not most of it. All of it.

I am a fairly active Catholic. My faith impacts a lot of areas of my life. But there are still boundaries that I've drawn around God. There are places I haven't let Him in. Things I keep "for myself." Experiences that are just so full of me, so full of my own plans and my own desires.

But God desires everything. Not because He is selfish, but because He is good, and wise. Because He knows that the places we keep from Him will become filled with something else. He wants to get there first. He wants to lay His claim.

He wants all our strength. All our heart. All our soul. All our mind. Not most of it. All of it.

Can we give it to Him? ©LPi



Prayer For Everyday And Everybody

Prayer for Vocations

For our married couples, strengthen their covenant.
For our religious sisters, surround them with Your love.
For our priests, support them as they guide.
For our parents, sustain them in Your grace.
For our religious brothers, draw them nearer to You.
For our consecrated singles, be everything they need.
For those discerning, be with them as they journey. Amen. ©LPi

SUNDAYS

ARE BETTER IN COMMUNITY

9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

Sunday November 3, 2024

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

Sunday November 10, 2025

9:00am SJB/HT - Tom Brimfield - Mom
Bill Judge - Maureen Carfaro
Bob Brimfield - Fran Brimfield
Rita Carroll - Annette & Mark Hartman

Lector - Sunday Nov. 10

9:00am SJB/HT: Pat Minnoe

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.

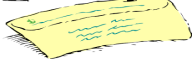
Center

Nov. 3 Dave William
Nov. 10 Larry Argiro
Nov. 17 Joan LaVergne
Nov. 24 Betty Warren

Mary's Side

Mary Anne Bergamo
Cathy Horton
Karen Fekete
Mary Beth Cusano

Offering Envelopes



Sacrificial Giving

Week October 27th
SJB/HT Collection: \$1,594.00

Courtesy Announcement

There is a meeting that all Northside residents are invited to attend at the Gethsemane Church, 1700 Butternut Street sponsored by the Dale Street Neighborhood Watch on November 7th at 7:00pm. Councilor Marty Nave will address the meeting.



All Faith Food Pantry

Once again we will remember the many food pantry clients who visit All Faith Food Pantry from Thanksgiving through Christmas by collecting personal hygiene items, household cleaning items, first aid products and paper products. These items are not covered by food stamps and are costly to families in need. A food wagon will be set up at the floor of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Altar from November 24th through December 29th. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity to the pantry clients.

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.



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.

Rectories Closed

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.



Thanksgiving Schedule

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at SJB/HT on Thursday November 28th 9:00am and a bilingual Mass will be celebrated at OLP/SP at 10:00am.

The offices will be closed on Thursday Nov. 28th and Friday Nov. 29th.



HOPE Appeal 2024

Thank you for your support of the 2024 HOPE Appeal. We have raised \$12,993.33 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 complete 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.



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.**

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

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

