

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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From Fr. Brendan Foley

“O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!” (cf. Ps 8:2a)

Our Psalm today reflects a great approach toward how we should go about articulating the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity: Always start with a sense of wonder that echoes praise, thanksgiving from the depths of your heart. In other words, allow this mystery to awaken within you a hunger and longing for the divine. Rather than be intimidated by talking about the inner life of the Trinity, it's always better to attempt anyway, and in the process grow in gratitude that God can never fully be understood or contained by our limited senses. This is a good thing! As a result, our relationship with the Lord continually unfolds and deepens whenever we engage this 'longing' within us.

The Catechism reminds us, “The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life, it is the mystery of God in himself” (CCC234). Trying to get to the heart of the Trinity, it becomes difficult to grasp at the same time both the vastness of God and also His profound intimacy/closeness with us. And this is what leads us to wonder and amazement at God. God becomes more and more knowable, but in a way where we cannot exhaust the depths of His newness. St. Augustine described the beauty of God as being both “ever-ancient” and “ever-new.” Consider again our reading from Proverbs, a wisdom book we don't often hear from. The more we soak in this infinite beauty of God, the more we realize there is no limit to being saturated with it. I think of this when I hear Jesus say in our Gospel today, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now... the Spirit of truth will guide you to truth” (cf. John 16:12-13). With this assurance, Jesus promises that his Spirit will continually fill us and draw us into deeper knowledge Himself. Even in the moments we don't understand, the Spirit can lead us to a place of consolation.

It was in our Baptism that the Trinity first claimed us as beloved sons and daughters, and it was in that moment that the very Spirit of the divine life was poured into us for our transformation. St. Paul to the Galatians: “Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father” (Gal 4:6). It is the work of the Spirit to diffuse and communicate in the depths of our hearts the love of the Father and the knowledge of his Son. The Most Holy Trinity desires to be known by us and to lead us to share this communion of love. The question is, “but why?” Really, after searching the scriptures, after seeing life lived, in taking in the order of creation and the breadth of the cosmos...the only explanation for God's self-revelation, God's invitation to relationship with him, is that He is pure Love. The nature of God is his merciful love, and because of his goodness alone, he calls us to himself. Psalm 8, again: *“When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place — What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him?”* **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth.**

This weekend we also pray for special blessings upon all Fathers & Godfathers, that they may be renewed by the love of God this day and that with the grace of God they may reflect the heart of God to us their children, and receive God anew as Father to each of them, too. There is a uniqueness about this call that is so important, and indeed lofty, and we know none can truly live this calling perfectly apart from grace. For these men, may God be their source of life and strength to provide for all that has been entrusted to them. And for our fathers who have gone home to the Lord, may they rest in peace, and those who are struggling with grief or suffering from wounds of the brokenness of home or hardship, may the grace of the Lord offer them His closeness and healing consolation.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” - Jn 16:14-15

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Pastor: Father Brendan Foley

Mass Schedule SJB/HT Sunday 9:00am

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 Servers: Benjamin Chouinard

Congratulations Fr. Foley

On June 5, 2025, Fr. Foley celebrated his 4th year Ordination as a Priest. Congratulations Fr. and many more blessed years to you as a priest in the Syracuse Diocese.



Lector - Sunday June 15th

9:00am SJB/HT: John Robinson

Lector - Sunday June 22nd

9:00am SJB/HT: Mary Barroco

Eucharistic Ministry

Center

June 15th Betty Warren
June 22nd Larry Argiro
June 29 Karen Fekete

Mary's Side

Mary Beth Cusano
Cathy Horton
Dave William

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel, "I have many things to say to you, but you cannot hear them now," could have been said by any parent. It can be frustrating because our desire to guide is often misinterpreted or poorly received. We cannot program our children. We can only teach, lead and trust the Spirit of truth will guide them.



Pray For Vocations

Paul writes to the Romans of the love of God, which is infinite, that has been poured out into our hearts. We are filled with this love and are called to share this same love with others. If God is calling you to share His goodness and love through the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).

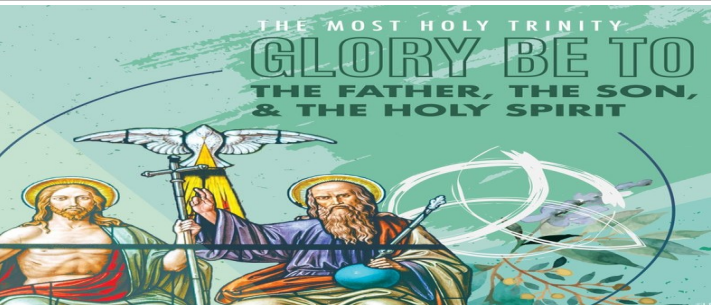
Reflect: Readings and Gospel

1st Reading Question: Proverbs teaches us that the wisdom of God was present with God throughout creation, playing on earth and finding delight in humans. What brings delight to your life?

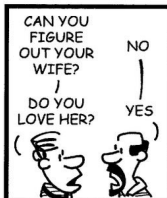


2nd Reading Question: Paul encouraged believers that in Jesus we have peace with God and through the Holy Spirit we have the love of God in our hearts. Why do you think these fruits of the Holy Trinity have been given to us?

Gospel: Jesus taught his disciples that the Spirit gives to believers everything the Father has given to the Son. When have you been generous to others? ©LPi



TRINITY SUNDAY



The Mass Book for the remainder of the year is now open.
Please call or visit for requests for
August through December.

9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

Sunday June 15, 2025 - All Father's Deceased

Sunday June 22, 2025 - David McLaughlin - Mother
Maureen White - Fred Galimi
Joe Valentine - Angela Murphy
Anthony DelVecchio - Wife & Family

Rectory Closed

SJB/HT & OLP/SP rectories will be closed on Thursday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth Day.



Offering Envelopes



Sacrificial Giving

Week June 8th

SJB/HT Collection: \$3,630.00



Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Best Kind of Mystery

"Do you have a mystery for me to solve?"

If I've heard it once, I've heard it a hundred times. My daughter is obsessed with mysteries. It's not enough for her to read about them in the pages of every Nancy Drew book she can get her hands on. She wants more than that. She wants a real-life mystery. A puzzle that resists being solved. A question that eludes an answer. Something that isn't easy to wrap her head around.

And not surprisingly, she's not satisfied with the "mysteries" I can offer her. The Mystery of Mom's Missing Hair Tie (spoiler alert: it was in my purse). The Mystery of the Missing Lunch Ham (oops, Mom finished it).

Simple answers are so boring. "Will I ever have a real mystery?" she moans.

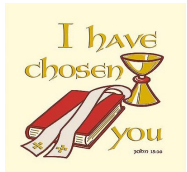
I get it. We're all this way, really. We are drawn to the mysterious, to the inscrutable. It's because we *know* that the answers to the really big questions are ones that can't be explained in a neat and tidy way. We know that the reality of life and love and the human condition is something we can't quite fit our heads around. We know that there is so much in this world, in this universe, that we can't...*understand*. So, in a way, mysteries are the only things that really make sense to us.

Why do we love mysteries so much? Because God is a mystery. And that's never as clear as it is today, on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

Don't ask me to explain it. I could, but I don't have the word space, and frankly, it might not even make sense then. It's a mystery, you see. A real one. The best kind. ©LPi

Syracuse Diocese New Priests

Congratulations to Reverend John Francis Brusa III and Reverend Joseph Paul Ryan to the Sacred Order of Priesthood who were ordained on Saturday, June 7th. By Bishop Lucia at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



God Bless you both and welcome to the Diocese of Syracuse.

CELEBRATING FATHERS EVERYWHERE!

A Prayer For Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, and earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience:
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen



Presenting Gifts To The Altar

Would you and your family like to participate in bringing the gifts to the altar at Sunday Mass? Please call Betty Warren 315-420-6357 and she will schedule with you a date to do so. To give families the first chance who have requested an intention for a loved one, she will try to notify those families first.

Juneteenth Day, June 19th

Juneteenth Day became a Federal Holiday in 2021. June 19, 1865, the date enslaved people in Galveston, Tx. finally received the news that they were free.



World Refugee Day, June 20th

World Refugee Day helps us remember our global family that has been displaced by crisis.

Rosaries as Decorations

Question: Is it ok to hang rosaries over the rearview mirrors in cars or wear them around one's necks?



Answer: The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another. ©LPi



Great For 4th Of July Gift Giving!

These little ornaments are still available and can be purchased in the rectory for \$20.00.

Devotions Explained

Memorare, Explained

The Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary's intercession in an hour of dire need. "I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother," reads one section of the prayer, which goes on to beseech "the Mother of the Word Incarnate" to receive these petitions with love and mercy.



St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis de Sales were two great devotees of this prayer.

Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the text is derived from an older and longer prayer entitled "Ad sanctitatis tuae pedes, dulcissima Virgo Maria" ("at your holy feet, most sweet Virgin Mary"). The title "Memorare" is taken from the Latin word for "remember," which begins the prayer. The modern version appears in the 1846 Raccolta, a collection of indulgenced prayers. ©LPi



Prayer For Everyday And Everybody Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who calls us into communion with Him, a life of grace and mystery, reconciliation and unity. Amen. ©LPi

Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction.
—St. Romuald



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, 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, 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, Patrick St. Thomas IV, 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. 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.

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