

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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June 8, 2025



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."  
- Jn 14:23

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### From Fr. Brendan Foley

Catechism of the Catholic Church #683: **"To be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindles faith in us."**

*From the preface at Mass today: "For bringing your Paschal Mystery to completion, you bestowed the Holy Spirit today on those you made your adopted children by uniting them to your Only Begotten Son. **This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith...**"*

Pentecost Sunday recalls an incredible and pivotal moment for the life of the Church and for us as members of the body of Christ—we must not miss it. Over the past several Sundays we've been receiving the consolation and encouragement from Jesus' words that remind us of his assurance to remain with us always, through the promised Holy Spirit that was to come. This is not something to be taken lightly, but really, the gift and activity of the Holy Spirit is precisely our foundation for even having a relationship with God, because it is the gift of God himself: *"Brothers and sisters: No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:3b), "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will **teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you**" (John 14:26).* The confidence of God's closeness to us all throughout our lives is only possible because of this promised gift that came to us in the moment of Pentecost. It is the ongoing desire of the heart of God to continue to pour his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Why? Because only through the presence of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, is it possible for us to intimately know God and to be transformed by such knowledge. This is pure gift! God in his goodness has revealed himself and has invited us to know him sincerely. How do we grow in knowledge of God? How do we come to receive more from this promised Holy Spirit?

A little more from Scripture if you would permit me! In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall *flow rivers of living water.*' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive" (John 7:37-39) and *"...whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* (John 4:14) *"...the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings"* (Romans 8:26). What should we make of all this? The Holy Spirit is the breath of God that gives us life at every second of our existence, and because of this goodness we are never left to journey our lives alone. Let's ask for the grace today that we be willing to be docile to this Spirit, that we might be greater disposed to trust and follow after wherever the Lord leads us, knowing that He is always leading us deep in unity with him, for there is our surest refuge.

**Pastor: Father Brendan Foley**

**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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**Buildings/Grounds: Robert Warren**

**Religious Education: Betty Warren**

**Sacristan/Grounds: Allan Chouinard**

**Altar Servers: Benjamin Chouinard**

**Alyssa Warren & Cecilia Judge**



## Official Diocesan Announcement

**Reverend Brendan D. Foley**, previously **Administrator** of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Parish, Syracuse, NY; St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Parish, Syracuse, NY, and responsibilities of the Spanish Apostolate at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Syracuse, NY. Has been appointed **Pastor** of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Parish, Syracuse, NY; St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Parish, Syracuse, NY.; and responsibilities of the Spanish Apostolate at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Syracuse, NY.; effective July 1, 2025.

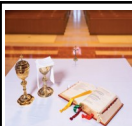
**An official SJB/HT Welcome to you Father Brendan!**

## Thank You

**Dear Parish Council and Parishioners of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity and Fr. Brendan,**

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great social you put on after my Jubilee Mass last Sunday! I know it took a lot of work and many hands to do it, but it was beautiful! Also, heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Brendan for encouraging me to celebrate my 50th year as an ordained priest and for helping me to plan it, and for facilitating the whole thing. Also, if he hadn't volunteered to be the Master of Ceremonies for the Mass, it would have taken a lot longer and not run smoothly. And again, a great big thank you to Jum Stanley for, even getting a trumpet for the Mass, and for doing the program! I was so glad it all happened. May God our Lord bless each one of you.

Fr. Lester



**Lector - Sunday June 8th**

9:00am SJB/HT: Owen Donovan

**Lector - Sunday June 15th**

9:00am SJB/HT: John Robinson

## Eucharistic Ministry

	<u>Center</u>	<u>Mary's Side</u>
June 8th	Dave William	Karen Fekete
June 15th	Betty Warren	Mary Beth Cusano
June 22nd	Larry Argiro	Cathy Horton
June 29	Karen Fekete	Dave William

## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Today's Gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, "We will come and make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours.



## Pray For Vocations

Jesus promises the Advocate to come and teach His disciples everything, and to remind them of everything He had told them. They followed the

Spirit's promptings to preach the truth to all the nations. Is the Spirit prompting you to be a deacon, a priest, or a religious?

Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org) and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).



**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.

**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 8, 2025** - Ralph Mott - The Family

Kevin Donovan - The Family

Antonio McLaughlin - Mother

John T. & Lorraine Hillenbrand - Children

**Sunday June 15, 2025** - All Father's Deceased

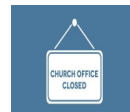


The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of  
**Kevin Donovan**

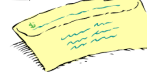
Requested by The Family

## Rectory Closed

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



## Offering Envelopes



## Sacrificial Giving

Week May 25th

SJB/HT Collection: \$2,026.00

Week June 1st

SJB/HT Collection: \$3,533.00

## Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**  
**Leaving the Room**



I was a full-grown adult before I realized that Pentecost is known as "the birthday of the Church," and it only resonated with me because someone showed up to a church function with cake and candles. Leave it to buttercream frosting to drive home a theological reality I had been missing for 25 years.

I knew what Pentecost *was*, of course. It simply went over my head that, despite all the incredible, world-changing things that had come *before* the moment of Pentecost, prior to this day, the Apostles were just a group of guys in a room. It wasn't until Pentecost that they became the Church.

So what makes *the Church*...well, the Church, capital C? What makes it more than just a group of guys in a room?

It's true, they were a very special group of guys. They had the Truth — capital T. They had borne witness to Christ's miracles, to his life and to his passion and death.

But they were still in that room.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. The Truth wasn't enough, even with a capital T. They needed the Spirit — capital S — and more than that, they needed to receive it with the courage and faith necessary to do what needed to be done.

To get up and leave the room.

Because what good is any of it unless they leave the room? What does it matter, the tongues of fire and the miraculous bilingualism and, frankly, the coming of the Spirit, if no one ever hears about it?

The mission is what made them the Church. It's what makes us the Church. Without it, we're just a bunch of guys in a room.  
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## Prayer For Everyday And Everybody Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God — Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us. Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings. Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement of God. Amen. ©LPi



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## Missionary Visit - Propagation of the Faith

A little background on the visiting Missionary to SJB/HT on Sunday June 15th.

"The Society of Divine Vocations, also known as the VOCATIONIST FATHERS, is a religious congregation founded by Saint Justin Maria of the Holy Trinity, in Pianura, Naples – Italy in 1920. Saint Justin also founded the Vocationist Sisters and Apostles of Universal Sanctification. The Vocationist Fathers' main charism is "identifying and fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially among the less privileged". We work in Vocationaries, parishes, schools, and missions. Our missionary spirit currently serves God's people in Italy, Brazil, the U.S.A., Argentina, Nigeria, the Philippines, India, Madagascar, Colombia, Ecuador, Indonesia, the United Kingdom, and Chile. Saint Justin said, "A Vocationary is a religious house where, in a spirit of prayer and study, we educate and guide – free of charge – candidates who wish to dedicate themselves to a life of service to the Lord, but who are not oriented yet towards diocesan priesthood or religious congregations."

## Devotions Explained Prayer Before Meals

Anyone who has ever dined in a Catholic home has probably heard the prayer before meals that begins with the famous words: "Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts." These words in particular are first found in the Galesian Sacramentary, a book of Christian liturgy that dates to the seventh or eighth century, but the practice of praying before meals is Biblical, harkening back to the Jewish ritual washing of hands before eating. In the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the Last Supper and other meals, setting an example followed by Paul in Acts 27:35.

In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato SI'*, Pope Francis urged the faithful "to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom."

"That moment of blessing," he wrote, "reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation...(and) reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." ©LPi



## 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.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send for the your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Reflect: Readings and Gospel

**1st Reading Question:** The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and able to speak in multiple tongues so that all the people could understand them. When do you feel the Holy Spirit present in your life?



**2nd Reading Question:** Paul assures us that as believers, the Spirit of God dwells in us. How ought the indwelling of the Spirit positively impact our day-to-day living?

**Gospel:** The resurrected Jesus sent out the disciples to forgive (or retain) sins. What has been your experience of the sacrament of Reconciliation? ©LPi



## All Faiths Food Pantry Donations

Your non perishable food donations can still be brought and left in the Food Wagon's in the parking lot side and Park Street vestibule of the Church.

**If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to  
\*\*\*"All Faiths Food Pantry"\*\*\***

## 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



Monday June 9th

**MARY**  
Mother of the church



**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.**