

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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July 6, 2025



From Fr. Brendan Foley

Each year, July 4th is a day that is so near and dear to the hearts of us all, I know, and there's yet another reason why this date is special. It is the feast day of another young man, who Pope Leo will soon canonize a Saint later this year. You really should know the name Pier Giorgio Frassati. Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925), an Italian Catholic, lived a vibrant life of faith, charity, and adventure. He was born into a wealthy family in Turin, yet he continually rejected luxury to serve the poor, joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society and aiding the most destitute of his local area. A Third Order Dominican, he combined deep spirituality with a love for mountaineering, skiing, and camaraderie. Known for his infectious joy and generosity, he inspired many through his devotion to the Eucharist and social justice. Stricken by polio at 24, he died after a brief illness, leaving a legacy as the "Man of the Beatitudes."

Jesus offers an invitation to adventure in our Gospel today. It may sound like a daunting task, or maybe something that could never apply to me, but his words are for all of us. When our lives are united to Him, our earthly journeys look different. They are characterized by a freedom, a joyful detachment, a character of hope—all of which, when encountered, strike us as captivating and enlivening. Pier Giorgio is an amazing example of this truth. He lived in the world and in the beauty of God's creation with his heart always drawn to or oriented toward the eternal and toward the goodness of God. He also allowed this interior disposition to animate his generosity toward others, especially the poor and forgotten. He did so, not just materially, but he also had a gift to enter into friendship in the process. In the Gospel today when we hear Jesus say, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few..." (Lk 10:2) what he is saying is that the Gospel, when preached authentically, truly enriches all in the world, but the yearning of Jesus' heart is that there needs to be a greater response on behalf of all of us to be willing to boldly proclaim Jesus Christ and invite others to know him by the joy and transformation of our lives. It's a constant call to missionary discipleship—namely that our relationship with the Lord is not merely just an individual and private reality but it necessarily calls us into relationship with those around us, too. Consider some wisdom (below) from Pier Giorgio Frassati and ask his intercession that we might too respond to labor in the harvest on behalf of the Lord who calls us to friendship with Him.

"In a world gone astray from God there is no peace, but it also lacks charity, which is true and perfect love." "Nothing is more beautiful than love. Indeed, faith and hope will end when we die, whereas love, that is, charity, will last for eternity; if anything, I think it will be even more alive in the next life!" "Jesus who, because of infinite love for humanity, wanted to be in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, as our Consoler and as Bread of the Soul." "When you are totally consumed by the Eucharistic fire, then you will be able more consciously to thank God, who has called you to become part of His family." "Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear." "Every day that passes, I fall more desperately in love with the mountains... I am ever more determined to climb the mountains, to scale the mighty peaks, to feel that pure joy which can only be felt in the mountains. If my studies permitted, I'd spend whole days in the mountains contemplating the Creator's greatness in that pure air." "The faith given to me in baptism suggests to me surely: by yourself you will do nothing, but if you have God as the center of all your action, then you will reach the goal." —Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

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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Lector - July 6th

9:00am SJB/HT: Lisa Johnson

Lector - July 13th

9:00am SJB/HT: Ashley Crisafulli



Eucharistic Ministry

Center

July 6 Mary Beth Cusano

July 13 Cathy Horton

July 20 Dave William

July 27 Betty Warren

Mary's Side

Betty Warren

Larry Argiro

Karen Fekete

Mary Beth Cusano



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education July 4th

Just like the seventy two disciples sent out by Jesus in today's Gospel, families are expected to be missionaries. Bu our lives, words and lifestyle we proclaim peace, commitment, fidelity and respect to a culture caught up with violence and gratification.

Pray For Vocations

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." There are many souls ready to be brought to God, but there aren't many deacons, religious, or priests to bring them. Is God calling you to be a laborer in His vineyard? 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: Isaiah speaks of God's love and care for Jerusalem as a loving mother who feeds and comforts her child. What are some favorite

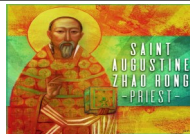
memories or images you have of your mother?

2nd Reading Question: Paul ends his letter to the Galatians emphasizing that believers are part of God's "new creation," no longer defined by circumcision and uncircumcision. How does your faith community encourage or energize you to think differently?

Gospel Question: The 72 followers of Jesus succeeded in their work to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick and demon possessed. What does a successful parish look like today? ©LPi

St. Augustine Zhao Rong's and Companions/Wednesday July 9th

Christianity arrived in China by way of Syria in the 600s. Depending on China's relations with the outside world, Christianity over the centuries was free to grow or was forced to operate secretly.



The 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930. Eighty-seven of them were born in China, and were children, parents, catechists, or laborers, ranging in age from nine years to 72. This group includes four Chinese diocesan priests. The 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious, especially from the Order of Preachers, the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Society of Jesus, Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians), and Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism, Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815.

Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized together in Rome on October 1, 2000.



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 July 6, 2025 - Rocco Cannatta - Maria Princi

Lillian Greenwood - Jerry Mott

Albert, Billy, Donny & Tommy Bleskoski - The Family

Sunday July 13, 2025 - Joe Valentine - Joe Falcone

Antonio McLaughlin - Mother

Albert & Frances Bleskoski - The Family



Offering Envelopes Sacrificial Giving

Week June 29th

SJB/HT Collection: TBA

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
On Pilgrimage



Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us "The Five Rules of Pilgrimage."

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

1. Don't complain.
2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
4. When someone offers you something, receive it.
5. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, *at all*). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: I cannot work in these conditions!

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And he whispers in my heart what he said to his disciples 2,000 years ago.

Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed — the place you're trying to go.

Oh, and again: don't complain. ©LPi



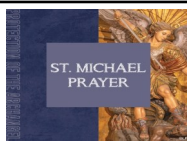
Devotions Explained

St. Michael Prayer, Explained!

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome.

Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church.

The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass. ©LPi



Prayer For Everyday And Everybody Prayer for Evangelization

As You reach out to the world, Lord, let us be Your hands! As You answer those crying, send us. Let us be Your people, answer to prayers prayed, comfort to the afflicted. May we be laborers in Your harvest. Amen. ©LPi

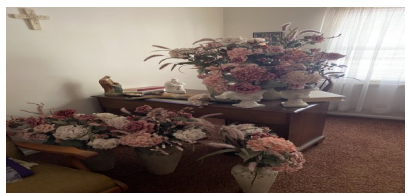


"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" — Lk 10:8-9

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For Free

Vases with the flowers or without. All or one. Please call the rectory if interested. Left to us after a wedding many years ago.



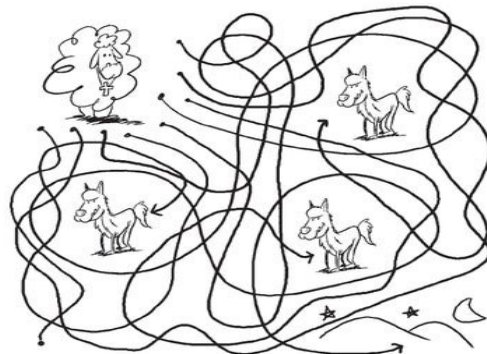
Call the Rectory to arrange for marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.

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

PUZZLE

Find the safest way to get to the mountain.



MISSION

Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell that person, "Jesus loves you!"



Summer Content

SJB/HT is pretty quiet with events and happenings and news of the parish during the summer, so using some of the various kids puzzle's and other offered content from Liturgical Publication, to fill the bulletin. If you would like to submit a "Happy Happenings" within your family that you would like to share, please submit to nbergeson@syrdio.org by Monday for the coming Sunday bulletin. Even if the happy happening already happened! All requests are subject to review and any necessary changes. And, all content should pertain to parishioners. **No advertisements, no community announcements and no outside meetings.** If you do not have internet access slip a note in an envelope marked "For Bulletin" into the collection basket.



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.**