

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

Sunday Mass: 9:00am Confession : Thursday 4:00-5:00pm

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January 18, 2026



2nd Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Jn 1:29

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Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:00pm

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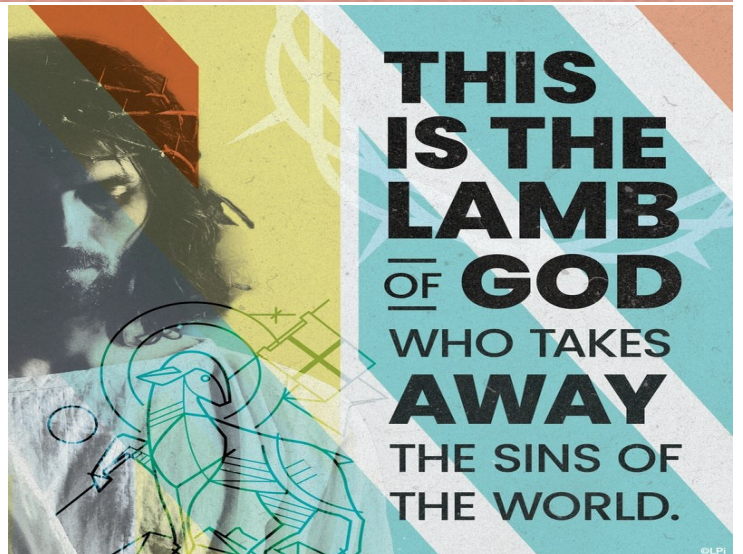
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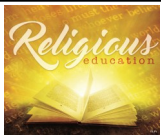
From Fr. Brendan Foley

We've made it through the beautiful Advent and Christmas seasons and are back in Ordinary Time. While we may be sad to see the season change, our readings today maintain a clear harmony that we shouldn't miss, connecting us to last Sunday's feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Recall that we heard Jesus *insist* that he be baptized when John initially tried to prevent him. In that moment of Baptism, we saw mystery of the Trinity momentarily unveiled, God the Father solemnly declaring the beloved Son, and the Spirit descending like a dove—and while we know well Jesus' sinlessness, we are invited to recognize that Jesus' Baptism on one level sanctifies the waters of Baptism for us to follow after, but it also reveals a deeper love of God for us. Jesus' insistence on this moment expressed what he intends: he means to stand in solidarity with sinners. What "pleases" the Father is not only the Son's willingness to be with sinners, but more than that, to save them from the powers of sin and death.

In our Gospel today, this truth is ever more boldly on display: "*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'*" We hear this title and often take it for granted because we hear it proclaimed at every Mass and maybe because of that familiarity it doesn't strike us the way it would have struck John's disciples. Lamb of God would have immediately evoked many words of the prophets of old, and most certainly the celebration of the Passover: the blood of the lambs slain that marked the people as belonging to the Lord and the liberation from slavery in Egypt that came as a result. And so we see here in the beginning of John's Gospel unveiled before our eyes something of Jesus' identity and mission. Yes, Jesus' willingness to come among us in the flesh, but also his desire to offer his life as a ransom for the world. For us, what began with the Baptism recalled last Sunday, Jesus has boldly opened the way for us to belong to the divine life of the family of God, and now also to share his power and victory over sin and death.

Today let's call to mind with new attention and gratitude for the sacrificial love of the Lord for us when at the moment of the Mass Jesus is held up before us in the Eucharist and we hear boldly: "Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Before our eyes we gaze upon the one who has loved us best, upon the one who seeks out the lost, who desires to transform us by his very life. When you and I were found victim to our weakness, and vulnerable for our powerlessness in the face of our mortality, Jesus chose not to abandon, but rather to offer himself to rescue us from the separation that sin has caused. And with this salvation we are given supreme hope and the joy of eternal life, our life with God has been restored. This is why we must continually respond to this unfathomable generosity of God with ever-ongoing conversion to turn our hearts away from sin that separates us from this very love and life of God.

Some beautiful wisdom for us from St. Peter Julian Eymard: "The Eucharist began at Bethlehem in Mary's arms. It was she who brought to humanity the Bread for which [the world] was famishing, and which alone can nourish it. She it was who took care of that Bread for us. It was she who nourished the Lamb whose life-giving Flesh we feed upon. Jesus is the Lamb of God, the Victim of love, who offers Himself on the altar for the salvation of the world."



Religious Education Announcements

There are no Religious Ed classes this week, Jan. 18th, but classes will resume on Jan. 25th. Happy Martin Luther King Day. Please pray for our students, and teachers as they continue their education programs. Please especially pray for our 5 Confirmation 1 students, who are preparing to be confirmed in 2027 and our 6 first Communion students who will receive the Sacrament of First Communion on May 10th.

Lector - Jan. 18, 2026

Ashley Crisafulli

Lector - Jan. 25, 2026

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Karen Fekete

Jan. 18th

Jan. 25th

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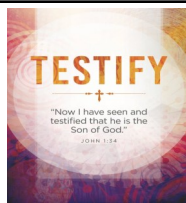
Cathy Horton



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Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

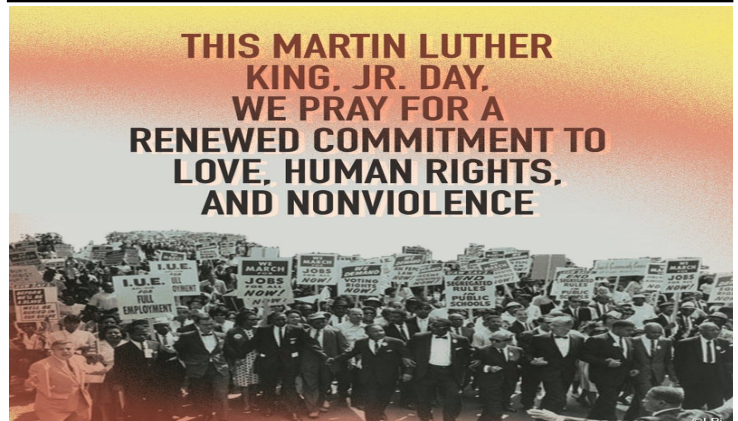
Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same. ©LPi



Immaculata Award Presentation

The Immaculata Award Ceremony was held on Sunday December 7, 2025 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity awarded posthumously to Owen Donovan. Owen's family will accept the award on Sunday January 25th during our 9:00am Mass. **Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 25th, as the "Sunday of the Word of God."** And as Owen was one of our dedicated Lector's, this date is very significant and meaningful to that ministry which Owen so loved. Please join us on this Sunday and after the Mass as we will have a gathering in the church with coffee and treats.

SJB/HT and OLP/SP rectories are closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. There is no 9:00am Mass at OLP/SP.





9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

January 18, 2026 - The Emm Family - The Estate

John Butwin - Mary Callahan

David McLaughlin - Mother

Giuseppe Migliore - The Family

Vincenzo Abbatiello - The Family

January 25, 2026 - Vincenzio Corasaniti - rose Marie Procopio

Owen Donovan - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morga

All deceased of the Princi Family - Daughter, Maria



Sacrificial Giving

Collection Jan. 11th: \$4,119.00

Virtues Explained

Peace, Explained

Peace. There may be no other word in the English language, writes **Msgr. Stuart Swetland** in Catholic Answers, "more susceptible to sloganeering, and thus misunderstanding." But what is peace, in the context of Catholic virtue?



The peace of God, writes Paul in his Letter to the Philippians, "surpasses all understanding." (Phil. 4:7) Peace is both a fruit of charity (CCC 1829) and a fruit of the Spirit (CCC 1832). Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, or wholeness, and it refers not just to an absence of violence (mandated by the fifth commandment) but to a personal reconciliation with one's Creator. Peace is a spiritual effect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (CCC 1496).

Our search for interior peace in our hearts parallels the historic struggle of mankind to realize peace in the world by **practicing justice**. "When we hear the Gospel, dear brothers and sisters," said Pope Benedict, "we learn to build peace on the truth of a daily life inspired by the commandment of love." ©LPi



A Family Perspective

Family Life Education

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not talking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

Pray For Vocations

Jesus called Peter and Andrew while fishing to come follow him, where will you be when Jesus calls you? Email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).



Prayer For Everyday And Everybody Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God, Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide. Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped for mission. Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step. Amen. ©LPi



There will be no confessions on Wed. Jan. 14th at OLP/SP or on Thurs. Jan. 15th at SJB/HT. There are confessions at the Franciscan Place in the Mall Mon.-Thurs. 2:00-4:00pm.

HOPE Appeal 2025

SJB/HT parishioners have donated \$17,900.00 in pledges or donations. We have passed our goal of \$16,969.00. Donations still can be made, simply mail your donation with the provided envelope or bring your completed pledge card to Mass. You can also make a gift online at www.syrdio.org. Thank you to all who have generously donated.



Reflect: Readings and Gospel

1st Reading Question: Isaiah teaches that God chose Israel to reveal His glory and bring salvation to the world. Why do you think God uses people to do His will?

2nd Reading Question: Paul opens his letter to the Corinthians with a plea for unity and holiness of all believers. Where do you see your faith community unified and holy?

Gospel Question: John the Baptist testifies to others that Jesus is the Son of God who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. With whom do you talk about Jesus? ©LPi

Parishioners, please look through this list for any names that should be removed. Also, if you have a loved one to request for prayers call the office to have their name added.



Remember: Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Jack Brien, 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 Luisi, Steven Malkoski, 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, 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.**

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