

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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

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March 29, 2026



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

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

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Please call the rectory to arrange marriages, six months prior to date, we will provide information to you for our organist, baptisms and hospital/home visits.

Holy Week Schedule

- **The Light Is On - Monday March 30th**
SJB/HT 12:00-1:30pm OLP/SP 4:00-6:00pm
- **Holy Thursday April 2nd**
SJB/HT 5:00pm and
SJB/HT will remain open for visitation until 9:00pm.
- **The Passion of the Lord - Good Friday April 3rd**
OLP/SP 3:00pm
- **Holy Saturday April 4th**
SJB/HT Blessing of the Easter Food 11:00am
- **Easter Vigil April 4th**
OLP/SP 8:00am
- **Easter Sunday April 5th**
All Masses will be regular Sunday Mass times



From Fr. Brendan Foley

And so begins our most solemn week of the year! I've always been intrigued by our entrance to Mass today. With the Sacred Triduum just days away we of course know what's coming...and so because of the looming passion and death of the Lord, it just feels superficial or maybe even forced when we sing 'hosanna' and praise to Jesus the Messiah and King. We know and experience in today's Mass that this momentary joy is fleeting.

St. John Henry Newman says not even Jesus could enjoy or receive the "Hosannas" in this moment, because he himself knew he had not yet suffered, which is what he came to do:

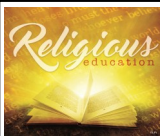
"This [entrance into Jerusalem] was but a vain and hollow pageant, nor did our Lord take pleasure in it. It was a shadow which stayed not, but flitted away. It could not be more than a shadow, for the Passion had not been undergone by which His true triumph was wrought out. He could not enter into His glory before He had first suffered. He could not take pleasure in this semblance of it, knowing that it was unreal."

Newman goes on to remind us that before our very eyes this week we see Jesus when he is **most powerful**, and specifically it comes when he allows himself to be **powerless** (so-to-speak). Power is stripped away from him, he is anointed with the spit of passersby, hailed with shouts to crucify him, and the attendants at his 'throne' of the cross are thieves...all unthinkable.

Yet, if this is where we see Jesus' greatest power on display, especially in his power to suffer, why do we feel such defeat when we experience the reality of the cross in our lives? In our experience of the cross, we inevitably confront a powerlessness in not having the 'control' that we'd like—e.g., a change in health, the loss of a job, fractured trust in relationships, frustration or bitterness toward children or families—these things and more often bring us to a place of desperation. When at one point we might have had it all together, in another, we're humbled and hopelessly in need.

St. Paul's beautiful hymn captured in his letter to the Philippians is one that should be visible in an icon of our lives, because it teaches us how we experience the wisdom of God alive and accompanying us when we feel powerless and defeated while striving to live our discipleship. Jesus, though he was in the form of God (though he had it all), he emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and became obedient to the point of death on a cross. Yet because of this, God greatly exalted him (cf. Phil 2).

So for us, we must keep our heart and our mind fixed on Jesus, who knew the suffering, rejection, and desperation that we experience. While our temptation might be to turn inward or toward helpless discouragement, there is power for us when we allow Jesus to conform our hearts to his in the midst of our powerlessness. Jesus' complete surrender, trust, and communion with the Father is what brought him through the Cross and grave to the glory of the Resurrection. So will be the case for you and me, if we allow ourselves to be carried by Christ. This is not something to be feared, but rather this is how he fills us with life.



Religious Education Announcements

There are no Religious Ed classes for the next 2 weeks, March 29th & April 4th, for Spring Break and Easter. Classes will resume on April 12th.

There are only 5 classes left for our students & teachers. Our last class will be on Mother's Day, May 10th. This last class will be our First Communion & May Crowning Mass. 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.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

This week, we see things that break our heart, God betrayed. This week, we see things that shake our faith, God bleeding on a cross. This week, this Holy Week, with all its difficult moments, can change us, if we let it. Are we ready? ©LPi



Prayer For Everyday And Everybody Blessing for Holy Week

Be with us this week, Lord, journeying closer and closer to Your pierced and Sacred Heart. Immerse us in Your intense and undying love. Help us to encounter Your passion in new ways that inform, surprise, and inspire us. Amen. ©LPi

Mass Book 2026

The Mass book is open for intentions now for May-August only. Intentions are \$15.00. Intentions for Bread & Wine for your loved ones is \$25.00 and the Sanctuary Lamp is \$10.00. Please call the office 315-478-0916 or stop in during office hours for intentions.



Lector - March 22, 2026

John Robinson

Lector - April 5, 2026

Mary Barraco

Eucharistic Ministry

Center

Mary's Side

March 29

Mary Beth Cusano Dave William

April 5

Mary Anne Bergamo Pat Minnoe



Easter Flowers For The Altar

SJB/HT invites you to make a donation towards our EasterFlowers. A list of donors and their request will be printed as an insert to the bulletin the week of Easter, April 5th. Please put donations with the form below in an envelope marked "FLOWERS" in the collection basket, mail or drop it off to the rectory no later than Monday March 30th. Checks should be made payable to SJB/HT. Please do not add this form to your weekly contribution envelopes.

Donor _____
Phone _____ Amount _____


In memory of _____

In honor of _____


JOIN US THIS HOLY WEEK

COMING APRIL 18TH - POT LUCK DINNER

PARISH CENTER 4:00-6:00PM. MORE INFO WILL FOLLOW




9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT
March 29, 2026 - Timothy Reid - The Family
 David McLaughlin - Mother
 Roberto Flores - Wife, Mary
 The Cariseo Family - The Family
 June Casey - Jerry Mott & Mary Lou Schugg
April 5, 2026 - All the people of our parish



1st Banns of Marriage
John Barraco & Victoria Fontana

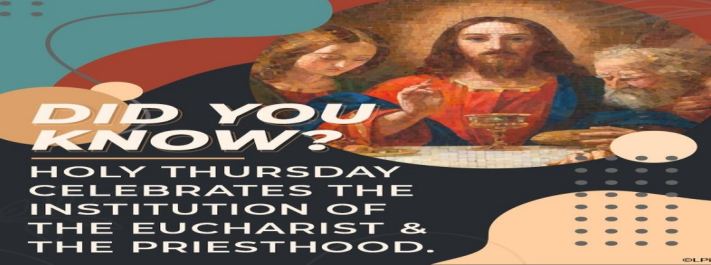
Sacrificial Giving
 Collection March 22nd: \$8,175.00

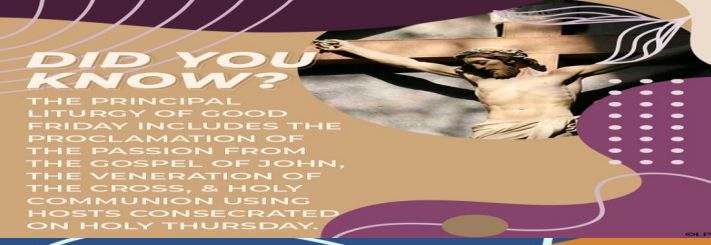
Virtues Explained
Prudence
 Those who have the vision condition of nearsightedness need glasses in order to discern objects which are far away. Without the aid of glasses, a nearsighted person's world is small; anything which lies beyond their strength of vision is hidden to them.

The virtue of prudence is like glasses for a soul made nearsighted by original sin. "A prudent man is one who sees as it were from afar, for his sight is keen, and he foresees the event of uncertainties," said St. Isidore of Seville.

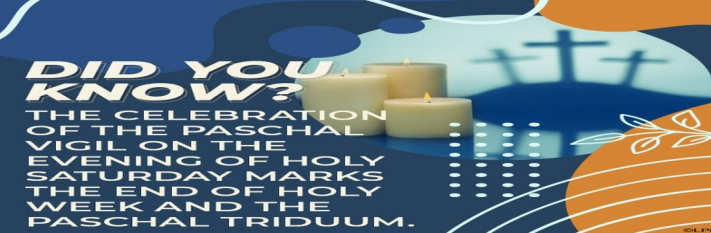
The Catechism teaches that prudence disposes our practical reason to not only discern what is good, but to choose the right way of achieving that good. Prudence is "the charioteer of the virtues," guiding the judgment of our conscience and directing our actions in accordance with that judgment (CCC 1806). Without prudence, not only can we not clearly see what is good, but we have no hope of realizing that good. ©LPi



DID YOU KNOW?
 HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATES THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST & THE PRIESTHOOD.




DID YOU KNOW?
 THE PRINCIPAL LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY INCLUDES THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS, & HOLY COMMUNION USING HOSTS CONSECRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY.




DID YOU KNOW?
 THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL VIGIL ON THE EVENING OF HOLY SATURDAY MARKS THE END OF HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM.

Rectories Closed
 SJB/HT and OLP/SP rectories will be closed on Easter Monday April 6th. There will be no 9:00am Mass at OLP/SP Monday April 6th.





Lenten Fish Dinner Thank You
 Lenten Fish Dinners 2026 were from the start, a huge success. Thank you to all who supported the dinners by coming and dining with us. The fish to the sides, all reviews were excellent. Thank you to the Pastime Club for co-sponsoring this event. The Pastime staff welcomed the SJB/HT volunteers with open arms. Thank you to our generous sponsors and "paFashioners" for your monetary support. A very BIG Thank you to our kitchen helpers, our servers and to the bakers who sent over the best cookies.




Reflect: Readings and Gospel
1st Reading Question: Isaiah speaks of his obedient response to God's call despite his suffering. Have you ever suffered for your faith?
2nd Reading Question: Paul recounts how Jesus' life was characterized by humility and obedience. In what ways do you live by these virtues?
Gospel Question: There are numerous unique features to Matthew's account of the passion of the Lord, including the details of Judas' suicide. What parts of the passion narrative do you find most engaging? ©LPi

A Family Perspective
Family Life Education
 The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

Pray For Vocations
 "The master has need of them". Hve you ever entertained the idea that Christ might have need of you to labor in his vineyard? Email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).

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, Thomas Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, 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 Morgia, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler and Carol Young. **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.**