

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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

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April 19, 2026



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight." Luke 24:30-31

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From Fr. Brendan Foley

This week marks the first anniversary of Pope Francis' passing, and I think it's quite fitting to invite his wisdom for us today as he offered a beautiful reflection on the Gospel passage we hear proclaimed at Mass today, so take a break from listening to me and 'listen' rather to the Holy Father!--Enjoy! "Jesus' encounter with those two disciples appears to be completely fortuitous. It seems to be one of those chance meetings that happen in life. The two disciples are walking, deep in thought, and a stranger comes up alongside them. It is Jesus, but their eyes are not able to recognize him. And therefore, Jesus begins his "therapy of hope". What takes place on this road is a therapy of hope. Who administers it? Jesus.

Firstly, He asks and listens. Our God is not an intrusive God. Even though he knows the reason for the disappointment of those two men, he gives them time to be able to deeply fathom the bitterness which has overcome them. Out of this comes a confession that is a refrain in human existence. "We had hoped, but... We had hoped, but..." (v. 21). How much sadness, how many defeats, how many failures there are in the lives of every person! Deep down, we are all a little like those two disciples. How many times we have hoped in our lives. How many times we have felt like we were one step away from happiness only to find ourselves knocked to the ground, disappointed. But, Jesus walks with all people who, discouraged, walk with their heads hung low. And walking with them in a discrete manner, he is able to restore hope.

Jesus speaks to them, above all through *the Scriptures*. Those who take up God's Book will not encounter easy heroism, fierce campaigns of conquest. True hope never comes cheaply. It always undergoes defeat. The hope of those who do not suffer is perhaps not even [hope]. God does not like to be loved as one would love a ruler who leads his people to victory, annihilating his enemies in a bloodbath. Our God is a faint light burning on a cold and windy day, and as fragile as his presence in this world may appear, he has chosen the place that we all disdain.

Jesus then repeats for the disciples the fundamental gesture of every Eucharist. He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it. Does not Jesus' entire history perhaps lie in this series of gestures? And is there not in every Eucharist, also the symbol of what the Church should be? Jesus takes us, blesses us, "breaks" our life — because there is no love without sacrifice — and offers it to others; he offers it to everyone.

Jesus' encounter with the two disciples of Emmaus is a fleeting one. But the entire destiny of the Church is contained within it. It tells us that the Christian community is not enclosed within a fortified citadel, but rather journeys along its most essential environment, which is the road. And there, it encounters people with their hopes and disappointments, burdensome at times. The Church listens to everyone's stories as they emerge from the treasure chest of personal conscience, in order to then offer the Word of Life, the witness of love, a love that is faithful until the end. And thus, the hearts of people reignite with hope.

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: "Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead". The secret of the road that leads to Emmaus is simply this: despite appearances to the contrary, we continue to be loved and God will never stop loving us. God will walk with us always, always, even in the most painful moments, even in the worst moments, even in moments of defeat. That is where the Lord is. And this is our hope. Let us go forward with this hope! Because he is beside us and walks with us. Always!" (General Audience May 24, 2017).

May Pope Francis rest in peace!

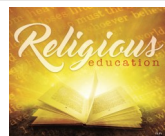
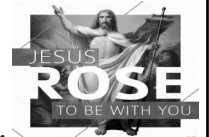


They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. — Lk 24:33-35

Excerpted from the Lectionary for Mass 03001, 1996, 1970 CCC.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him? ©LPi



Religious Education Announcements

Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2025-2026 year. There are only 4 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.

Prayer For Everyday And Everybody Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord, As this new season begins, bring new life to our hearts as well. Prune what has grown despondent, brush back that which darkens and clouds. As the flowers bud and bloom, bless us with new wonder, new hope, new promise, new joy. 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 - April 19, 2026

Lisa Johnson

Lector - April 26, 2026

Ashley Crisafulli

Eucharistic Ministry

Center

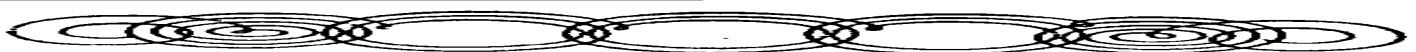
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April 26 Mary Beth Cusano

Mary's Side

Larry Argiro

Dave William





9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

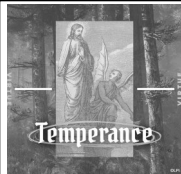
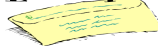
April 19, 2026 - Rosalie Emm - The Estate
 Grazia Mucci - The Family
 Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
 Roseanne Dedell - Mary Regina
 Adelaide Bleskoski - The Family

April 26, 2026 - Ruth Smith - The Family
 David McLaughlin - Mother
 The Emm Family - The Estate
 The Mendolia Family - The Family
 Rocco Cannata, Sr. - Vincenza Cannata

Sacrificial Giving

Collection April 12th: \$TBA

Offering Envelopes



Virtues Explained

Temperance

“For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to the entire human race...(teaching) us to reject godless ways and worldly desires,” reads Titus 2:11-12, “and in the present age to lead lives that are temperate, just and godly.”

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. “It ensures the will’s mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable,” we read in the Catechism (CCC 1809).

Temperance is not repression of feeling; it is an exercise of the will, a careful and calculated choice. In this way, temperance actually safeguards virtuous love, keeping it “whole and uncorrupted,” said St. Augustine. The practice of temperance is intimately linked to the virtue of chastity, which “protects the intimate center of the person...refusing to unveil what should remain hidden” (CCC 2521). ©LPi



Reflect: Readings and Gospel

1st Reading: In his first speech on the streets of Jerusalem, Peter quotes Psalm 16 as proof of God’s promise to David in raising Jesus from the dead. Have you ever made a promise to God?

2nd Reading: In the resurrection of Jesus, Peter urges us to have our faith and hope in God. What is something you could hope for from God this week?

Gospel Reading: Jesus’ interpretation of Scripture opened the eyes of the two disciples. Does reading the Bible bring you clarity? ©LPi

A Family Perspective Family Life Education



In today’s Gospel the disciples were returning home so “downcast” they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don’t see God with us. Today’s Gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.



Pray For Vocations

“He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread”. Have you ever considered a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?

Email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).

Baskets & Bites



OLP/SP Parish is hosting their annual Basket Bonanza and Taste of Pompei (all in one great event) Saturday April 25th at 5:00pm in the School Cafeteria. Tickets are on sale after all masses at OLP/SP or in the parish office 315-422-7163 or call Lucy 315-345-0562 or Colleen 315-427-6474. Tickets are \$10.00 each which includes 2 free raffle tickets.

SJB/HT New Website



We have a newly designed website available for your viewing. Please visit www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com. We would love to hear what you think of the new site and any suggestions and ideas to include.

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.**

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Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally through earthday.org (formerly Earth Day Network) including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries.



All Faith Food Pantry Staple Needs

The All Faith Food Pantry has supplied a list of basic and very helpful needs that at this time would be very much appreciated. Your kind generosity is always appreciated. Shelf stable food is always best - Peanut butter, crackers, jam, sauce, pasta, rice, tuna, cereal, mac & cheese, can vegetables and fruit.

If you wish to monetarily donate to the pantry, please make checks out to “The All Faith Food Pantry”.