

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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

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April 26, 2026



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10

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From Fr. Brendan Foley

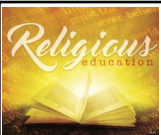
The fourth Sunday of Easter is celebrated as “Good Shepherd Sunday” and after hearing the readings today, we can easily understand why. Good Shepherd Sunday is an invitation for us to reflect on what tremendous love and sacrifice has been shown us by Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amazing the love Jesus has for us in this image, especially if we were to continue reading from John 10: “I know [my sheep], and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.”

In a particular way, this is also a Sunday where we intentionally pray for priests and those discerning the vocation to the priesthood. We hear proclaimed boldly the incredible standard your priests must live up to as they are called to radically imitate Jesus the High Priest and Good Shepherd. Unlike the priests of the Levitical covenant, Jesus not only makes the offering, he himself *became* the offering. Unlike the *typical* shepherd of the time, Jesus throws all concern for himself aside to care for and seek out His sheep. Neither would’ve made rational sense for a shepherd of his day. Yet the radical laying down of one’s life, this seemingly impossible expectation of love is the gateway to finding the fullness of life.

Not only does Jesus teach us this truth in parable, but he actually embodied it. Peter (in the second reading) applies the fulfilment of Isaiah’s Servant of the Lord to the sacrificial love that we received from Jesus on the Cross: “*Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.* He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult, when he suffered, he did not threaten...he himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

To the rest of the world or even to our own human perspective of this, it is easy for us to see this as nothing but weakness. Really, nothing about imitating *this* love is attractive to us. However, when you consider the divinity of Jesus, and his ability to have saved us in any way possible...it is incredible that he *chose* to suffer. He chose not to exercise force or retaliate with violence, but rather he endured unfathomable suffering out of love for us, out of love for *you and me*. Jesus wants you to belong to his flock, and to know that he is **always** seeking you, just as he sought out his disciples weighed down on in their grief journeying to Emmaus. As the kind of shepherd Jesus is, he shows incredible courage and strength to offer his life, and by this ‘example’ he calls out from us this same level of trust to live differently in this life and to imitate his generous gift of self. When we pour out ourselves in love for another, rather than losing our life, we find it—this is not weakness, but rather grace-filled, divine strength.

Today on Good Shepherd Sunday, let’s respond anew to the invitation to pray fervently that those whom the Lord has called for radical love and service to His flock through the ministerial priesthood may boldly imitate the Good Shepherd with his generous heart. Let’s also pray for ourselves that we may learn to recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd more and more who calls *all* of us to belong to Him and to find abundance of life in his flock. Recognizing His voice gives us confidence that we will always know and have His constant protection.

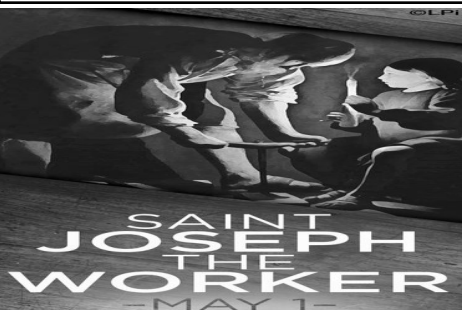


Religious Education Announcements

Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2025-2026 year. There are only 3 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 of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus, Be the Good Shepherd in my life. Help me to know your voice and to respond. Help me to find your fold and the paths on which you lead. Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters. Refresh my soul. Amen. ©LPi



St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary.

The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

“The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice,” Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads. ©LPi



Lector - April 26, 2026

Ashley Crissafulli

Lector - May 3, 2026

Chet Wisniewski

Eucharistic Ministry



Center

April 26
May 3
May 10
May 17
May 24
May 31

Mary Beth Cusano
Pat Minnoe
Mary Beth Cusano
Larry Argiro
Dave William
Mary Anne Bergamo

Mary’s Side

Dave William
Mary Anne Bergamo
Karen Fekete
Cathy Horton
Mary Beth Cusano
Pat Minnoe



“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

— Jn 10:9-10

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9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

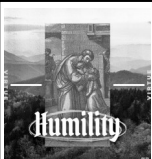
April 26, 2026 - Ruth Smith - The Family
David McLaughlin - Mother
The Emm Family - The Estate
The Mendolia Family - The Family
Rocco Cannata, Sr. - Vincenza Cannata

May 3, 2026 - Rosalie Emm - The Estate
June Casey - Ralph Torrillo Sr. & Family

Sacrificial Giving

Collection April 12th: \$1,806.00
Collection April 19th: \$1,674.00

Offering Envelopes



Virtues Explained

Humility,

"If anyone wishes to be first," Christ told the Apostles in the Gospel of Mark, "he must become the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35).

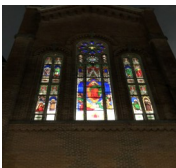
True humility does not require us to ignore, underestimate or hide our gifts — it merely demands that we use these gifts rightly, with the knowledge that they are from our Creator and meant for His glory, not our own. "Man is a beggar before God," said St. Augustine.

The Blessed Mother is the perfect model of this, and her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) is a blueprint for a life lived in humility.

Humility, says the Catechism, is also the key to a fruitful prayer life: "Humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that 'we do not know how to pray as we ought,' are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer." (CCC 2559) ©LPi

Illuminated Church Window

If you are driving or walking down Court Street at night you may notice that the Resurrection Window is now lit up at night. Conversation was held and it was decided that like other churches we should have a window lit at night and not be so "dark" during night. Special thanks to Bob Warren and Jim Robinson for getting this project done.



The Pot Luck Dinner

Thank you to all who participated in the Saturday April 18th Pot Luck Dinner. The company was wonderful and all pot luck dinner donations were delicious. The listening session with Fr. Foley went well also. But as not many were able to attend we have included as the questionnaire from that session. Please take a moment with this insert and give Fr. Foley your feedback. You may put your response into the following weeks collection basket. And you are not obligated to add your name.

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.



Reflect: Readings and Gospel

1st Reading: The crowds believed Peter's proclamation that in raising the crucified Jesus from the dead, God made Jesus both Lord and Christ. Why do you believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior?

2nd Reading: Peter speaks of Jesus' wounds healing us. Can you think of a time when you have felt healed by God?

Gospel Reading: Jesus speaks of himself as the gate through which his followers pass and have abundant life. How has believing in Jesus enriched your life? ©LPi

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."



Pray For Vocations

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Have you ever considered leading others to more abundant life as a priest or religious? 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 Morga, 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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