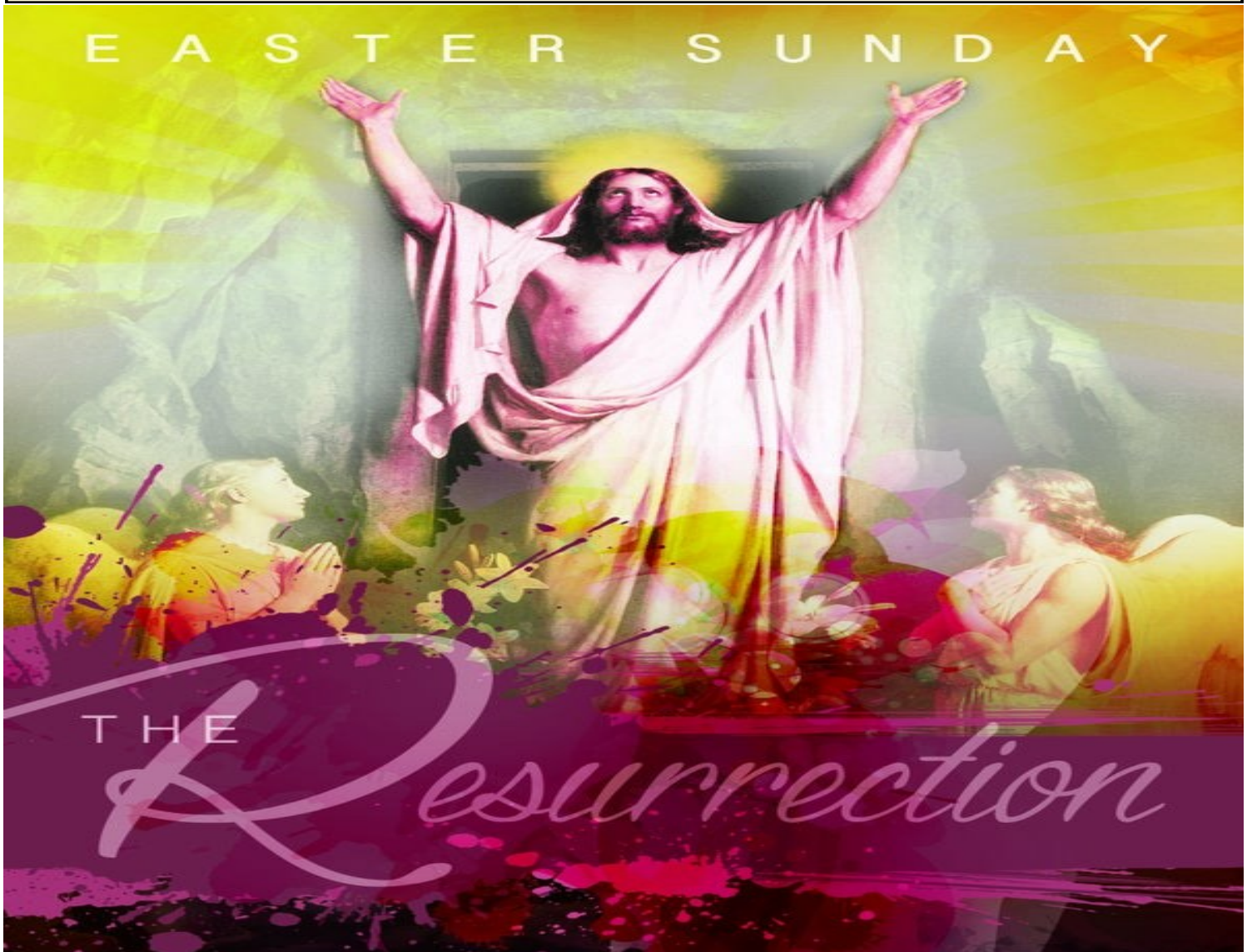


St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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April 5, 2026



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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.

Go share the
GOOD NEWS!



From Fr. Brendan Foley
Praised be Jesus Christ! He is risen! Alleluia!!!

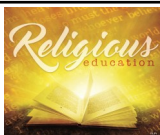
I offer for our consideration the powerful opening of the *First Letter of St. John*, which begins like this (it sounds a little like the first chapter of John’s Gospel): “*What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon, and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life—for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us—what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.*”

These words present us with a critically important apostolic testimony to the profound reality of the Resurrection. The Incarnate Lord—God having taken to himself a human body—really dwelled among us, and allowed himself to be seen and touched and loved by us. The Resurrection is a historical event in time, not just something of a nice story or myth, and as evidence for this, the witnesses to the Resurrected Christ were more than willing to give their life and shed their blood to defend this truth, they had no fear of death because of Jesus’ Victory. Jesus endured his horrific suffering and death so that we might come to have eternal life with Him and to ever grow in our appreciation for the extent of his love for us. For those who let it, the feast that we celebrate today is *forever* the **cause of our joy, the foundation of our faith**, and the only way by which **we have life**. The Resurrection is the source of all grace, through it we also receive **Hope** that enables and strengthens us to walk differently amid the darkness of the world. Jesus has overcome the world, and still to this very day, he has power over death.

With many reasons around us to find ourselves inundated with anxiety or unrest, the power of divine life offered to us by the Lord each day most tangibly in the Sacraments is something stable that we can build our lives on. The Catechism reminds us that this source of hope that only the Lord creates in us “... **does not disappoint.**” [Divine or theological] Hope is the ‘**sure and steadfast anchor of the soul**...that enters...where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.’ Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation. (CCC1820).

In other words, we could say hope is the persevering sense or the steadfast trust given to us to await and freely and boldly expect to receive *everything* we could ever need from God—most especially as it comes to us through the merits of the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. In other words, hope rooted within us is pervasive confidence in what Jesus has done for us and its incredible implications. So one who has the gift of this hope is not wavering in wondering whether or not Jesus has been raised from the dead, but rather is convinced of it, and now allows the implications of Jesus’ Resurrection to be the foundation and motivation for everything else in life. Having hope, one truly enjoys radical interior freedom and the fullness of life here and now.

A favorite, and I think necessary reminder for us, Fr. Jacques Philippe beautifully notes, “It could be said that, while charity is the greatest of the three theological virtues, in practice **hope is the most important. As long as hope remains, love develops. If hope is extinguished, love grows cold.** A world without hope soon becomes a world without love.” As we celebrate anew the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, may we receive an infusion of divine hope to propel us toward living with greater confidence in Jesus’ power over death. May this Hope that we receive be strength for us to bear His light and life confidently into the world around us, without fear that anything that could come and rob us of this freedom.



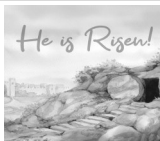
Religious Education Announcements

There are no Religious Ed classes this week for 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

The disciples didn’t understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can’t fathom the purpose of God’s plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why? ©LPi



Prayer For Everyday And Everybody Blessing for Holy Week Easter Blessing

Dear Lord, Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. Amen. ©LPi

Lector - April 5, 2026

Mary Barraco

Lector - April 12, 2026

Pat Minnoe

Eucharistic Ministry

Center

Mary’s Side

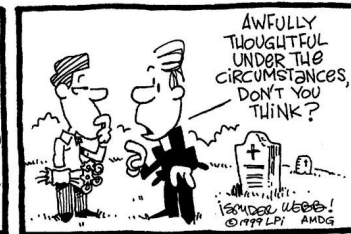
April 5	Mary Anne Bergamo	Pat Minnoe
April 12	Karen Fekete	Mary Beth Cusano
April 19	Cathy Horton	Larry Argiro
April 26	Mary Beth Cusano	Dave William



2026 Mass Book

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


EASTER




SUNDAYS
OF EASTER IN COMMUNITY

9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT
April 5, 2026 - All the people of our parish
April 12, 2026 - Francis Galimi - Twin Brother
 Comenico Tropepi - Wife, Maria
 Frank Crisalli, III - The Family
 Antonio & Concetta Ruggeri - Daughter, Maria

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of
Bob Greenwood
 Requested by Nancy & Paul




2nd Banns of Marriage
John Barraco & Victoria Fontana



Sacrificial Giving
 Collection March 29th: \$TBA



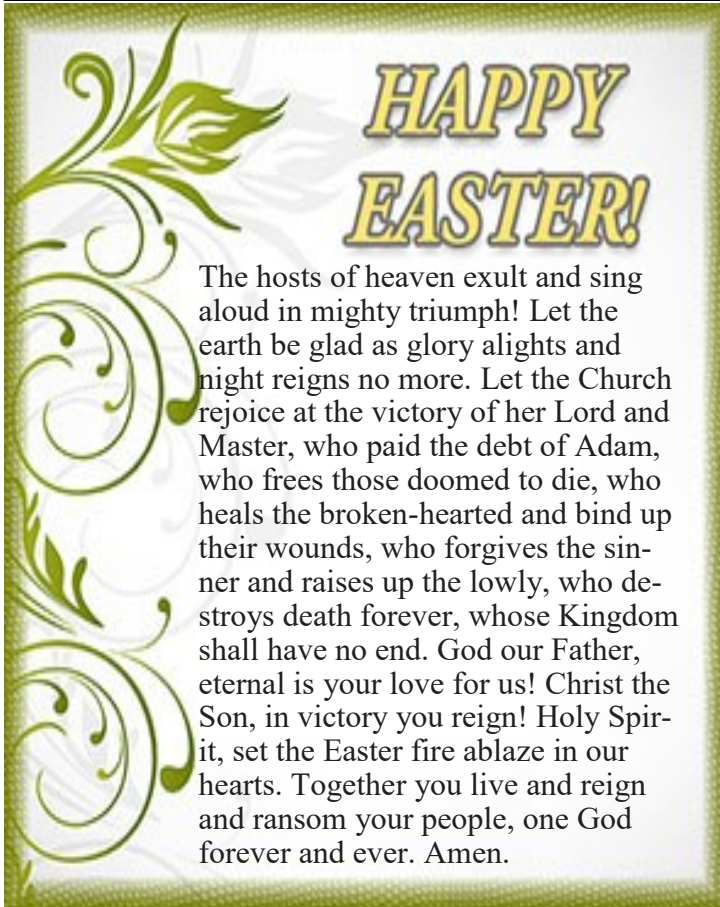
Virtues Explained
Justice
 “Original justice” is what the Catechism calls the state of harmony that existed between God, mankind and all creation (CCC 376) before the fall. Though original justice perished when sin entered the world, our souls still bear its memory, and we are oriented toward this virtue like a flower is oriented to the light of the sun: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will have their fill.” (Matthew 5:6)




The cardinal virtue of justice has to do with the fulfillment of our duty to one another and to God (religion is the justice we owe to our Creator). Justice gives us a framework for existing in the Justice is made possible by the virtue of charity (CCC 1825) because justice demands what is right for all, not just for one. ©LPi

HAPPY EASTER!


The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph! Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more. Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master, who paid the debt of Adam, who frees those doomed to die, who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds, who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly, who destroys death forever, whose Kingdom shall have no end. God our Father, eternal is your love for us! Christ the Son, in victory you reign! Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts. Together you live and reign and ransom your people, one God forever and ever. Amen.



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.




Pot Luck Dinner
 Our parish Pot Luck Dinner is Saturday, April 18th in the parish center 4:00-6:00pm. Bring a dish to share and, if possible, donate a scratch off lottery to be used at our International Food Festival in October. Remember it’s a pot luck. Share what you care to. It would be good to have your dish serve at least 8-10 people.




Listening Session
 After the dinner is done, we will have a “Listening Session” with Fr. Foley to start by 6:15pm. You may only come for this session if you choose. During this session Fr. will “listen” to what your questions, concerns and ideas are for SJB/HT. No immediate answers will be shared. Refreshments provided.

Reflect: Readings and Gospel
1st Reading: Peter testifies to others about what the Apostles witnessed with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Do you ever share your faith with friends or family?
2nd Reading: Paul encourages the Colossians to see themselves as already risen with Christ, anticipating his return in glory. Does anticipating Christ’s return impact any of your daily decision-making?
Gospel Reading: Both the angel of the Lord and the risen Jesus greet Mary Magdalene and the other Mary with these words of comfort: “Do not be afraid.” Who in your circle of friends or family needs to be comforted this week? ©LPi



A Family Perspective
Family Life Education
 Today’s Gospel instructs us Jesus “had to rise from the dead.” The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.



Pray For Vocations
 “He commissioned us to preach to the people”. 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).



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, 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, John Sobon, 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.**

