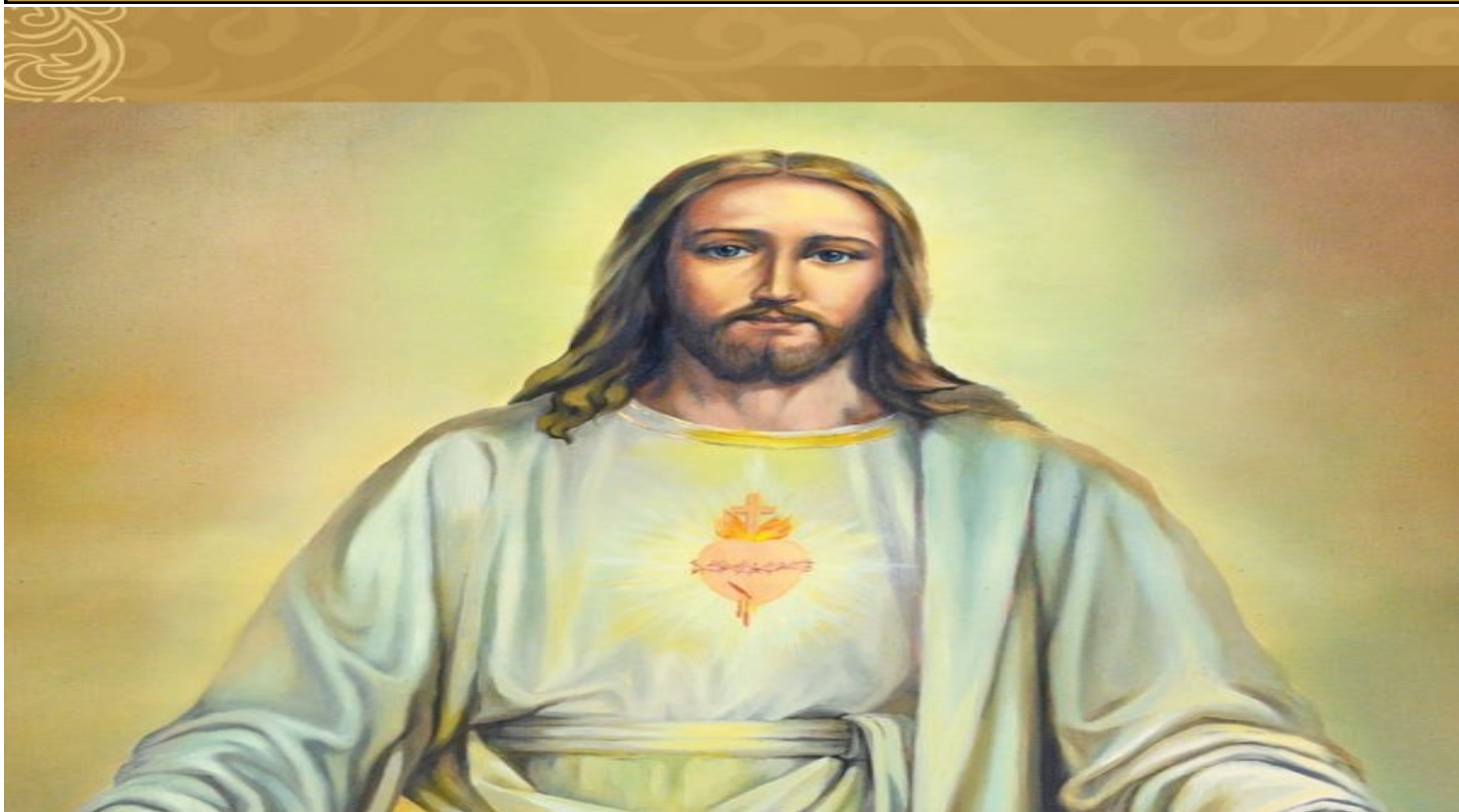


St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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

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May 3, 2026



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1

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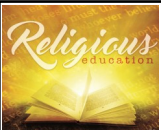
From Fr. Brendan Foley

I've been particularly attentive to the progression of our Gospel readings over the last few Sundays. If we step back, what the Masses are offering for our reflection is so consoling for us to receive. (2nd Sunday of Easter) Jesus mercifully speaks to Thomas as he speaks to all of us—touch him, see the transformation of his wounds, they are not evidence of his destruction but rather evidence of resurrected life! *Do not be unbelieving, but believe!* (3rd Sunday) Recall again the very day of the Resurrection and the beautiful significance of Jesus among all the things he could've done first, he chooses to come in veiled appearance to walk a long road with the disciples who loved him who were crushed under the weight of their grief, even carrying a hopelessness in their hearts. Jesus doesn't immediately take away the pain, but he stays with them, and invites faith to grow in them to believe that the cross was not a defeat but necessary for the final victory of love and triumph over sin, suffering and death.

Last Sunday, (4th Sunday) we look back to Jesus' desire to protect and guard, to care for his flock; Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not merely a hired hand. As the Good Shepherd he has knowledge of each of his sheep, intimately he calls each by name, freeing them to follow him, to live in verdant pastures with the confidence that only comes from belonging to Him. Jesus himself fulfills the prophecy and promise made by God, that he himself will come and shepherd his sheep (Ezekiel 34). Cumulatively, what do we receive? I'd like to suggest that the call of our discipleship, our faith in the Lord, is something intended to grant us a heart transformed with divine strength, a heart that is fearless. Now enter our Gospel passage for today, the 5th Sunday of Easter.

If you were to open the Gospel of John and begin a few verses prior to what we hear proclaimed at Mass, you would find details helpful for contextualizing our reading. It's the interaction just before the beginning of the Last Supper Discourse (John 14-17), and Jesus' foretelling of Peter's denial that would come as Jesus goes to embrace his Passion. Jesus had again informed his apostles of what was about to happen, but with their misunderstanding of all that was to come to pass and at the thought of Jesus' absence from them, what stirs in their hearts and minds are fear, anxiety, and distrust. But we know well these words of Jesus we hear today, and they still echo with profound truth for our consolation just as they did for the apostles: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places...I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."*

All this is to say that the Apostles, and us following in their footsteps, are never to be abandoned in our fear, never to be left wanting in our suffering and pain. And too simply put, the first and second readings from Mass today (Acts and 1 Peter) offer us pieces of the puzzle that reveal that the Church, the mystical body of Christ—you and me as living stones, baptized, living members that build up the Church on earth—are part of the necessary framework that provides a foundation for the Lord to continuing living out his promise to be with us always. The Sacramental life of the Church, especially in its source and summit, the Eucharist, is our undeniable access to Jesus. Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. His life, hidden in the Eucharist, sustains us with power over sin, suffering, and death—and will forever be our strength for the journey. May the joy and consolation of this most pivotal truth of the Gospel be our comfort and refuge always, and may Jesus draw us deeper into communion with his Heavenly Father.



Religious Education Announcements

Our Religious Education program is nearing the end of the 2025-2026 year. There are only 2 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.

Lector - May 3, 2026

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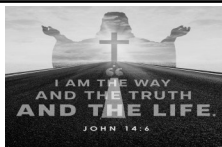
Eucharistic Ministry

	<u>Center</u>	<u>Mary's Side</u>
May 3	Pat Minnoe	Mary Anne Bergamo
May 10	Mary Beth Cusano	Karen Fekete
May 17	Larry Argiro	Cathy Horton
May 24	Dave William	Mary Beth Cusano
May 31	Mary Anne Bergamo	Pat Minnoe



Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out? How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep? But God has not overpromised. Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him. ©LPi

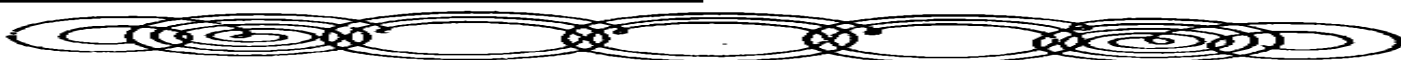


Prayer For Everyday And Everybody Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord, You have said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Bless me with Your peace. Fill my heart with trust in You, and hope in Your promises.

Be my rock in times of distress, my light in times of darkness, and my rest in the storm. Amen.

Thursday May 7th




SUNDAYS
OF EASTER IN COMMUNITY

9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT
May 3, 2026 - Rosalie Emm - The Estate
 June Casey - Ralph Torrillo Sr. & Family
May 10, 2026 - All mother's deceased

Sacrificial Giving
 Collection April 26th: \$2,117.00

Offering Envelopes


Virtues Explained
Diligence
 Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. St. Thomas Aquinas writes that "diligence, no less than solicitude, is required for every virtue." (*Sum.*, II:II, 54, Art. 1)


Christians are called to diligence in prayer, in self-scrutiny, in exercising virtue, in seeking God's will, in detachment from the world and in reflecting on God's word in Scripture: "If we are diligent in observing all of these commandments before the Lord, our God, as he commanded of us, then this will be our righteousness." (Deuteronomy 6:25)

Diligence is made possible by the freedom of will that we have been granted by God, and it is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness. (*Gaudium et spes*, 17) ©LPi

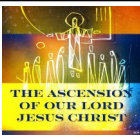
Mary, Mother Of God
Question: If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer: The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.


As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' human nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary Theotokos. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God. ©LPi




The Ascension Of The Lord
Thursday May 14 - Holy Day Of Obligation
 Our Mass schedule will be;
 OLP/SP: 9:00am in the main church.
 SJB/HT: 12:15pm.
 SJB/HT and OLP/SP rectories will be closed for this Holy Day.




Memorial Day May 25
 SJB/HT and OKP/SP rectories will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. There is no 9:00am Mass at OLP/SP this day.




Reflect: Readings and Gospel
 **1st Reading:** We hear how the Apostles selected men filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to help serve the widows in the growing Jerusalem Church. Is there a family member or friend you could help this week?

2nd Reading: Peter speaks of the resurrected Jesus as a "living stone." How do you sense that Jesus is alive in your life?


Gospel Reading: Jesus is patient with Thomas and Philip when they are slow to understand him. Who or what challenges your patience? ©LPi

A Family Perspective
Family Life Education
 Jesus tells us in the Gospel: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me!" The point is : God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the divine gift which is already in and around us.

Pray For Vocations
 "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." We have been called by God to announce the great works done by Christ. How is the Lord calling you to bring others into His wonderful light? Email: vocations@syrдио.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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