

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

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

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May 10, 2026



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept."

John 14:16-17

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

Friday 9:00am-2:30pm

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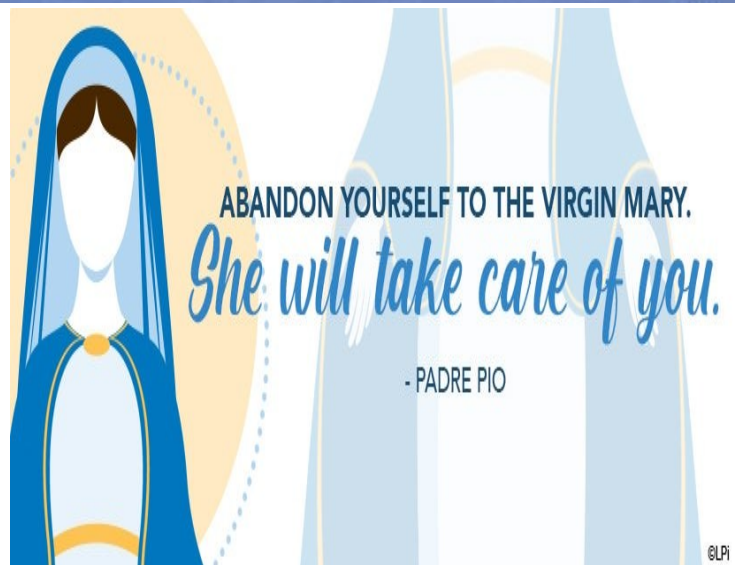
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From Fr. Brendan Foley

Blessed Mother's Day to all our mothers caring and loving us from all their many roles in our lives! Also praying for special graces today upon those grieving the loss of their mothers and grandmothers, or those who have longed for healing in their relationship with their earthly mothers. Deep gratitude to those who extend a motherly love day in and day out to us, may they be strengthened this day by the grace of God with an increase in faith, hope, love, and good health!

Such a tremendous history of heroic women in the faith of which **we too are their sons and daughters, members of their family.** Maybe sometimes we can think that sanctity is beyond us or not possible in the messiness of our lives, but consider these examples who were very much human, but entrusted their lives to the power of the Holy Spirit, and continue to live this day before the sight of God continuing to pray for us!

St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922–1962) St. Gianna was a vibrant Italian wife, mother, and pediatrician who lived her faith with joy and balance amid the demands of modern life. A loving spouse to Pietro and devoted mother to four children (after two miscarriages), she skillfully juggled her medical practice—caring especially for mothers, babies, and the poor—with family life, enjoying skiing, hiking, and simple moments at home like knitting or reminding her husband about their son's care. Her humanity shone through in her struggles with difficult pregnancies, exhaustion, and the ordinary challenges of balancing work and home. Yet her holiness culminated in heroic sacrificial love: diagnosed with a uterine tumor during her fourth pregnancy, she insisted doctors save her unborn child at all costs, giving birth to healthy Gianna Emanuela before dying from complications a week later. Through her, we see motherhood as a profound participation in God's creative and self-giving love.

St. Zélie Martin (1831–1877) St. Zélie Guérin Martin, a hardworking French lace-maker and mother of nine (four of whom died young), she embodied the sanctification of ordinary family life through deep trust in the Lord's providence amid joys and many sorrows. Married to (St.) Louis Martin, she poured herself into raising their children—including the future St. Thérèse of Lisieux—with affection, practical wisdom, and a desire for their holiness, all while managing a successful business, caring for elderly relatives, and facing financial pressures and grief. Her written letters reveal a very human heart: one that delighted in her children yet trembled at their illnesses, that felt the heavy burden of work and loss, yet never wavered in faith or love for her husband. Canonized with her husband as the first married couple together, Zélie shows how everyday maternal acts of love—nurturing bodies and souls—become a path to extraordinary holiness when lived in surrender to God.

St. Rita of Cascia (1381–1457) St. Rita, born Margherita Lotti in Italy, lived a life of patient endurance and transforming grace as a daughter, wife, mother, widow, and eventually Augustinian nun—earning her a reputation as patroness of impossible causes. She endured horrible abuse in her home and knew the cross of family conflict that often left her feeling powerless. As an instrument of peace, urging and steadfastly calling for reconciliation, she offered her sufferings prayerfully and modeling fidelity to God even when it seemed impossible. After her husband's murder and the subsequent death of her twin sons, she pursued religious life despite obstacles, bringing the same maternal tenderness and peacemaking spirit into the convent. Her humanity is evident in her initial reluctance and the very real trials of abuse, grief, and loss; in spite of these, her holiness emerged as she courageously forgave, chose a path of trusting that the Lord, and she saw divine grace to turn her suffering into Christ-like virtue. For mothers, St. Rita witnesses that God can sanctify and transform even the most challenging family circumstances through persevering love and prayer.

These examples are a beautiful testament to the truth Jesus presents in the Gospel for today. The strength of those women comes from the life of the Lord: the power and closeness of the Holy Spirit animating them throughout their earthly life. We hear Jesus console his anxious disciples today with tender assurance: *"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always... because he remains with you, and will be in you... I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you... Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."* (cf. Jn 14:15-21),

St. Gianna, Zélie, Rita, and so many more have embraced the life of the Holy Spirit, they strove to do their best to embody Jesus' obedient, self-giving love—the very commandment of Christ—through their daily fidelity amid trials, exhaustion, and sorrow. Like the Holy Spirit who remains with us forever, these women became channels of God's constant, nurturing presence: Zélie's practical tenderness and trust formed saints in the ordinary home; Gianna's heroic "yes" to life at the cost of her own mirrored Christ's total gift; and Rita's patient endurance transformed suffering into peacemaking grace. In their very human struggles and heroic charity, they show us how maternal love images the Trinity's own love—never abandoning, always advocating, and drawing souls into the fullness of life with God. On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for mothers who, by the power of the same Spirit, help us never feel orphaned and teach us what it means to remain in Christ's love.



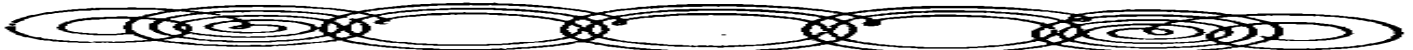
Mass Book 2026


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.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week




When we want to see Christ's face, we must look to the Sacraments. "The world will no longer see me," Christ tells his disciples, "but you will see me." This ability to see Jesus is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one made again and again — even today.

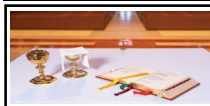




9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT
May 10, 2026 - All mother's deceased
May 17, 2026 - Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
 Angela Abbatiello - The Family
 Norman (Jake) Jaquin - Wife, Pat

Sacrificial Giving
 Collection May 3rd: \$4,022.00

Offering Envelopes


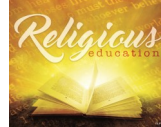


Lector - May
 Cathy Schotthoefer
Lector - May 17
 John Robinson

Eucharistic Ministry

	<u>Center</u>	<u>Mary's Side</u>
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


Religious Education Announcements



Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms. Today is the last day of our 2025-2026 Religious Education year. Congratulations to our 6 students: Ella Bannigan, Tallula Carkey, Berner Nimacache Cano, Samantha Sanchez, Lillianna St. Thomas and Lily Varre who will receive the Sacrament of First Communion today. I would like to take this time to thank everyone who helped run the program this year. Fr. Foley for all of his spiritual leadership and support. The Teachers: Mrs. Karen Fekete, Mrs. Cathy Schotthoefer, Mrs. Mary Wisniewski, Ms. Nikki Varre, Mrs. Lisa Johnson and Mr. Chet Wisniewski, for their dedication to our parish and our children. Our teachers have gone above and beyond to make sure our children got the religious education they deserved despite their own family challenges. I also need to thank my husband, Bob, the Maintenance Supervisor and Allan Chouinard, Maintenance Assistant for our Parish, for setting up our classrooms to comply with health and safety guidelines and to continuously keep them clean and safe to use. I would like to thank Nancy Bergeson, our Parish Secretary for all he help throughout the year and especially with the bulletin announcements. I want to thank Cathy Horton, Patty Hillenbrand and Cathy Schotthoefer for maintaining our Church Bulletin Boards throughout the year. Thank you to all of our parishioners for their support and prayers for our program.

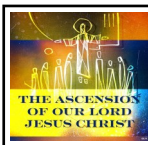
Thanks, Betty

And we also would like to add a very big Thank You to Betty Warren our Religious Education Director for all of her hard work, dedication and love that she puts into this program.




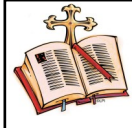
Prayer For Everyday And Everybody Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord, Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing. For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow. For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love. For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort. For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation. Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. Amen. ©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.
 St. Anthony's: 6:00pm (Spanish)
 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 even the Samaritans came to believe in Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. When have you been surprised by God?


2nd Reading: Peter taught his community to learn how to explain their faith to others, even if they are hostile. Do you feel confident defending the faith?

Gospel Reading: Jesus assures his disciples that God gives us the Holy Spirit to serve as our Advocate. What might you pray for this week from the Holy Spirit? ©LPi

A Family Perspective
Family Life Education




In today's Gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."



Pray For Vocations

"... but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."

Christ has gone to His Father, yet He remains with those who keep His commandments. If we have seen Him, we ought to share the Good News with those the Lord has placed in our lives. To whom will you preach the Resurrection? 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, David Cusano, 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.**

