

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

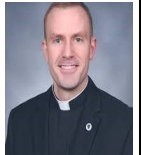
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September 22, 2024



From Fr. Brendan Foley

The readings this Sunday are calling us to discard our usual standards for judging success in this world and adopt a radically supernatural outlook on life. We were again reminded last Sunday about the reality (and necessity) of the Cross. With grace we come to know this reality and yet not be discouraged by it, because Jesus accompanies us and never abandons us to carry the cross alone. Committed to following Jesus today and in all ages of the Church means that in one way or another we may be rejected and killed, experience suffering or discouragement, and that we may never achieve any position of authority or recognition. But in return for trust and perseverance, what we gain is God himself, who makes himself present in a special way among the "children" of the earth—the unnoticed, the weak, the innocent, the marginalized. Let's ask the Lord to increase the desire of our hearts for Him alone, to ask that grace may be sufficient for us and that we may always have the joy and interior freedom that Jesus offers us here and now.



If we were to use our readings today to examine the life of (soon to be Saint) Carlo Acutis, we would see what a life can look like in spite of what the world may evaluate as tragedy or failure. He died at such a young age with no worldly success to his name. Yet here we are, aware of what a tremendous impact his life has had on the Church and the world, and how he is an inspiration for all of us in our apparent ordinary lives striving for everyday holiness. Consider some of the key pieces of his life.

Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church

*From a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. Antonia Salzano, his mom, said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her first Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding. But as a young child, Carlo loved to pray the rosary. After he made his first Communion, he went to Mass as often as possible at the parish. Carlo's love for the Eucharist also inspired a deep conversion for his mother.

*Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, especially kids with disabilities. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis' family life. With his friends, he spoke about the importance of going to Mass and confession, human dignity, and chastity.

*His spiritual director has attested that Carlo was personally convinced that the scientific evidence from Eucharistic miracles would help people to realize that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass.

*Carlo loved playing video games. His mother recalls that he liked Nintendo Game Boy and GameCube as well as PlayStation and Xbox. He had conversations with his gaming buddies about the importance of going to Mass and confession and limited his video game playing to no more than two hours per week. Carlo also liked Spider-Man and Pokémon.

More on Carlo to come!

Mass Schedule SJB/HT

Sunday - 9:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm

Office Hours SJB/HT

Monday - Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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2025 Mass Book and Special Requests

The 2025 Mass Book is open for your intentions for the 9:00am Sunday Mass. ****Note: we will only be booking Masses and requests from January-April.** Please call 315-478-0916 or stop by the rectory during office hours for your intentions. Masses are **\$15.00**. As well, you may request to have the **Sanctuary Lamp \$10.00 or Bread and Wine \$25.00** in memory of your loved one(s) for the week.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education



Disagreements are common in families. However, what would you say if Jesus posed the same question “What are you arguing about?” Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

Pray For Vocations

“The Lord upholds my life.” He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask him sincerely if he could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.



Weekly Readings And Observances Readings for the week of Sept. 22, 2024

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Observances for the week of Sept. 22, 2024

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; National Migration Week

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Saturday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
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Reflect: Readings and Gospel 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time



First Reading: The Jewish wisdom writer teaches us that wicked people revile and test those who are just and upright. What might be an effective way to win over a wicked person?

Second Reading: James encourages us to be sincere and consistent in cultivating peace. Can you think of a situation this week at home or at work where you could seek peace

Gospel: We hear today that the disciples did not always understand Jesus and were afraid sometimes to ask him questions. How would you suggest dealing with tensions that arise in close relationships? ©LPi

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman Bearing Witness



I am fascinated by minor Gospel characters. These people — the rich young man, the adulterous woman, the teachers at the temple — share the stage with Jesus only briefly. They bear passing but powerful witness to crucial moments of his earthly ministry. They breathe the air he breathes. They hear the sound of his voice. Some of them feel the touch of his skin.

And then they go on with their lives and disappear into obscurity. They become just another one of us.

I think of the child who sat in Jesus’ lap while he said those famous words: “*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.*”

What did the boy think? Did he understand the words, or did he only know that they were gently spoken? Did he only think to himself how kind was the face of this man, and how consoling and warm his embrace?

I picture this child growing up. Perhaps he married and loved his wife and children. Perhaps he was happy, or perhaps he was not. Perhaps he became wealthy or was even wealthy to begin with. Perhaps he, like so many other children of that era, had only a very short life, and returned quickly to the arms that enveloped him that day in Capernaum.

We don’t know. But we know he was there: he saw Christ, he felt him, he heard him. We sigh to think of it. *How lucky. If only we could, too. Then it would be easier. Then we could be holy.*

But we are all this child in Capernaum. We are all the woman at the well. We are all the centurion at the cross. Every time we kneel before the Host and hear the words “This is my Body,” we occupy the same earthly time and space as the Messiah, and he fixes upon us the same gaze he fixed upon them.

We all bear witness.

We receive him, and then we go back to our lives, our ordinary lives.

Do we carry him with us? Do we dare?

“I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.” — Psalm 54:6 ©LPi



Prayer for Children

Dear Jesus,

Wrap the young members of our family in your love.

They know how to love BIG, even though they are still small. Their trust can inspire, their faith can change hearts. Help them to know you, now and al-

ways. Amen. ©LPi

Call the Rectory to arrange for marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.

SMILE!
IT'S SUNDAY





9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

Sunday Sept. 22, 2024

9:00am SJB/HT - Bill Judge - Melanie Lyons
David McLaughlin - Mother
Deceased of the Pennacchia Family - The Family

Sunday Sept. 29, 2024

9:00am SJB/HT - Kevin Donovan - The Family
Rosemary Lane & Family - The Estate
Donald Bill - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Palucci

Lector - Sunday Sept. 29th

9:00am SJB/HT: Ashley Stoddard



Eucharistic Ministry

We have returned to using Eucharistic Ministers to help distribute the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays. If you would like to help with this, please contact Betty Warren at 315-420-6357 or email at warrenbeliz@yahoo.com.

Below is the list of ministers for October.

Center

Oct. 6th Maryann Bergamo
Oct. 13th Cathy Horton
Oct. 20th Karen Fekete
Oct. 27th Mary Beth Cusano

Mary's Side

Dave William
Larry Argiro
Joan LaVergne
Betty Warren



Scratch Off Lottery tickets accepted anytime between now and our International Festival October 12th.



Bakers

Would you like to donate a baked good for the Baked Good Table at the International Festival? We Accept!! Baked goods can be dropped off on

Friday October 11th during office hours 9:00am-2:30pm or the day of the event, Friday October 12th, doors will be open by 9:00am. As well we would love any volunteers to help and have fun for this event. See the post below for more information.

International Food Festival

Our International Food Festival will be held on Saturday October 12 from 12:00-6:00pm. And this is what you can expect to see there.



Our volunteer food servers will be offering; Samples for foods at \$1.00 and \$4.00 for available meals. **German** Sauerbraten, **Italy** Meatball Subs, **Russia** Beef Stroganoff, **Sweden** Swedish Meatballs, **Mexico** Tacos, **Italy** Eggplant Parmesan, **America** Chicken & Biscuits and Pulled Pork and Chili. We will serve \$3.00 Hot dog \$4.00 Hamburger w/chips. Fried dough 1/\$2.00 6/\$9.00.

We will have a Baked Goods table. **(If you would like to donate a baked good, information above).**

We are collecting gift certificates/cards from various supporters for raffling at 1/ \$1.00, 6/\$5.00 and 15/\$10.00 and a 1/\$5.00 or 3/ \$10.00, 50/50 raffle at the end of the event.

See you all at the Festival!!

Mass Schedule OLP/SP 315-422-7163

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm Vietnamese Mass 6:00pm

Sunday - 7:30am, 11:30am

9:30am Vietnamese

Monday - Thursday 9:00am in the Chapel

Reconciliation Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm

HOPE Appeal 2024

Thank you for your support of the 2024 HOPE Appeal. We have raised \$ towards our goal of \$16,968.00. If you have not yet made your gift, we ask you to join us in strengthening our church and serving people throughout our diocese. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next week, drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syrdio.org.



Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)

Saturday, November 23 from 10:00am-4:00pm at Sacred Heart Cicero. Join Bishop Douglas Lucia for this Diocesan Conference with youth from across the diocese! Featuring keynote speaker Ennie Hickman and worship leader John Paul von Arx! Participate in Mass, games, talks, lunch, and Adoration. Open to youth in grades 7-12. \$20 per participant. Questions; Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Discipleship acd@syrdio.org or call 315-470-1427 on line www.syrdio.org.

Sacrificial Giving

Week September 1st

SJB/HT Collection: \$4,052.00

Week September 8th

SJB/HT Collection: \$2,675.00

Week September 15th

SJB/HT Collection: \$2,282.00

October - Respect Life Month

The first Sunday of October, October 6th, is designated as Respect Life Sunday. There are numerous flyers on the bulletin boards throughout the vestibules of the Church if you are in need of resources regarding post-abortion healing and agencies that can give you counseling. **The Bishop James Moynihan Pro-Vita Scholarships** for high school seniors is offered to all public or private school Catholic students in the Syracuse Diocese. Submissions may be video, essay, song, music, photos, or art (limit to 2 minutes or 500 words). You will find a purple flyer in the Park Street vestibule with a QR Code to scan and send by December 13, 2024. Awards: Two \$1000 and One \$500 scholarships *must be used for college tuition or books.



Remember: Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Jean Brooker, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Jon English, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael & Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler and Maureen White. **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.**

