

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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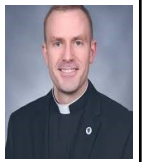


28TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

"All things are  
possible for God."  
- Mk 10:27

## From Fr. Brendan Foley

"Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, 'You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'" (Mk. 10:21) Once again our readings this Sunday invite us into the perspective of divine wisdom. This encounter of Jesus with the rich young man is a favorite to reflect on. What is the face of Jesus like in this moment? When the profound detail comes to us that, *with a look*, Jesus **loved him**...and then asked the young man to do something he likely could only perceive as impossible.



If we consider that in the list of all the commandments that the man holds up as things he properly observes (also note that Jesus doesn't even refute that he is speaking truthfully about that claim) we would find that there are a couple important commandments missing. The commandments he lists involve his relationship with 'neighbor', he doesn't say anything about the commandments about God. The commandments regarding our relationship with God are first on the list...the neighbor ones come after and flow from our relationship with God.

We can trust Jesus is fully aware of the anxieties deep in this man's heart, his attachments and earthly pursuits, etc., and rather than pointing out what he is "missing" to rebuke him, Jesus touches the part of his heart that is preventing him from being truly free, with the intention of healing and liberating him. Only Jesus knows the deepest longings of the heart and what will ultimately satisfy this. We must work toward embracing this truth in our lives. The man was sad because he had "many possessions"...sounds like this could be any one of us!

We often allow ourselves to define our having "security" in this life as being comfortable with what we have, and specifically what we have now. However, the point of this gospel (and really all our readings today) is that earthly wealth will fade, and though not evil in itself, it is not what we were made for. Anyone who has only sought earthly possessions and security knows well that that quiet anxiety still seeps in deep down. We are never fully satisfied, we are always missing something we convince ourselves that we need, or we are afraid to face life without something or someone. I also really appreciate how Jesus identifies a list of **goods/blessings**, material and immaterial, that are not at all sinful or evil in any way—houses, family members, relationships etc.—these are all good things. However, Jesus offers the divine perspective that there is a wisdom, an interior freedom of invaluable worth, that he longs to give us to prevent us from being too attached even to *good* things. (Side note, *having this detachment actually frees us to better enjoy earthly goods and life with gratitude as we are meant to, too, by the way!*) We can become attached to obtaining good earthly things with no regard for that treasure which is eternal! If the security of our lives is only grounded in the life we are 'building for ourselves' what kind of a lasting foundation is that?

Our first reading poetically describes this gift of interior freedom, divine wisdom, as something far greater than any riches...but also just as Jesus includes, one who has this gift of divine wisdom, one who is able to 'leave everything and follow Him', even still comes to possess our earthly needs in abundance...amazing! So what is it in your heart that you are clinging to (even if it's a good thing!) that might be the very source of anxiety at the thought of losing it that Jesus wants to come to you with a deeper sense of freedom? How does your life change if the quiet anxieties over health, family, security, etc. were all taken care of? Jesus wants you to look at you, *love you*, and give you the gift of himself, and in him, the peace that will give the heart true rest and trust.

### 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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**Buildings/Grounds:** Robert Warren

**Religious Education:** Betty Warren

**Sacristan/Grounds:** Allan Chouinard

**Altar Server:** Benjamin Chouinard

## Religious Education Announcements

We will be starting Religious Education classes on October 20th. Classes will be from 9:45-11:00am. We will be having classes from Pre-K (4 yrs. Old) to Confirmation II.

If you wish to have your child participate, please call Betty Warren at 315-420-6357.

REGISTER FOR  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

## (Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  
Possessions



When I was a kid, before smartphones and Amazon, it was the toy catalogs that we waited for.

They arrived in the mail, smiling children's faces splashed across the cover, like a silent promise that real happiness could be purchased within these magical pages. We fought over who got to look at them first. We imagined playtime with this Barbie or that Easy Bake Oven.

Without realizing it, we expected that these toys — and the fun they would create out of thin air, the excitement they would inject into our days — would give us new lives. Make us new people.

The toys we did get were fun enough, but they never made us new people. They never gave us new lives. And before long they broke or needed new batteries. They lost their allure, and they went to the attic. And then, many years later, when we got married or moved houses, we found them, and we sighed — more junk to get rid of.

It's the same now, thirty years later, as much as I hate to admit it. The catalogs have become social media, and the toys have become promotions or pay raises or home improvement projects. I scroll through the feed and my mind lights up. *What if we had this? What if we could buy that? What if we could go there?*

The rich young man was not sad as he walked away from Jesus because he was losing his riches. He was sad because he wasn't — because he *couldn't*. He couldn't give them up. Such is the dark magic of materialism: it takes hold when you're not looking. He thought he was being a good person and doing good things. But he had given his heart away, and he hadn't given it to God. And now he couldn't get it back.

Whatever of this world we seek to possess — dollars, cars, clothes, prestige — will come to possess us, in the end. ©LPi

## 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 at this time.** 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

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's Gospel, Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He could not let go! In families, our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we cannot control anyone but ourselves.



## Pray For Vocations

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Pray for those men who serve us as deacons. By answering a call to the diaconate, a man seeks to follow Jesus' path by serving and enriching the lives of others. If you are called to serve as a deacon, speak with your pastor or reach out to the Vocation Office via email: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org) and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).



## Reflect: Readings and Gospel 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** We hear how Solomon prayed for and received the virtues of prudence and wisdom. What are you praying to the Lord for these days?

**Second Reading:** Hebrews teaches us that "the word of God" knows and understands what is in our hearts and minds. Do you find this comforting or unsettling?

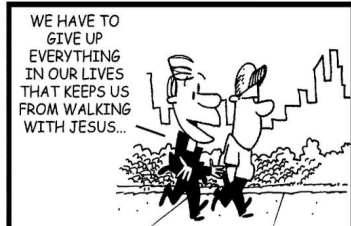
**Gospel:** Jesus taught his followers that excessive wealth and possessions can impact one's priorities in life. What are some practical ways to keep Jesus as a top priority in your life? ©LPi



## Breakfast with Santa What Are We Doing Next You Ask?

Well, mark your calendars for St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Parish **Breakfast With Santa on Sunday December 8th from 8:00am-11:00am**. Along with our breakfast we will have the popular and always fun Gift Basket Raffles. Once again we are asking parishioners to donate a gift basket. And in the past you have all been so very generous in doing so. Theme is your choice, it does not need be Christmas themed. More information will follow in this bulletin.

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## WHY CATHOLICS SHOULD VOTE NO TO THE ERA

In November, New Yorkers will vote on the "Equal Rights Amendment," or "Proposition One." This is a dangerous state constitutional amendment that would:

- 1 **Enshrine abortion up until birth in the New York State Constitution.**  
Abortion limitations to protect women and children would become impossible to pass. Conscience protections of health care professionals and individuals would also be threatened.
- 2 **Allow children to make life-altering medical decisions without parental consent.**  
Children experiencing gender confusion would be able to seek gender reassignment therapies and surgeries without parental consent or knowledge.
- 3 **Loosen age-appropriate restrictions.**  
Common sense age-restrictions on "sexual freedom" and the potential "right to die" would be endangered.

LEARN MORE:  
[TINYURL.COM/OPPOSE-ERA](https://tinyurl.com/oppose-era)



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### 9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

Sunday October 13, 2024

9:00am SJB/HT - Bill Judge - Michael Judge  
Giovanna Musuraca - The Family  
Maddalena Campanino - The Family  
Rosemary Lane & Family - The Estate

Sunday October 20, 2024

9:00am SJB/HT - Kevin Cole - The Family  
David McLaughlin - Mother  
Patricia Miller - Pamela Serio  
Jack Wall - Bob & Betty Warren  
Margaret Robinson - Pamela Serio

### Lector - Sunday Oct. 20

9:00am SJB/HT: Owen Donovan



### 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](mailto:warrenbeliz@yahoo.com).

Below is the list of ministers for October.

#### Center

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

#### Mary's Side

Larry Argiro  
Joan LaVergne  
Betty Warren



### Poverello Health Center

The Poverello Health Center at Franciscan Northside Ministries 808 North Salina Street, provides free healthcare and support services to those in need who have no other options or financial resources. We are in **vital need** of physician volunteers who can help once a month during clinic hours on Wednesday from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Please contact Tammy Blanchard, MS RN Nurse Manager at 315-423-9961 if interested. Please share this information as that would be helpful too.

### Prayer of Reliance on God

Oh Lord,  
I entrust today's challenges, fears, and uncertainties to You. I don't know how I will do them. I don't know that I can. But I know that You fill the gaps in my ability at every turn. And so, today, I turn to You again. Amen ©LPi



**“ We are not asked merely to call ourselves Christians; we are asked to be Christians through our deeds. ”**  
St. Ignatius of Antioch  
©LPi

### Mass Schedule OLP/SP 315-422-7163

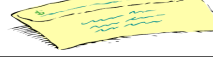
Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm Vietnamese Mass 6:00pm  
Sunday - 7:30am, 11:30am  
9:30am Vietnamese  
Monday - Thursday 9:00am in the Chapel  
Reconciliation Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm

### Rectories Closed

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peters rectories will be closed on Monday October 14th in observance of Columbus Day. Please check with OLP/SP for the Monday Mass that day. 315-422-7163.



### Offering Envelopes



### Sacrificial Giving

Week October 6th  
SJB/HT Collection: \$5,665.00

### HOPE Appeal 2024

Thank you for your support of the 2024 HOPE Appeal. We have raised \$7,825.00 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.syrдио.org](http://www.syrдио.org).



Formation For Ministry  
Fall 2024 Workshop  
**Pastoral Leadership in a Time of Transition and Change**  
Saturday November 16, 2024  
Pope John XXIII Church  
8290 Soule Road, Liverpool  
8:30 AM - 3 PM  
**Presenters**  
Dc. Dean Brainard  
&  
Fr. Chris Ballard

**Remember:** Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, 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 Lauretto, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Luciano & 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.**



**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.