



Church of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

Weekly Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Mon -Thurs 9:00 am in the Chapel
Daily Vietnamese Mass: Mon-Fri 5:00 pm in the
Chapel, Sat 8:00 am in the Chapel
Mass Schedule for Holy Days TBA

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Vigil
Sunday Masses: 7:30 am - 11:30 am
Sunday Vietnamese Mass: 9:00 am

Parish Staff

Father Brendan Foley, Parish Administrator
Reverend John Nguyen Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community
Lauri Gildemeyer, Office Manager
James Stanley, Director of Music
D.J. Scarfino, Facilities Manager

Parish Office

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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

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Joining the Parish

New parishioners always welcome.
Please call the office to become a member.

Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday: 4:00-5:00 at OLP/St. Peter
Thursday: 4:00-5:00 at SJB/HT

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the parish office to schedule with
Fr. Foley.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the parish office for arrangements. By
Diocesan Law, must be scheduled at least 6
months before wedding.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from the Pastor

The Gospel this Sunday confronts us with a question that never grows old, and maybe one we even find ourselves asking, too. Peter asks Jesus *how often* he must forgive a brother who sins against him. Seven times? Jesus answers with a number that means without limit: seventy-seven times. Then He tells the parable of the unforgiving servant. A king cancels what is literally described as an unpayable debt. The same man, newly freed, seizes a fellow servant over a small sum and refuses mercy. The king's verdict is severe: "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

We stand in the first servant's place. Whether we are aware of it or not, the debt we owe God is beyond calculation. You exist—and your existence is good! You have breath in your lungs, you are seen and loved by God and by others. Every Eucharist, every confession, every quiet act of repentance within us is the King's compassion poured out on us, something offered to us that is purely gift: the simple, radical generosity from God, and that is exactly how we should receive God's grace. Grace is unmerited, and it is something that grows and multiplies within us the more we participate and desire for God's life to animate and transform us. The spiritual life is simply the long work of letting that same gift of grace, or like our Gospel today, letting that deeply profound mercy pass through us to others.

We know that forgiveness is something that always has multiple layers to it. The Catechism is honest about our human limits as well. Paragraph 2843 states: "It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession." Forgiveness is not amnesia, nor is somehow now condoning a past injustice done to me. The memory (or memories) very frequently remain and will resurface. The sting may linger of past hurts. We are not asked to pretend a wound never happened. We are asked to place the wound in the Spirit's hands, that the work of healing may actually be something that is divine.

Sr. Miriam James Heidland of SOLT (Society of Our Lady of the Trinity) often describes authentic forgiveness and healing as a process, not a single event. She reminds us that forgiveness is first an act of the will: I release the demand that the other person repay what they took. I stop choking the fellow servant like the parable today. Then, over time, I bring the person and the pain to the Cross. I ask Jesus to look at them with the same mercy He has shown me. I pray blessing over them. Little by little the Holy Spirit turns injury into intercession. The memory is not erased; it is purified.

This has daily applications. In the family, when the same offense returns, we do not keep a tally. We return to the king who first forgave us. In our families, or maybe in the places where we most encounter these difficult contexts, when a word cuts or a trust is broken, we should ask the grace to refuse the prison of resentment and maybe also the furnace of unforgiveness. In the quiet of prayer with the Lord we can name the debt, then we surrender it to the Lord. We do not wait until we feel like it. We choose, and the feelings follow as grace works.

The unforgiving servant's tragedy was not that he remembered the smaller debt. It was that he refused to let the King's mercy reshape and transform his heart. This Sunday the Lord invites us to do the opposite: to offer the offense we cannot forget, so that the Spirit may turn it into compassion. That is how we live the "seventy-seven" times. That is certainly a way for the Kingdom to come among us and lead others deeper into the mystery of the heart of God.

Pews-to-Pizza!

Calling Young Adult Catholics!

Young adults! (Age 21-39) Come join Fr. Foley after the 4pm Mass on Saturday September 26th over at the Convent for Pizza after Mass, and just enjoy a simple time to connect the other young adults of our parish family! Father would like regularly to do this each month, to grow in faith and friendship. You hear it said by many of our parishioners--so many have been blessed to find lifelong friends just by journeying together with our parish community. Let's provide this opportunity for our young adults. Contact Fr. Foley (bfoley@syrdio.org) or the parish office if interested. No formal program, just come hang after Mass!

September 13, 2026



***Congratulations to
Gabriella & Matthew Lorenzo on their
September 12th Wedding!***

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of September 19th & 20th

4:00 pm Marc Parrillo

7:30 am Maurice Etheredge

11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team II

7:30 am Tino Porrino

11:30 am Team I

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Class Registration is now live! The first week of class is set to launch for Sunday September 27, so please mark your calendars. Registration is newly available online, too! Visit our parish website to complete the digital form. Paper forms are still available in the gathering space for those who need. More information to come. Teachers please continue to reach out to Fr. Foley and the parish office and a time will be set to convene prior to the starting weekend will help us prepare for our year! Thank you for your dedication and care for our parish family!

Religious Education &

Faith Formation

Saturday, October 3rd at the 4pm Mass will be a kick off Mass for Faith Formation/ Religious Ed. All families and youth in all grades, for a Bilingual-English/Vietnamese Mass. We will bless our students and families and their catechists! It will be a beautiful celebration for our parish family! You won't want to miss it!

Our Mission Statement

We, the members of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter, are called to acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus. As our parish affirms its heritage, we continue to reach out to those in need, bring the gospel to all who will receive it, and be formed in the image of Christ through worship and prayer. We value the talents of each of our members and feel it is the responsibility of all to contribute time, talent and tithe to our faith community.

Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Foley if you have any questions about our parish finances.

September 6, 2026-\$6,267.00

Blue/Parking Lot-\$437.00

Thank you for your generosity !!

Online Giving

Want to use online giving for your Sunday Offering? You can set up your recurring donations by scanning the QR Code provided. Vanco is the company that processes your donations. They will provide you with a financial statement at the end of the fiscal year.



The Annual Hope Appeal

This years Hope Appeal will Kick off this weekend! The theme is "We Are The Body of Christ"! This year our goal is \$20,982.00. Let us go over our goal again this year and use the overage to help pay for our new parking lot. In last weeks collection we have already received 9 donation envelopes.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week We Remember....

Monday: September 14

9:00 am Mass in the Chapel

For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Tuesday: September 15

9:00 am Mass in the Chapel

Joe Terrinoni/Kathy, Lauren & Marissa Aiello

Wednesday: September 16

9:00 am Mass in the Chapel

William M. Merriett / Paul

Thursday: September 17

9:00 am Mass in the Chapel

The deceased of the Anthony Adornato Family /
Sal & Janet Poca

Friday: September 18

No Daily Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Saturday: September 19

4:00 pm Mass in the Church

Marianna D'Ambrosio / Fank

Jake Corbett (B) / Dan & Sandy

Roe Barilla Ann. / Pat Barilla

Elizabeth Rivero (B) / Family

Susie DeLorio / Husband, Frank

Alberto 1yr. Ann & Sadie 2yr Ann, Fabrizi /
Adele & Joe

Sunday: September 20

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Michael Iacampo / Caterina

11:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter

Deceased of the Scarfino Family / Pixie

Angelo Borreggine / Frances

Gino LaRosa / Linda, Sister of Gino

Nina Emmi LaRosa/

Daughter of Nina & Salvatore

Salvatore LaRosa /

Daughter of Nina & Salvatore



Bread and Wine

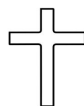
For Masses Celebrated During

The Week In

Loving Memory Of

Leonard P. Di Bello, Ann.

Requested by Family



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of

Henry & Esther Pagano

Requested by Anthony & Elizabeth Pagano

Sanctuary Lamps

Burning In Loving Memory of

Ben & Celia Pisano

Requested by Anita & Family



Let us pray as one family

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parishes. Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arlene Bukowski, Dominick Brancato, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, John & Leona Ciferni, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Hank Donohue, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Audrey Emmi, Marilyn Ferretti, Ruth Fabrizi, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Juanita, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Janna Lavoie, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Luciano & Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael & Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Joe Nicoletti, Rita Nicoletti, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Emily Rosenthal, Francesca Santoro, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Fran Ward, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

Mary Beth Meade

We would also like you to know that Mrs. Mary Beth Meade who has been so generous in her commitment and service to our parish family retired this Summer, and while she likely will still be around here or there to help and care for our students and their families, we would like to congratulate and thank her for her many dedicated years with us. We are so grateful for her, and will hope to have a way soon for our parish family to recognize her time with us.

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Mary's Closet Updates

As we tally up all the donations received by you , the parishioner, 130 pairs of pajamas, 52 outfits all sizes, 67 bibs, 13 burp cloths, 16 receiving blankets and 181 pairs of socks. We should be so proud to call ourselves Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Parishioner!

Available on Thursday's?

We need volunteers to help at Mary's Closet on Thursday's from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you have two hours to spare, please consider joining us.

St. Therese Society

The next meeting for the Society of St. Therese will be Thursday, September 24th at 1:00pm in the Parish Office.

A guest speaker from the Sheriff's Department will present information about the "Yellow Dot Program". They will also review information about how to protect yourself from scams and financial crimes. All are welcome to join us, member or not!!

Meeting Dates

Father Foley would like to hold the next Finance Meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 6pm in the parish office, and the next Parish Council on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6pm.

Syracuse Mets Game?!

Fr. Foley is planning to attend the Syracuse Mets game on Thursday September 17, at 6:30pm. For those interested, please leave a message at the office and how many tickets you would need. Likely price for a ticket is \$15.

Safe Environment Training

For **all** those who help at Mass, Ushers, Lectors, those assisting with Communion, Choir Members, anyone helping in the Sacristy--are to be Safe Environment trained. This is to ensure the safety of all our young people or vulnerable adults, and also to protect our volunteers, too.

Pre-Registration required online (<https://syracusediocese.org/initial-safe-environment-training-for-adults>) These are upcoming dates and locations: at St. Augustine's Bville, Thurs 9/24 10am at Catholic Charities (HOP), Thurs 9/24 5:30pm at Most Holy Rosary School, Tues 10/6 5:30pm at Holy Cross, DeWitt. Please take advantage of these local classes!

Mass Book IS Open

The 2027 Mass Book is open!! Cost for each Mass Intention is \$15.00.

- *The Bread & Wine for the week is \$25.00.
- *Eucharistic Angels are \$10.00 each. There are two candles. You may purchase one or two.
- *The Sanctuary Lamps are also \$10.00 each with the option to purchase one or two.
- *The Padre Pio Candle is \$10.00 for the week.

Please remember that we are only allowed to have one Mass Intention for Daily Masses and the 7:30am Mass on Sunday. At the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass as well as the 11:30am Mass we are allowed to have 5 Intentions.

Word of the Lord

"We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity."