



# 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  
Mary Beth Meade, Director of Religious Education  
James Stanley, Director of Music  
D.J. Scarfino, Facilities Manager

### Parish Office

920 North McBride Street, Syracuse, NY 13208  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

### Contact Information

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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.

# April 26, 2026

## A Message from the Pastor

The fourth Sunday of Easter is celebrated as “Good Shepherd Sunday” and after hearing the readings today, we can easily understand why. Good Shepherd Sunday is an invitation for us to reflect on what tremendous love and sacrifice has been shown us by Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amazing the love Jesus has for us in this image, especially if we were to continue reading from John 10: “I know [my sheep], and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.”

In a particular way, this is also a Sunday where we intentionally pray for priests and those discerning the vocation to the priesthood. We hear proclaimed boldly the incredible standard your priests must live up to as they are called to radically imitate Jesus the High Priest and Good Shepherd. Unlike the priests of the Levitical covenant, Jesus not only makes the offering, he himself *became* the offering. Unlike the *typical* shepherd of the time, Jesus throws all concern for himself aside to care for and seek out His sheep. Neither would’ve made rational sense for a shepherd of his day. Yet the radical laying down of one’s life, this seemingly impossible expectation of love *is* the gateway to finding the fullness of life.

Not only does Jesus teach us this truth in parable, but he actually embodied it. Peter (in the second reading) applies the fulfilment of Isaiah’s Servant of the Lord to the sacrificial love that we received from Jesus on the Cross: “*Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps*. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult, when he suffered, he did not threaten...he himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

To the rest of the world or even to our own human perspective of this, it is easy for us to see this as nothing but weakness. Really, nothing about imitating *this* love is attractive to us. However, when you consider the divinity of Jesus, and his ability to have saved us in any way possible...it is incredible that he *chose* to suffer. He chose not to exercise force or retaliate with violence, but rather he endured unfathomable suffering out of love for us, out of love for *you and me*. Jesus wants you to belong to his flock, and to know that he is **always** seeking you, just as he sought out his disciples weighed down on in their grief journeying to Emmaus. As the kind of shepherd Jesus is, he shows incredible courage and strength to offer his life, and by this ‘example’ he calls out from us this same level of trust to live differently in this life and to imitate his generous gift of self. When we pour out ourselves in love for another, rather than losing our life, we find it—this is not weakness, but rather grace-filled, divine strength.

Today on Good Shepherd Sunday, let’s respond anew to the invitation to pray fervently that those whom the Lord has called for radical love and service to His flock through the ministerial priesthood may boldly imitate the Good Shepherd with his generous heart. Let’s also pray for ourselves that we may learn to recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd more and more who calls *all* of us to belong to Him and to find abundance of life in his flock. Recognizing His voice gives us confidence that we will always know and have His constant protection.

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## ***Ticket On Sale After Masses***

The Holy Name Society will be selling the last of their Raffle Tickets after all Masses for the next two Sundays. Tickets are \$50.00 each. The drawing will be here before you know it, May 13th.

## ***Liturgical Ministers***

Weekend of May 2nd & 3rd  
4:00 pm Marc Parrillo  
7:30 am Maurice Etheredge  
11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

## ***Eucharistic Ministers:***

4:00 pm Team III  
7:30 am Joe Abt  
11:30 am Team II

Anyone who would be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the parish office, 315 422 7163. Also, if you would like to become an Altar Server for our parish funerals, please let us know, so we could get you trained. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

## ***Religious Education Classes***

The weekend of May 3rd  
Last weekend for Classes

***First Communion*** will be Saturday, May 2nd at the 4:00pm Mass.

The ***May Crowning*** is Sunday, May 3rd at the 11:30am Mass.

***Confirmation*** date is May 16th at 5:15pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

## ***Sacrificial Giving***

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

April 19, 2026-\$4,343.00  
Additional Easter-\$350.00  
Holy Thursday-\$115.00

Thank you for your generosity throughout this Easter Season.

## ***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 tithes to our faith community.

## ***World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

Please save the date, Monday, April 27th at 5:30pm and join us at the Cathedral for Holy Hour. As you may know, Fr. Foley recently began a new assignment in ministry, helping to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

As a parish it is important in all ways big and small to develop a culture that promotes answering the Call of the Lord in each of our vocations--and prayer is a critical part and something that all of us can do to aid the accompaniment of those individuals discerning in our midst.

This Holy Hour is a small way we can show our support for them and to do our small part in asking the Lord to send more "laborers into his vineyard", praying as a parish and diocesan family for them and for an increase in vocations called to serve in imitation of Christ!

## ***Word of Life***

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

## ***Msgr. William L. Walsh Golf Tournament***

This year the Golf Tournament will again be held at Tuscarora Golf Club in Marcellus on July 20th. We will use the same Captain and Crew Format. So save the date!!

# April 26, 2026

## ***This Week We Remember***

### **Monday: April 27**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Peter Cappuccilli, Sr. / Family

### **Tuesday: April 28**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Bartholmew DeMascole, Ann. / Son, Anthony

### **Wednesday: April 29**

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Nunziata Ficherra, Ann. /  
Grandchildren, Anthony & Dom

### **Thursday: April 30**

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Pasquale Sisera / Wife, Gilda

### **Friday: May 1**

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

### **Saturday: May 2**

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Eleanor Larca (B) / Frank  
Marianna D'Ambrosio / Frank  
Vito Toia (B) / Betty & Family  
Vittoria Giannantonio / Anna  
Alberto Fabrizi / Marguerite Fiorello

### **Sunday: May 3**

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Joseph Nguyen Thanh VII / Wife & Children

### **Sunday: May 3**

11:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter  
John Bottega (B) / Son, Louis  
Maria Calabrese (B) / Connie & Carlos  
Maria, Nick & Frank Meola / Frank DeLorio  
Henry & Easter Pagano / Mary, Ann & Elizabeth  
Palma Rose Trinca / Elizabeth Reagan & Family



### ***Sanctuary Lamps***

Burning In Loving Memory of  
***Sophie Cutrone***  
Requested by Daughter, Mary

### ***Eucharistic Angels***

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## ***Let us pray as one family***

Please remember in your prayers the  
sick of our parishes.

Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey,  
Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria,  
John & Leona Ciferni, Vic Coogan, 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, Faith Setzer, Marion  
Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick  
St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco,  
Fran Ward, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

## ***Who Is Coming To Mary's Closet***

Thank you to those who continue to donate  
new baby items to Mary's closet! You can drop  
them off at the parish office or bring them to  
church with you on the weekend.

Please remember this is an ongoing ministry  
for our parish. As the season begins to change  
we will be looking for Spring and Summer  
clothing, size Newborn through 5T. Our hours  
of operation are Tuesdays and Thursday from  
10:00am to Noon. So spread the word!

## ***Help Lead the Rosary in May***

We are looking for someone to lead the Rosary  
before each Mass in the month of May. If you  
are not comfortable leading from the pulpit,  
you may lead from your pew. Please let Father  
Foley know if you are interested.

## ***Baptisms***

On behalf of our entire parish family of Our  
Lady of Pompei-St. Peter, we would like to  
offer praise to God and congratulations to the  
Piraino, Noonan, and LaLonde Families who  
recently celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism!  
May the Lord bless you and your children!

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

We have received many questions and concerns regarding Cathedral Corporation, our partner in providing weekly church donation envelopes, maintaining parishioner accounts, and preparing year end contribution statements.

It has come to our attention that there were discrepancies that caused concern among some parishioners, particularly regarding whether their donations were properly received. We would like to take this opportunity to explain our collection and reporting process.

At each Mass, a collection is taken and secured by the ushers in tamper-proof, sealed bags. These bags are then placed in a secure location until they are opened and counted by our trained counters, parishioners and staff of Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter's Church. Once counted, all funds are promptly deposited at our local bank by parish staff.

After deposits are made, the empty donation envelopes are mailed to Cathedral Corporation. Cathedral Corporation then processes all envelopes and posts each donation to the appropriate parishioner account.

While we have partnered with Cathedral Corporation for over 22 years with few concerns and given that we are one of several parishes in our area to have experienced these issues this year, we are actively reviewing alternative options to ensure the highest level of accuracy in reporting and delivery moving forward. We apologize for the complications that this situation has caused.

Please be assured that all donations generously given to Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church have been received and properly deposited.

We sincerely thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued generosity.

## ***Envelope Update***

***Cathedral Corporation has sent out our donation envelopes as of April 21st. They should have been in your mailbox by the time you read this. If you haven't received them yet, please call the parish office and let us know, 315-422-7163.***

