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NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

AT 5:00PM

\$10.00

*In the Pompei Cafeteria*

FOR RESERVATIONS,

PLEASE CONTACT LUCY AT 315 345 0562, COLLEEN 315 427 6474

OR STOP OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 315 422 7163

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# April 19, 2026

## A Message from the Pastor

This week marks the first anniversary of Pope Francis' passing, and I think it's quite fitting to invite his wisdom for us today as he offered a beautiful reflection on the Gospel passage we hear proclaimed at Mass today, so take a break from listening to me and 'listen' rather to the Holy Father!--Enjoy! "Jesus' encounter with those two disciples appears to be completely fortuitous. It seems to be one of those chance meetings that happen in life. The two disciples are walking, deep in thought, and a stranger comes up alongside them. It is Jesus, but their eyes are not able to recognize him. And therefore, Jesus begins his "therapy of hope". What takes place on this road is a therapy of hope. Who administers it? Jesus.

Firstly, He asks and listens. Our God is not an intrusive God. Even though he knows the reason for the disappointment of those two men, he gives them time to be able to deeply fathom the bitterness which has overcome them. Out of this comes a confession that is a refrain in human existence. "*We had hoped, but.... We had hoped, but...*" (v. 21). How much sadness, how many defeats, how many failures there are in the lives of every person! Deep down, we are all a little like those two disciples. How many times we have hoped in our lives. How many times we have felt like we were one step away from happiness only to find ourselves knocked to the ground, disappointed. But, Jesus walks with all people who, discouraged, walk with their heads hung low. And walking with them in a discrete manner, he is able to restore hope.

Jesus speaks to them, above all through *the Scriptures*. Those who take up God's Book will not encounter easy heroism, fierce campaigns of conquest. True hope never comes cheaply. It always undergoes defeat. The hope of those who do not suffer is perhaps not even [hope]. God does not like to be loved as one would love a ruler who leads his people to victory, annihilating his enemies in a bloodbath. Our God is a faint light burning on a cold and windy day, and as fragile as his presence in this world may appear, he has chosen the place that we all disdain.

Jesus then repeats for the disciples the fundamental gesture of every Eucharist. He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it. Does not Jesus' entire history perhaps lie in this series of gestures? And is there not in every Eucharist, also the symbol of what the Church should be? Jesus takes us, blesses us, "breaks" our life — because there is no love without sacrifice — and offers it to others; he offers it to everyone.

Jesus' encounter with the two disciples of Emmaus is a fleeting one. But the entire destiny of the Church is contained within it. It tells us that the Christian community is not enclosed within a fortified citadel, but rather journeys along its most essential environment, which is the road. And there, it encounters people with their hopes and disappointments, burdensome at times. The Church listens to everyone's stories as they emerge from the treasure chest of personal conscience, in order to then offer the Word of Life, the witness of love, a love that is faithful until the end. And thus, the hearts of people reignite with hope.

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: "Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead". The secret of the road that leads to Emmaus is simply this: despite appearances to the contrary, we continue to be loved and God will never stop loving us. God will walk with us always, always, even in the most painful moments, even in the worst moments, even in moments of defeat. That is where the Lord is. And this is our hope. Let us go forward with this hope! Because he is beside us and walks with us. Always!" (General Audience May 24, 2017).

May Pope Francis rest in peace!

# Third 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. The prizes are as follows: 1st- \$5,000.00, 2nd- \$1,000.00, 3rd- \$1,000.00 and 4th-\$500.00.

## ***Liturgical Ministers***

Weekend of April 25th @ 26th  
4:00 pm Sandy Laurenti  
7:30 am Nick Lore  
11:30 am Ralph Torrillo

## ***Eucharistic Ministers:***

4:00 pm Team II  
7:30 am Anne Marie Abt  
11:30 am Team I

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

## ***Religious Education Classes***

The weekend of April 26  
All classes are in session this weekend

## ***Sacrificial Giving***

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

April 12, 2026-\$5,183.00  
Additional Easter-\$1,450.00  
Holy Thursday-\$202.00  
Lenten Sacrifice-\$220.00  
(will go towards Mary's Closet)  
Blue-\$420.00

Once again, 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. As you may know, Fr. Foley recently began a new assignment in ministry, helping to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

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 aid the accompaniment of those individuals discerning in our midst.

Recently we were blessed by the presence of one of our seminarians in our diocese coming to visit us (Good Friday!) 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!

## ***Northside Meeting***

The next Northside Neighborhood Group Meeting will be held on April 20th at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Cafeteria. Marty Nave will be present.

## ***St. Therese Meeting***

The next St. Therese Meeting will be April 23rd at 1:00pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome to join us! Also, A Big Thank You to everyone who contributed to the successful Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Your kindness is very much appreciated!

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***This Week We Remember***

**Monday: April 20**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Nancy & Martin Duffy / Friend

**Tuesday: April 21**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Mary Kalska / Son, Paul  
Richard Ward / Wife, Fran

**Wednesday: April 22**

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
William M. Merriett / Paul

**Thursday: April 23**

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Antonio Colvita / Anthony

**Friday: April 24**

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

**Saturday: April 25**

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Frank DeMichele (B) / Wife, Maryann & Family  
Ron Pierce, 3yr. Ann. / Wife Henrietta & Family  
Alberto Fabrizi / Festa Italiana  
Frank Procopio / Wife, Kay & Family  
Maria & Gennaro Salvatore /  
Daughter, Roseann & Family  
Edda Iacampo / Daughter, Caterina  
Victoria Giannantonio & Marianna DeLorio / Frank

**Sunday: April 26**

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Joanna Simone / Ralph Torrillo

**Sunday: April 26**

11:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter  
Robert M. Blasi / Mom, Marietta & Son, Mitchell  
Stella Corona (B) / Daughter, Cathy & Family  
Frank & Nancy Fugale / Children, Steve & Beth  
Rosemarie Emmi / Charles Giannino  
Matthew & Mary Sindoni / Racko Family  
Nicola & Philomena Colantone /  
Son, Domenic & Sister, Angela



***Eucharistic Angels***

Burning In Loving Memory of  
***Sophie Cutrone***

Requested by Daughter, Mary

***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 Ciferri, 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***

On April 21st, the Family Life Office is hosting  
an Open House of Mary's Closet to all Parish  
Life Corrdinators in the Diocese. This will be  
great exposure for all to see the great work  
that is going on at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
and to help get the word out!

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. This week we  
received tops and bottoms in various sizes.

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!



***Sanctuary Lamps***

Burning In Loving Memory of  
***Sophie Cutrone***

Requested by Daughter, Mary

# Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy



**BASKETS AND BITES NEXT SATURDAY!!!!**  
**April 25<sup>th</sup>..5:00 in the School Cafeteria.**  
**We hope you will join us!**

We hope you have already gotten your tickets for **Baskets and Bites** which is only days away (Next Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>). It's going to be a great night and we really hope you will be part of it.

We already after over 50 Baskets and Raffle items that have come in and are really fantastic...we know they are going to be the source of a great deal of excitement. The chefs and bakers are signing up and are sure to be planning on preparing delicious dishes, many of which we have so enjoyed through the years such as Eggplant Parm, Chicken Riggies, Smoked Pork Loin, Vietnamese Egg Rolls and Spring Rolls, Mediterranean Salad and fixings, Pasta with Bolognese, Utica Greens, Tortellini Soup, Colcannon, Greens and Beans, Turkey Carving Station, Tortellini Alfredo, and a few other surprise items chefs have not decided on yet.

Tickets are only \$10.00 each and include 2 free raffle tickets for you to use to take chances on the items of your choice. Get a fun table together or come solo and join in on one...we know you will be so happy that you did.

If you want to join the list of Parishioners cooking and or baking, if you want to donate a basket or raffle item, or if you want to reserve a seat or table...let us know by visiting us in the back of church after all masses this weekend, calling Lucy (315 345 0562), or Colleen (315 427 6474) or stopping in or calling the Parish Office at 315 422 7163.

Many thanks to everyone that have already signed up to cook, bake, donated baskets and items, and reserved seats. Your support is so appreciated!!! Can't wait to share the evening with you!!!

