

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Thursday, November 26, is Thanksgiving Day. Like just about everything else this year, Thanksgiving will be different. Many of us won't be able to gather with our loved ones as we have done in past years, and as we will, God willing, in years to come. One thing that hasn't changed, however, and never will, is that we are tremendously blessed and need to thank the One who is the source of all blessings. For many of us, Thanksgiving has become a day to overeat (been there, done that), watch football, and shop for Christmas sales. We have lost the deeper significance of the holiday which is to thank God for the tremendous blessings He has bestowed upon us as individuals, as families, and as a country. Given the tremendous Cross we have been asked to carry this year, I think it is more important than ever to focus on the Blessings and Graces in our lives and to offer Thanks to God for His love and generosity to us. In our ever increasing secular society, we have an opportunity to give witness to others of the true nature of this day and of the True Nature of the God that so many deny.

We can, and should, be offering prayers of Thanksgiving in our homes, but we also have the opportunity to come together and offer the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, the Eucharist together on Thanksgiving Day. As I mentioned last week, the Mass in English will be at 9:00 at St. John the Baptist / Holy Trinity; the Mass in Vietnamese will be at 9:30 at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. Please join us in person, if possible, or join us remotely via Facebook: the Mass in English will be live-streamed on the Our Lady of Pompei-St. Peter Facebook page. As we thank God that day for the many Blessings He has bestowed on us, let us not forget to thank Him for the Gift of Faith which has strengthened us during this most difficult of years.

Please know that I thank Him each day for the gift of such wonderful parishioners. You are always in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

In Christ,
Fr. Caruso



Reservations for Christmas

Christmas is four weeks away and in this year in which nothing is "normal", it's not too early to begin to plan for a Christmas that is going to be very different from what we are used to. With the restrictions still in place to facilitate social distancing in church, we will not be able to accommodate the normal size congregations that usually join us at Christmas. In order to be able to seat as many people as possible, and to allow everybody an opportunity to reserve a seat, we will be using the following guidelines:

1. You can call to reserve a seat beginning **Monday, November 30th at 9:00 am.**
2. You will call the Parish Office of the Church where the Mass is being celebrated.
3. You will need to provide the names and contact information of all members in your group that will be attending Mass.
4. We will assign you a seat in advance. This assignment will be based on the best use of the available seating in order to accommodate the most people. It cannot be based on your preference. We ask for your understanding.
5. If all available seating is assigned before Christmas, only those who signed up in advance will be admitted into the Church for Mass.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 pm Vigil Mass at OLP/St. Peter*

4:00 pm Vigil Mass at St. John/HT

7:00 pm Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

9:00 pm Mass at St. John/HT*

Christmas Day, December 25

Midnight Mass at OLP/St. Peter*

7:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter*

9:00 am Mass at St. John/HT*

9:30 am Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

11:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter

**The Masses marked * will be live-streamed on the OLP/St. Peter Facebook Page.*

Finally, Father Caruso would like to ask each of us to recognize that with a surge in Covid-19 cases, the situation may change. We will keep you posted of any changes that become necessary.

This Week We Remember...**Monday:** *November 23***9:00 am**

Mary Kalska/Son, Paul

12:00pm

Tommasina Carfagno/The Twin Brothers

Tuesday: *November 24***9:00 am**

Santa Abbadi (B)/Daughters

Rosario Romeo / Mr & Mrs Anthony Lamanna

12:00pm

For the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Wednesday: *November 25***9:00 am**

Pasquale Sisera/Gilda and Children

12:00pm

For the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Thursday: *November 26****Thanksgiving Day*****9:00 am Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity**

For the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

And Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Friday: *November 27***THERE ARE NO MASSES TODAY****Saturday:** *November 28***4:00 pm**

Josie Torrillo (B)/Husband, Ralph and Family

Ciro "Butch" Frontale, W. Ann/Wife, Grace

Deceased Members of the Surace Family/Family

Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph

Frances Santoro, 3 Yr. Ann/Children, Husband,
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

John Kops/Sandy Laurenti

Rose Perverly / Family

Mary Ann Peverly / Family

The Turkett Family / Family

Alberto Pastore / Carlo, Connie & Family

5:30 pm

For the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sunday: *November 29***7:30 am**

Ida Spadaro, Ann/Husband, Sam

9:00 am

Leo Lawless/Sherrie Lawless

Pietro Paolo & Filomena Tomaino/M/M Antonio Mazza

Rosemary "Pat" Markert/The Family

Paul and Mark Ferretti/Marilyn

11:30 amAnn Mancuso (B)/Daughter, Rosemarie, Children and
Grandchildren

Karen Magnarelli/Family

5:00 pm

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Income shown is for the week of November 15th.

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

OLP/St. Peter Collection: \$6,526.00**SJ/HT Collection:** \$3,471.00

During this time of Covid, our parishes will still need to meet its financial obligations. So, if possible, please mail your donations to the Parish Offices or place them in the collection boxes at the entrance of the church. I appreciate how generous you have been.

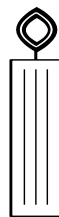
Padre Pio

Devotional Candle Burning for

Alberto Pastore

Requested By

Carlo, Connie & Family

**BEREAVEMENT**

Please remember in your prayers, Anthony Adornato, who passed this week. Our deepest sympathy to his family. *May he rest in peace.*

Please remember in your prayers...

Please pray for all health care workers of our parish serving in this crisis of Covid 19. That God helps to guide their decisions and to keep them safe as well. We pray for, **Dr. Patrick Abt, Alisa Albanese, PA, Christopher Jacques, EMS, Lynda Keller, Nurse Ross Mathewson, Nurse, Joseph and Rita Nicoletti, Nurses, Robert C. Palucci, Nurse, Dr. Alyssa Toia, Stacy Toia, Nurse, and Lauren Townley, Nurse.**

Serving our Country

Always keep in your prayers all our brave servicemen and women. **Anthony Cangemi, Richard L. Cooper, Jack McAndrew, Matthew McAndrew, Bryan M. Oakes & Rob Smith. Thank you for your service.**

Family Perspective

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS Weekend of November 28-29



4:00 pm OLP/St. P. R. Fabrizi
 5:30 pm St.J/HT C. Schotthoefer
 7:30 am OLP/St.P. J. Nicoletti
 9:00 am St.J/HT A. Stoddard
 11:30am OLP/St.P. F. Brice
 5:00 pm OLP/St.P Fr. Caruso

REMINDER:

The Parish Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Let us Pray

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our two parishes and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Christopher Aldrich, Vincent Aldridge, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Margaret Brigandi, Lena Campanino, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Rosemarie Capriotti, Cheryle Cacchione, Catherine Cushman, Grayce Costantini, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Peter DiBello, Gen DiMento, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Dan Fahey, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, David Gehres, Gladys Graham, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Mattia Kinslow, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Madge Maffei, Peggy Miccinelli, Bill Moran, Michael Morga, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Samuel and Sue Wilson.

Let us know



All our parishioners who will be going to warmer climates, please notify the Parish Offices, 315-422-7163, in advance so that your envelopes can be stopped until your return to the area, then we can reactivate the mailings. This is a large savings in return postage fees. This worked very well in the past and we are hoping for the same good response. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Amazon Smiles

Don't forget Amazon Smiles when ordering from Amazon to help support our Church!! With Christmas right around the corner no doubt there will be a lot of Amazon shopping and ordering going on. Just a reminder that if you are ordering from Amazon (or Amazon Prime) to sign in as Amazon Smiles and at the drop down look for Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter and our Parish will receive a percentage of your order. It doesn't cost anything more, it is just like ordering through regular Amazon. Thank you for taking this extra step to help support our Church family! Happy shopping!

Christmas Flowers



In your envelope packet you received a Christmas Flowers envelope. If you would like to donate towards the decorating of our Church this Christmas season, please do so by sending in your \$10 per intention in memory of a loved one. A special booklet will be made listing all your intentions. Please make sure you send these envelopes as soon as possible or by **December 6th**. Thank you.

Religious Education News

The Religious Ed tote bags will now be available on **Sunday, November 29th from 9:00-11:00 am** at the school. Please use the front entrance under the canopy.

The "Light Is On" Campaign

Again this year, the Diocese of Syracuse will be participating in the Light Is On For You Campaign. Priests will be hearing confessions in all churches throughout the diocese. This year confessions will be heard on 4 Monday nights. Confessions will be heard:

December 2nd at OLP/St.P from 5 pm-6 pm

December 9th at St.J / HT from 5 pm-6 pm

December 16th at OLP/St.P 5 pm-6 pm

December 21st at St.J / HT 4 pm -7 pm

Let us all take time to be reconciled to the Lord and to each other as we prepare to celebrate the dawn of our Salvation.

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:8

Vocations

“I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.” Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Call Fr. Jason Hage at 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

“The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person.”
Pope Paul VI

Lessons & Carols

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church will host Christmas Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 pm. This prayer service consists of Advent Scripture Readings and Hymns which are sung. It is a very reflective and peaceful service. I encourage you to take the time and find the strength, beauty and peace of this joyful season of anticipation.



HOPE APPEAL

Together, when we pledge our gift to the Annual HOPE Appeal, we are giving thanks to Christ for the innumerable gifts we've been given and helping our friends and neighbors who benefit each year from the diocesan good works funded through our annual appeal.

Thank you to everyone that has already returned their pledge card. If you are still prayerfully considering your HOPE pledge, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend or send it to the parish office.



Happy Birthday to Mary Brice. She will celebrate her 95th on November 28th! May God Bless her on this milestone.

We encourage you, our parishioners, to call the Parish Office, 315-422-7163, or e-mail us at olopsyracuse@syrdio.org, with any recent milestone you would like to share with your fellow parishioners.

Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School Register today for a private tour!

Visit our website: www.bishopludden.org to learn more! For more information contact the Admissions Office at ACOLICAN@SYRDIOCESE.ORG. or at 315-579-0086. We are located at 815 Fay Rd. Syr.NY

Pre-order your Advent Candles

Sale begins the weekend of November 28th & 29th. There are three options:

1. 4 piece boxed set (for advent wreath) \$10.00
2. 4 (5-day single) candles (3 purple & 1 pink) \$20.00
3. Single (5-day) candle (purple or pink) \$5.00

To order please call Mary Scarfino at 315-437-9634. Payment and pick up is at church only before each weekend Mass thru December 20th. Thank you for your participation, prayers and generosity during this church endeavors.



Online Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™

Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00pm ET join us on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception for an Online Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™. LIVE Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction with Bishop Douglas Lucia, from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

During these uncertain times, we are not able to travel to Lourdes. What a grace that Lourdes can come to you! Join us for an armchair pilgrimage journey in the comfort of your home, livestreamed directly to you. Pope Francis has proclaimed a Plenary Indulgence for Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience to be broadcast or live-streamed directly to you with the same grace as if we were in your local parish or the Sanctuary in France!

Please prepare for this spiritual journey by preparing your heart instead of your suitcase... A blessed pilgrimage kit including Lourdes Water, an image of Our Lady in the Grotto that has been touched to an actual piece of the Grotto at Lourdes, a candle and a rosary are available to all that RSVP for the online broadcast. Register/RSVP at

<https://lourdesvolunteers.org/online-lourdes-virtual-pilgrimage-experience-2/>

Visit our website: www.LourdesVolunteers.org.

Respect for Human Life: The Church...is called to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life and to promote a culture of life. This is the message of hope we are called to proclaim and embody in a world where self-centeredness, greed, violence and cynicism so often seem to shock the fragile growth of grace in people's hearts.