

# Fourth Sunday of Advent



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we observe the Fourth (and last) Sunday of Advent. Christmas is just a week away. The emphasis of our prayer has shifted from looking forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time to preparing to celebrate His Holy Birth in Bethlehem. While we are all busy with the last minute physical preparations for Christmas, we should all take a step back to see if we are spiritually prepared.

If we have let the first three weeks of Advent pass us by without taking the time to be renewed and strengthened in spirit, to truly prepare for the celebration of the Lord's birth, it is not too late. Perhaps over the next few days we can all set aside a few extra minutes each day for prayer. Confessions are scheduled from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on **Monday, December 19th** at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter for those who would like to celebrate the sacrament during this season of preparation.

Please know that you are all in my prayers during these final days of Advent; please keep me in yours.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Caruso



## Christmas & New Year 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 Carols in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter  
8:00 pm Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter  
9:00 pm Mass at St. John/HT  
11:30 pm Service of Carols followed by  
Midnight Mass at OLP/St. Peter

### Christmas Day, December 25

7:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter  
9:00 am Mass at St. John/HT  
9:00 am Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter  
11:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter

### New Year's Eve, December 31

4:00pm Mass OLP/StP  
5:30 pm Mass at St. John/HT  
5:30 pm Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

### New Year's Day, January 1

7:30 am Mass at OLP/StP  
9:00 am Mass at St. John/HT  
9:00 am Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter  
11:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"



**This Week We Remember...**

**Monday:**        ***December 19***  
**12:00 pm**        **at St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
 For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Tuesday:**       ***December 20***  
**9:00 am**  
 Anthony J Lella/Frank Brice  
 Mary Kalska/Paul

**12:00 pm**        **at St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
 For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Wednesday:**    ***December 21***  
**9:00 am**  
 Mary Brice/ Deborahj & Emelio Cashier Jr  
 William M. Merriett/Paul

**Thursday:**       ***December 22***  
**9:00 am**  
 Jacqueline Farone Price, Ann/Family  
 Santina Sindoni/Family  
 Curly & Catherine Paris/ Family

**Friday:**         ***December 23***  
**9:00 am**  
 Angel Pagano/Henry & Veronica  
 Luke, Joseph & Rose Oscuro/Estate  
 Walter Copeland Sr./Connie & Family

**12:00 pm**        **at St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
 For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Saturday:**       **Christmas Eve, December 24**  
**4:00 pm Vigil Mass at OLP/St. Peter**  
 For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

**11:30 pm Service of Carols followed by  
 Midnight Mass at OLP/St. Peter**  
 For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

**4:00 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
 For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity  
**9:00 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
 For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Sunday:**         **Christmas Day, December 25**  
**7:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter**  
 For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

**9:00 am Mass at St. John/HT**  
 For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

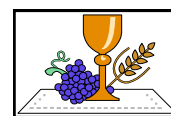
**11:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter**  
 For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

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

**OLP/St. Peter Collection:**    \$7,090.00

**SJ/HT Collection:**            \$3,718.00



Bread and Wine  
 For Masses Celebrated During The Week  
 In Loving Memory Of  
 Antoinette Silvaggio (B)  
 Requested By  
 Tony, Nick & Joe

***This Week's Sanctuary Lamps Are Burning  
 In Loving Memory Of***



***Anthony J & Rose Duchessi***

***Requested by Children***



***Eucharistic Angels In Loving Memory of  
 Michael Canestrare  
 Requested By  
 Family***

## VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Parish is known for being able to accomplish big things (think annual spaghetti supper), but the parish community out did itself with the Vienna Boys Choir concert on December 6th. It was an incredibly wonderful night. I have received only positive feedback from the diocesan officials, visitors and parishioners who were present that night. Thank you to Lucy Paris who coordinated the concert and to all who served on the committee. It was a long time coming, but it was well worth the wait. People are already asking what the next concert is going to be.

Thank you also to those who sponsored the evening. Our presenting sponsors were the Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home and Woodlawn Cemetery. This is not the first time that Woodlawn Cemetery and The Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home have been there to help us. I am tremendously grateful to Tommy Pirro and the funeral home and Steve Sloan and the cemetery for their most generous support.

Thank you also to our other sponsors/patrons: Pompo Electric, John & Carol Marshall, Fallon Oral Surgery, Assemblyman Magnarelli, Holy Family Church & Fr. Manno, Homewood Suites/Hampton Inn/Super 8/Tru Hotels, Josall Roofing and Farone and Son Funeral Home. Their generosity is very much appreciated. I have to tell you, as your pastor, it is very inspiring to see the commitment of so many in the larger community to help us in our ministry in the parish and in our school!

More than one person has told me that they will remember forever the beauty of that night. I hope all who were there for the concert will remember those remarkable voices lifted in praise of the King whose birth we celebrate next week and be inspired to praise Him with heart, voice and life.

In His Love,  
Fr. Caruso

To allow our parish staff some time for rest and to be with their families during the Christmas season, the Parish Office will be closed beginning **Thursday, December 22nd through Monday, January 3rd.**  
Tis the Season!!!

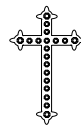
*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*




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

Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Robert Capria, Angelo Cannata, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Gen DiMento, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Joe Falge, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Peggy Miccinelli, Diane Moro, The Pavia Children, Philomena Piraino, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen Surace, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler.

## BEREAVEMENT



Please remember in your prayers, Pauline Mirizio who passed away this week. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

ALL FAITH'S FOOD PANTRY sends a Big Thank you for the generosity, support during these challenging times for the Thanksgiving groceries.

### 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 (the Sacrament of Reconciliation) in all churches throughout the diocese. This year confessions will be heard on **Monday, December 19th** at OLP/St.P from 4 –7 pm.

Also, at the regular times:

Wednesdays at OLP/St.P from 4-5 pm and at St.J/HT Thursdays from 4-5 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. This is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and draw closer to our Lord.

**WISHING YOU A VERY,  
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

### HOLY NAME 50/50 RAFFLE

Looking for a Christmas gift for the person who has everything? Why not purchase a ticket (or 2) for the 50/50 RAFFLE sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Tickets are available for you to purchase and as a reminder there are 300 tickets at \$50.00 each.

The drawing will be on **May 10, 2023**. Please call Larry Cimino, 315-430-5645 or Joey Cimino at 315-430-0338 if you want a special number, it will be on a first come, first served basis. We thank you for your support.

### 2022 HOPE APPEAL UPDATE LAST CHANCE TO GIVE

The Annual HOPE Appeal Campaign for 2022 will be coming to a close as of December 31st. If you have not pledged/donated to the appeal yet, won't you prayerfully consider doing so. To date 115 fellow parishioners have given; totaling \$15,888. Please remember no amount is too large or too small. Wouldn't it be great to have 100% participation?

Thank you to those who have responded!

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Weekend of December 24-25

December 31—Jan 1

Please see signup sheets in the sacristy for these weekends for your availability.

Thank you

### COOKBOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS



Don't forget our wonderful Parish Cookbook when making out your Christmas list. Whether you are giving or receiving, it's surely a gift everyone would love! The recipes, the traditions, the warmth and fun of this cookbook will bring lots of joy to the people on your list... or ask for one for yourself!! Or even treat yourself...you deserve it!!!

They are \$25.00 of awesomeness!!! ...Call the Parish Office 315 422-7163 to arrange to pick one up... or we will be happy to deliver them to you!!! As always, thanks for your support!!

### Amazon Christmas Shopping?

Don't forget if you are shopping on Amazon, remember to go to *Amazon Smile*, then choose *Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter* from the drop down menu. Sign in with your regular amazon account and then shop away. Our Parish/School receives a percentage from each order!! It doesn't cost anything more...but gives back to our Church and School!!! Thanks!!!!

### Merry Christmas

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Golf League would like to wish everyone a safe, blessed and Merry Christmas!!!