

## Second Sunday of Advent



This **Thursday, December 8th**, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is the patronal feast of both the Church in the United States and of the Diocese of Syracuse.

Our Masses are as follows:

**Wednesday, December 7th** a Vigil Mass will be at **Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter**.

**Thursday, December 8th** Mass will be at **9:00 am** at **Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter**;  
**Noon** at **St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
**5:30** at **St. John's/Holy Trinity**

Please plan on joining the community in prayer as we seek the intercession of our Heavenly Patroness.

*Advent*



This is the Second Sunday of Advent. After a chaotic year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray and reflect over the course of this Advent season...a time when believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.

It also gives us the opportunity to **prepare our hearts in faithful waiting**, celebrate the birth of Jesus and ready ourselves for his second coming.

It is a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring.

Psalms 46:10-11 says: "...Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we faithfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, December 8th**, in honor of the **Holy Day: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.



### 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

5:30 pm Mass at St. John/HT

5:30 pm Mass in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter

#### New Year's Day, January 1

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

### **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 & 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.

**This Week We Remember...**

**Monday:        *December 5***  
**12:00 pm        at St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
 For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Tuesday:       *December 6***  
**9:00 am**  
 In Honor of St. Nicholas/Devotees  
 Mary Sgroi/Mike & Roe Colagiovanni

**12:00 pm        at St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
 Antonio McLaughlin/mother

**Wednesday:   *December 7***  
**9:00 am**  
 For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

**5:30 pm    Vigil Mass**  
**at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter**

**Thursday:       *December 8***  
***The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***  
**9:00 am at OLP/St.P.**  
 For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

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

**5:30 pm at St.J/HT**  
 For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy

**Friday:         *December 9***  
**9:00 am**  
 Santina Sindoni/Family

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

**Saturday:       *December 10***  
**4:00 pm**  
 Guy P. Blasi Sr. Ann/children  
 Frankie Pascarella/Aunt Esther & Uncle Henry Pagano  
 Samuel Mezzo/Henry & Veronica Pagano  
 Rita & Phillip Capozzi, Sr./son  
 Mary Disenza/Angela Townley  
 Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph  
 Frank & Carmine Carapella/Frank & Sue  
 Joseph DeLorio/Frank & Sue  
 Joanna Federico Cox/Mari & Tony La Manna  
 Rita, Sue, Gina, Marget, Mary & Nonnie/Anthony Merluzzi  
 Dorothy & Helen Dali/Sister Bertha & Family

**5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
 Rosanna Pennacchia/The Family

**Sunday:         *December 11***  
**7:30 am**  
 Marie Le/Family  
 Santina Sindoni/Family

**9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity**  
 David McLaughlin/mother  
 Joe Jefski/Norm & Pat Jaquin  
 Angela MacDowell/Sue Slack

**11:30 am**  
 Tom Sacco/Family  
 Gabe Convertino/Ralph Torrillo, Sr. & Family  
 Mary Anne Pagano/Henry & Veronica  
 Mary Brice/Ralph Torrillo & Family  
 Annette & Leo Zoanetti/Joe, Trish & Family  
 Dona Cerio/Joe Trish & Family  
 Elaine & Joe Dalfo/Joe, Trish & Family  
 Frances Vigliotti Vick (B)/Antomo, Maryann Viglotti & Family  
 William Bowen/wife Carm  
 Anthony Scro (B)/Marty Nave

**5:00 pm**  
 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:    \$4,704.00**

**SJ/HT Collection:    \$5,815.00**

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

***Angelo Borreggine/wife, Frances***



**Padre Pio**

Devotional Candle Burning  
 For the Special Intentions of  
 Tom Sacco/Family

## Vienna Boys Choir

Less than a week away!!

Doors open at 6:15

Well the long awaited Vienna Boys Choir is almost here!!!! **This Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** they will be performing in our church to over 400 people!!! We are so excited and proud to be hosting this world renowned group to our beautiful church!! We again want to thank everyone that has supported and volunteered for this much awaited event.

### To all concert goers

Please note that the Boys will be rehearsing before the concert therefore **THE CHURCH DOORS WILL NOT BE OPEN UNTIL 6:15. And everyone must enter through the gathering space.**

**\*Please** try to car pool best you can to minimize parking spots. Be assured there will be ample lighting as we will have tower lights lighting up our campus and there will be outside security.

**\*Please** double check your tickets to be sure that the right date is on them. As you recall the concert was postponed last year so we needed to put an updated sticker on all the tickets. Be sure that was done to your ticket if not be sure you are aware the concert is **this Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>!!!!**

We have a few seats remaining if you have not yet purchased them and would like to join us for what to many will be a once in a lifetime opportunity!!! It's sure to be a magical night and surely a beautiful way to bring in the Christmas season with our Parish Family and guests.

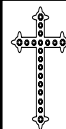
Call the Parish Office at 315 422 7163 for tickets or for more information. We are so looking forward to sharing the evening with so many of you.



## CHRISTMAS FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL STUDENTS

As a reminder our Christmas Fund for our Parish students will continue through this week. It is our wish that each of the students in our parish school receives at least one gift under the tree from Santa. We know from the past, that for some students what they receive from us are the only toys they receive under the tree. We are certain it will be the same this year.

If you are interested in donating you can place your donation in the collection basket marked 'kids Christmas', drop it to the Parish Office, or mail it to the church at 301 Ash St Syracuse NY 13208. Santa's helpers will be shopping for the gifts December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and getting the wrapped gifts discreetly to parents soon after so the children are unaware. If you are interested in donating to the fund we would be so grateful..nothing is too small or too large. If you are not able to donate this year, rest assured your prayers for the students safety and happiness are the most wonderful gifts of all!!!



## BEREAVEMENT

Please remember in your prayers,  
Doris Pirro, 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.*



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
Weekend of December 10-11

4:00 pm OLP/St. P.	R. Scalzo
5:30 pm St.J/HT	C. Schotthoefer
7:30 am OLP/St.P.	M. Etheredge
9:00 am St.J/HT	John Robinson
11:30 am OLP/St.	M. Merola
5:00 pm OLP/St.P	Fr. Caruso

**The Giving Tree**

We ask that parishioners pick up a tag (or two) from the Giving Tree. The tags will indicate the item requested to be purchased. The gifts will be given to local organizations for distribution. It is important that all gifts are placed under the tree by **December 18th** at the very latest. Let's have 100% participation in making this a truly special time for those who are less fortunate. For an easier distribution, please only use gift bags—no boxes or wrapped gifts. You may attach the tag to the item, not the gift bag. Thank you as always for your support.

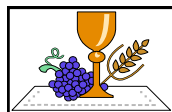
**COOKBOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

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, thank you for your support.



**Christmas Breakfast with Santa**

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society for our young parishioners on **Sunday, December 18th**. It will be in the CAP cafeteria from 9:00 am - Noon. Bring your children and/or grandchildren to Visit with Santa. Pancakes and more will be served. A free will offering is appreciated.



Bread and Wine  
For Masses Celebrated During The Week  
In Loving Memory Of  
Frank DeMichele  
Requested By  
The Staff at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

*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, 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, Dorry 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.

**Lessons & Carols**

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church will host Christmas Lessons and Carols on Sunday, **December 11th 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.



**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. Thank you.

**REMINDER:**

**For all our parishioners who will be going to warmer climates:** please notify the Parish Offices (315-422-7163) 2 months in advance so that your envelopes can be stopped until your return to the area, then we can reactivate the mailings. This should be a large savings in paying out the return postage fees. This worked very well in the past and we are hoping for the same good response.