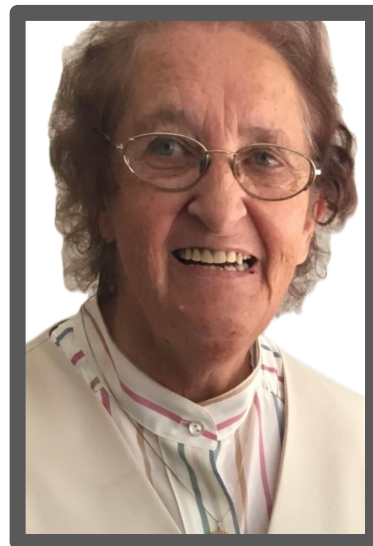


Sister Elizabeth Lennon, MFIC

Sister Elizabeth Lennon, MFIC was born to her parents Pat and Annie Lennon and her siblings Jimmy, Tommy and PJ (now all deceased) at Derry Neil, Athlone, Co. Roscommon, Ireland. She entered the Missionary Franciscan Sisters on Sept. 18, 1956, and made her novitiate in Bloomfield, Ireland. She was professed in 1959 and came to the United States in 1963. She made her final profession on Aug. 6, 1964 (**The Feast of the Transfiguration!**). In addition to her fellow sisters and the parish family at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter, she leaves behind her nephew James and his wife Sinead, her nieces Ann Marie Flynn and Carmel Healy and many grandnieces and grandnephews and extended family in Ireland who will lovingly remember her.



Sister Elizabeth ministered at her motherhouse in Rome, Italy. She also ministered in Brooklyn, NY; Roslindale, MA.; Statesboro, GA; Augusta, GA.; Tenafly, NJ; Binghamton, and Syracuse. In our diocese alone, Sister ministered for over 30 years. She found her joy working among the people of God. Throughout her years of service, she engaged in educational, catechetical, and healthcare ministries, and was also well known to serve pantries of Syracuse's north side caring for the hungry. She was a familiar and friendly face to many, and she was even a regular member of the choir.

Though, overall, like her Lord, Sister Elizabeth's heart was always attentive to the sick and homebound. She cherished bringing the Eucharist to the elderly and to the sick. She was always found visiting nursing homes and hospitals, and she was so present to grieving families in their time of loss.

Her presence has been missed since she returned to her sisters in Tenafly NJ, and while we are deeply saddened at her passing, we take comfort in now being able to draw closer to her in our celebration of the Eucharist here, and we pray that she may now be able to enjoy the fullness of friendship with God in heaven that was her motivation, hope, and source of strength for all her life.

Please join us for a Memorial Mass, Saturday February 1, 2025 at 10am at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church. Come and share your memories of Sister! Light refreshments will be served.

The Presentation of the Lord

A Message from the Pastor

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord...this moment is one of the joyful mysteries of the rosary, and reflecting on this mystery we can recall that “the fruit of this mystery is **Obedience**.” So when we reflect on this memory from Jesus' life and the life of Mary and Joseph we are drawn to consider humility of heart before what the Lord asks of us, and what that looks like in each of our lives. We find the Presentation of Jesus to be a **joyful** mystery, though, which might be interesting for us. Why is *obedience* the fruit of reflecting on this moment, and how does obedience lead us to joy? Mary and Joseph were following the prescriptions of the law. They were doing what was expected of them in the eyes of God, *every first-born male must be consecrated to God* (cf. *Leviticus 12:2-8, Ex 13:2,12, 1 Sam 1:24-28, Num 3:47-48*). So where is the joy? As we are diligent in striving to live the commands of the Lord, in accepting his invitation to life, we are given the assurance of God's presence, fidelity, and his blessings. The Lord always transforms us through our simple and faithful obedience.

While it might be hidden, this event is overflowing with meaning, and the earliest disciples in the Church loved to ponder and write about it, so much so, that these words of Simeon of having seen the glory and promise of God fulfilled before his eyes (Lk 2:29-32) are prayed EVERY DAY in the Church in the Liturgy of the Hours. In fact, these words are so pivotal that they are incorporated into Night Prayer—what is the symbolism? Among the very last words on one's lips each day is Simeon's response to having encountered the Incarnate Lord and a readiness to pass from this life to eternal life. Beautiful! Simeon's words recognize life as pure gift, and that God is always faithful to his word, and always accompanying us, even if our day doesn't appear to go as planned. So yes, I would very much agree that these words **must be on our lips daily**—even better if they are the last words we say each day, potentially the last words we utter in this life, should we ever go home to the Lord in our sleep.

Consider this reflection from Origen (d.~254) an early disciple in the history of the Church: *“Simeon knew that no one could release a man from the prison of the body with hope of life to come, except the anointed One whom he enfolded in his arms. Hence he also says to him, “Now you dismiss your servant, Lord, in peace. For, as long as I did not hold Christ, as long as my arms did not enfold him, I was imprisoned and unable to escape from my bonds.” This is true not only of Simeon but of the whole human race. Anyone who departs from this world, anyone who is released from prison and the house of those in chains, to go forth and reign, should take Jesus in his hands. He should enfold him with his arms and fully grasp him in his bosom. Then he will be able to go in joy where he longs to go...*

Then he entered the temple—but not by chance or naively. He came to the temple in the Spirit of God... If you wish to hold Jesus, and to embrace him with your hands, and to be made worthy of leaving prison, you too must struggle with every effort to possess the guiding Spirit. Just come to God's temple. See, you stand now already in the temple of the Lord Jesus, his church. This is the temple built from living stones.”

As we come before the Lord into his sanctuary this day to again behold Him, may we respond to his embrace of us and trust that when we are obedient to following in the footsteps of his life, he will lead us safely to eternal life!

February 2, 2025

Mass Intentions & Offerings

Every Mass is offered for the same intention, namely, that the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ be for the salvation of the whole world. The specific intentions and needs of the faithful can be joined to this intention (c. 945 of the Code of Canon Law). Masses can be offered for anyone, living or dead (c. 901). Masses can also be offered for various reasons: in thanksgiving, for the intentions of living, for the purification of the dead, etc.

What does it “cost” to have a Mass offered for a specific intention?

In the Diocese of Syracuse, the suggested offering is \$15.00. By accepting the offering, the priest is obliged to fulfill the intention for which it is given. Priests (and parishes) can accept only those intentions that can be offered by them within a year (c. 953). All intentions are recorded in a book, noting who made the offering as well as who accepted and/or satisfied them (c. 955 §§3 and 4).

How many intentions can be offered at one Mass?

A separate Mass is offered for each intention (cc. 948 and 949). However, several intentions (no more than five) may be offered at one Mass when (1) the donors agree to have their intentions combined, (2) the date, time, place of the Mass is public, and (3) the celebrant retains only one offering. Masses with more than one intention (a.k.a. “collective Masses”) can only be celebrated twice a week in the parish church.

Our collective Masses are when?

Each week the collective Masses (where 5 intentions may be said) will be at the 4:00pm Vigil Mass and the 11:30am Sunday Mass. All week day Masses as well as the 7:30am Sunday Mass will only be allowed 1 intention.

Why are some Masses offered “For The People” of the parish?

Pastors are bound on each Sunday and holy day of obligation to apply the Mass for the people entrusted to them. These Masses may be offered by other priests. They may also be offered on other days. Pastors who have the care of several parishes are bound to apply only one Mass for the people entrusted to them each Sunday and holyday of obligation (cc. 534 §§ 1 and 2). There is no offering given or received for this intention. Other intentions may not be joined to this intention.

As we begin to follow Canon Law in regards to Masses being said, here is a Mass Book update through December 31, 2025:

4:00pm Saturday Mass –27 Masses still available
7:30am Sunday Mass-21 Masses still available
11:30 am Sunday Mass-81 Masses still available

Bread & Wine-25 Weeks still available
Sanctuary Lamps-36 Weeks still available
Eucharistic Angels-23 Weeks still available
Padre Pio Lamp-24 Weeks still available

Please don't wait, schedule your Masses AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! If we can't accommodate your Mass request, how about:

1. A weekday Mass or a different weekend Mass
2. Choosing Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Lamps, Eucharistic Angels, Padre Pio as an alternative.
(We will continue to have the Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Lamps, Eucharistic Angels and Padre Pio listed in the bulletin each week and now it will be announced at the pulpit at the beginning of each Mass).
3. Having your Mass sent to St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity or St. Anthony's Church to ensure receiving the requested day. Fr. Foley would still preside at the Mass.

The Presentation of the Lord

This Week We Remember

Monday: February 3

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
In Honor of Rev. Pasquale Timpanelli / Gilda

Tuesday: February 4

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Joseph, Maria & Ignatius / Andy Tran & Family

Wednesday: February 5

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Robert Kalska / Son, Paul

Thursday: February 6

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Anne Falvo (B) / Daughters, Marietta & Anne

Friday: February 7

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

Saturday: February 8

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Benny & Terry Cimino/ Son, Joseph
Antoinette Silvaggio, Ann. / Tony, Nick & Joe
Lucrezia Blasi (B) / Children
Al Petraghani / Noreen & Zek Zakrzeski
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family

Sunday: February 9

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Maryann & Frank Scarfino III / Family

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Michael Patello, Ann. / Antimo & Family
Anthony James Cannizzaro & Mule` &

Cannizzaro Families / John & Margherita
Angelo Cannata, Ann. / Rosita & Family
Anthony & Joanne Merluzzi / Debra Wade
Mary J. & Walter J. Brice / Son, Frank

Vocations

Both Simeon and Anna waited and prayed in the temple for the coming of our Lord. Upon seeing Him, they proclaimed His presence and the work He came to do. They were the first of many faithful witnesses to Christ. How is God calling you to be a witness to Him? Possibly as a religious, a priest or a deacon? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrديو.org



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During
The Week In Loving Memory Of
Antoinette Silvaggio, Ann.

Requested By Tony, Nick & Joe



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of

Anthony & Joanne Merluzzi

Requested by Debra Wade

A Family Perspective

Family life provides opportunities to grow in holiness. We are never perfect on this side of Heaven. Each of us has areas that could be presented to the Lord for purification. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your family in finding those areas and offering them to God.

Word of Life

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

Pope Francis

200 Tickets

The Holy Name Raffle Tickets are on sale. This year only 200 tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each. Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 or Joey Cimino at 315 430 0338 to reserve your tickets or for any questions. The drawing will be May 14th at their regular scheduled meeting.

Holy Name thanks you for your support with the raffle and the support to our Church!

February 2, 2025

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of February 8 & 9

Lectors:

4:00 pm Sandy Laurenti

7:30 am Maryann Iannettone

11:30 am Merino Merola

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team IV

7:30 am Tino Porrino

11:30 am Team III

Hope Appeal

Firm in Faith,

Active in Charity,

Together in Hope

The last report in says we are just \$1,423.67 away from reaching our goal. This is with a little over 40% participation. Thank you to all those we have given to the Annual Hope Appeal. If the remaining parishioners give what they can, we will certainly reach our goal. **Please participate.** Every gift makes a difference as you can see.

You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend and drop it in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syrdio.org.

Centennial Corner

At the turn of the century many changes ensued. In the year 2006 the school was taken over by the Diocese of Syracuse & was no longer the responsibility of the Parish. That September, Cathedral School located in downtown Syracuse & Our Lady of Pompei School merged to form Cathedral Academy at Pompei (CAP) at the Our Lady of Pompei School building. This is when the Guardian Angel Society became a crucial element within the school.

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 tithe to our faith community.

Sacrificial Giving

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

January 19, 2025- \$4,923.00

January 26, 2025-\$5,023.00

As always, thank you for your generosity!

Fuel Collection

Please be generous with your donations in the upcoming Fuel Collection Envelope. We only collect for fuel twice a year in anticipation of high heating and electrical costs this winter. We could really use your help! Thank you.

Envelope Etiquette

When using your weekly envelopes:

- **ALWAYS** mark the outside of your envelope with the correct dollar amount that is inside. This will ensure that you receive proper credit for your end of the year tax report.
- **NEVER** Use **TAPE** or **STAPLES** when sealing your envelope. (Our contribution envelopes are fed through a machine to post to your account. If they are torn from removing tape or staples, we pay extra to have them processed.)



Presentation of the Lord

Please
join us



2025

Taste of Pompei

Saturday, February 8th

5:00 pm

*Our Lady of Pompeii/
St. Peter Cafeteria*

\$20.00 per person

We are looking for chefs and bakers!
If you are interested please let us know!

TASTE IS NEXT WEEKEND -

Taste of Pompeii will be February 8th at 5:00pm, we are looking for chefs and bakers - if you would like to volunteer to cook, bake or volunteer at the event

If you are willing to volunteer your culinary services, please contact the parish office or Colleen @ Eric Rosenthal 315.427.6474 or croenthal@syrdiocese.org. (Please note: Colleen works in Catholic Schools and will not be able to answer calls during the day, feel free or leave a message or text).

We've got some great dishes on board already including tortellini alfredo, utica greens, smoked pork loin, chicken riggies, eggplant, colcannon and more!

We will be selling tickets after all masses in the gathering space. We are looking forward to seeing everyone for this fun annual event that brings our parish together.

February 4th Starts ..

The Mystery of the Bible!

It will be Tuesday nights for 8 weeks that will start Tuesday, February 4. Adoration in the Chapel from 5:30-6:00, Video starts at 6, dismissal by 7pm!

This program is something so transformative and something everyone can participate in and benefit from. We've always wanted to read the bible but never know where to start or even how to begin. You will love this opportunity!

There is a workbook companion to this program, which is \$20 which includes a workbook, helpful bible timeline chart, bookmark, and access to videos online. **You can participate in this group even without paying for the materials if you just simply want to enjoy the group, the content and the prayer time** But it would be helpful for planning purposes if you would still let us know your interest! Thank you!

IGNITE 2025

Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 29th

We are excited to announce that the IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference is back with a great lineup of speakers: Bear Woznick, Fr Chase Hilgenbrinck and Ben Steele. As always Bishop Lucia will start the day with Holy Mass. IGNITE will return to Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School this year. Mark your calendar NOW and register early to save \$20. We are challenging everyone to not only register yourself but bring a family member or friend to share the day.

Please go to the event website for the bio's of the speakers, schedule for the day and to register. Register online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org

February 2, 2025

100th Year Happenings

As Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter Church celebrates its 100th Anniversary, mark your calendars and attend our monthly events!

***The Lunar New Year** will be held in the Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Gym on Saturday, February 1st. Let us all support the Vietnamese Community on one of their biggest celebrations!

***Taste of Pompei** will be February 8th at 5:00pm at Our Lady of Pompei Cafeteria.

***Basket Bonanza** will take place in March. The date is TBA.

*Our Centennial Celebration will wrap up with the **“Centennial Gala”** on April 26th after the Centennial Mass at 4:00PM. The Gala will take place at Barbagallo’s Restaurant.



First Penance

Saturday, February 8th at 3:00pm our Religious Education Students will be making their First Penance. The children will also be introduced to the parish at the 4:00pm Mass.

Please keep the children in your prayers!

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| <i>Kayden Le</i> | <i>Benny Royal</i> |
| <i>Luca Mere</i> | <i>Daisy Tran</i> |
| <i>Bella Nguyen</i> | <i>Elizabeth Mar</i> |
| <i>Maximus Nguyen</i> | <i>Elizabeth Meh</i> |
| <i>Giuliana Pajack</i> | <i>Franklin Reh</i> |
| <i>DiMaggio Paris</i> | <i>Francisco Reh</i> |
| <i>Glenn Pham</i> | <i>Giovani Reh</i> |
| <i>Angelina Pham</i> | <i>Sa Raw</i> |
| <i>Olivia Pham</i> | |



Let us pray as one family

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

Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, John & Leona Ciferni, Vic Coogan, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Audrey Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ruth Fabrizi, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Juanita, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Luciano & Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael & Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Joe Nicoletti, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Emily Rosenthal, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Roseanne Scrimale, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler and Maureen White.

Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients. Please notify the parish office, 315-422-7163 if you have a loved one in a hospital, nursing home or is homebound and would like a visit.

Lunar New Year

As we continue our Centennial Celebration, let us all support the Vietnamese Community on one of their biggest celebrations!

The Vietnamese Celebration of the Lunar New Year Is February 1st from 6pm-11pm in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Gym.

There will be Traditional Vietnamese Food & Drinks, Live Music, 50/50 & lottery boards and so much more. Come for an hour or stay the whole night! *All are welcome! Let’s celebrate as one family!!*

Presentation of the Lord

Clothing Drive at Most Holy Rosary

As you know the majority of the CAP Students ended up at Most Holy Rosary School, they are hosting a clothing swap for their school families and will happily take donations as well to stock the closet.

Most Holy Rosary School Clothing Drive

We need your gently used clothing! From now until mid-February, we are collecting all sizes of clothing. We have a special need for outdoor items like coats, snow pants, insulated gloves, and boots for our kids to be able to play outside at recess.

Drop off your donations at Most Holy Rosary School anytime during the school day from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM 1031 Bellevue Ave, Syracuse, NY 13207. Once all the clothing is collected, we'll hold a clothing swap where anyone can come and take what they may need.

Clothing Swap Event

*Children outgrow their clothes quickly!
Donate the ones that no longer fit and pick up some that do.*

Date: February 9th

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: MHR Parish Center

All are welcome!

Please ensure the clothing you donate is free of holes and stains.

Any questions regarding the clothing swap can be directed to Colleen Rosenthal, croenthal@syrdiocese.org - Thank you!

Candlemas Day

Celebrated on February 2nd, is a time to bless candles and remember Jesus as the Light of the World. It's also Groundhog Day, when we look to see if the groundhog's shadow predicts more winter or an early spring! An old Candlemas poem tells us:

**"If Candlemas day be fair and bright,
Winter will take another flight.
If Candlemas day be cloud and rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again."**

Just like the groundhog and the poem, Candlemas reminds us to trust in God's light and hope, no matter the season ahead!

"Receive the light of Christ."

"Much like Jesus was presented in the Temple, you were presented to the Church at the time of your baptism. At this moment, the Church welcomed you into the faith community and as part of the Body of Christ. You were baptized with water, which provides you with the grace of God's love, a grace that is always with you. As a child of God, you received a candle, lit from the Paschal candle, representing the Light of Christ that you carry with you. You are called to holiness and mission, living as a child of light."

If you have your baptismal candle, this week is a wonderful time to relight it and remember that you are a Child of God, a child of light. You can say this simple prayer or a similar one: Dear Lord, Today, as I relight my baptismal candle, I remember the light of Christ that shines in my heart. Just as this candle brings light into the darkness, may I share your love and kindness with others. Help me to live as a child of light, reflecting your goodness in all that I do. May your grace guide me on my journey of faith. Amen.



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

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Website: ourladyofpompei-stpeters.org

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.