



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, Pastor
Reverend John Nguyen Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community
Lauri Gildemeyer, Office Manager
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Parish Office

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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

Contact Information

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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

Held Sunday's after the 11:30 am mass. Call
the parish office to schedule.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the parish office for arrangements. By
Diocesan Law, must be scheduled at least 6
months before wedding.

August 3, 2025

A Message from the Pastor

"Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be..." These words of Jesus (Mt. 6:21) are not found in our Gospel today but they certainly resonate with the theme of our Mass readings today. There's a difficult balance that must be navigated throughout our lives: living in and among the things of this earth, while at the same time having our heart completely oriented toward the things of heaven. The parable of the man in the Gospel today preoccupied with what to do with all the wealth he has accumulated challenges us to also consider the question of whether or not the priorities of my own life are rightly ordered or not. This is something that can only be accomplished with the grace of the Holy Spirit, and it is delicate and takes patience and persistence.

We should also at the same time remember that to have wealth or to have means is not evil in itself--there are many saintly examples who have contributed heroically to the care of the poor and the spread of the Gospel through the gift of what they have. The threat, however, is our temptation to solely pursue wealth for its own sake, or to give ourselves a sense of security, or convince ourselves that we are the ones ultimately in control of our lives. The parable we hear from the Lord today presents us bluntly how such a disposition of heart falls short. If our hearts receive everything they need from the Lord, who alone can truly provide for our life, we are freer to engage earthly things with a heavenly perspective and we won't fall victim to being a slave to the things that will ultimately fade or not matter for eternity. Our identity is not rooted in what we have accomplished or accumulated in our lives.

Readings from the book of Ecclesiastes (today's first reading) always provide challenges for reflection. The book itself belongs to the genre of Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament, and left alone without the rest of the bible, it can seem quite bleak and empty. The author's use of the word "vanity" can get conflated with our more familiar use of the word "vain" thinking arrogant, self-centered, consumed with our own image, etc., but there is a deeper meaning in the context of the text that points us to that which is "vain" like vapor or a breath, it comes and goes, a thing is here and then it fades away--as in "it doesn't matter." So with the book taken as a whole, Ecclesiastes challenges us with many questions for reflection: What is the point of life if all these (earthly) things are fading? What is the point of our hard work and toil if eventually it is all for naught? Do we live simply to die?

The way the interpretive tradition of this text is essentially that Ecclesiastes poses all the questions of which Jesus is the only answer. With the incarnation of God taking on our humanity, the questions of the ephemeral or fleeting aspects of our existence don't leave us empty and despairing, but rather compel us toward Christ who is our sure hope. Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest longings of our being, only his life, death, and resurrection provide us with a firm foundation. By calling us to life with him Jesus gives us purpose, meaning, and a horizon that orients us for all our life. From time to time it is critical for our own reflection to consider the question, "What is my highest priority?" Do all other good and important things (family, friends, virtue, etc) flow *first* from my being oriented toward the Lord? It is always the desire of the Lord to help us be free from disordered attachments and live more authentically in a joy that only He can provide. And yet, it takes much courage and trust to live this way day in and day out. But so that we don't have to shoulder this burden on our own strength, God in his goodness, offers us the promised accompaniment of his grace through the Sacraments and the life of the Church, through our brothers and sisters in the faith, and in the transformation of our hearts contemplating always Jesus, the Incarnate Word. May our lives always be built on the foundation and treasure of the Lord's enduring love.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Religious Education Program

A new year of Religious Education for the Children and Youth of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Parish will begin in September.

The Day of the Son (DOS) Grade K-8 and First Sacrament Programs will begin on September 21st.

The two year Confirmation program begins with a Parent-Candidate Orientation. Faith Formation 1 will have their orientation on September 28th at 10:30am in their classroom in the Parish Office (Convent). Their first class will be on October 5th from 10:15-11:15am in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation II will have their own Orientation on Sunday, October 5th at 10:30am in their Classroom in the Parish Office (Convent). Their first class will be on October 19th from 10:15-11:15am in the Parish Office.

Registration for all classes will begin on August 18th and this year we will be offering multiple ways to register.

- There will be registration in Church after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, September 6th & 7th and September 13th & 14th.
- Registration forms can be found on the Church Website: ourladyofpompei-stpeters.org, at the parish Office in folders, in the Gathering Space or upon request 315-422-7163.
- Family Registration Form is required for enrollment in the Religious Education Program.
- Sacrament Registration Forms as required for 1st Sacraments and Confirmation FFI & FFII for program enrollment.
- Registration forms and fees may be returned to the Parish Office or to the teachers on the first day of class.

If anyone has any questions concerning the program and /or registration you can reach me thru the Parish Office at 315-422-7163.

Mary Beth Meade, DRE

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.

July 27, 2025-\$4,074.00
Blue-\$488.00

Thank you to everyone for their generosity!
Please remember Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter in your Will. You may call the parish office for more information.

Let us pray as one family

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parishes.

Jim Albanese, 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, Janna Lavoie, 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.

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This Week We Remember

Monday: August 4

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Paul Fichera (B) / Grandchildren, Anthony & Dom

Tuesday: August 5

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Fran Sacco / John Sunser

Wednesday: August 6

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Eugenia Barnaba / Julie DiBello
Gloria Albino (B) / Sisters, Rosalia, Mercie & Judy

Thursday: August 7

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Peter Vu Yao / Dao

Friday: August 8

9:00 am No Daily Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Saturday: August 9

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Nicholas Silvaggio (B) / Tony Nick & Joe
Maria Laura Pallotta & Christina Carapella / Anna
Lucrezia Blasi / Children
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family
Benny, Terry & Joseph Cimino/Family

Sunday: August 10

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Martin Duffy / Bill Works & Brian Lostumbo

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Maryann Vigliotti (B) / Antimo & Family
Mary Sunser, Ann. / Son, John
Nicola DeTommaso / Frances Borreggine
Joanna Federico Cox / Mom & Dad
Anthony James Cannizzaro / John & Margherita
The deceased of the Mule` & Cannizzaro Families /
John & Margherita

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In
Loving Memory Of
Al Petragani
Requested By Grace Frontale



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
Joey Cimino
Requested by Noreen & Zeke Zakrzeski



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Anthony & Joanne Merluzzi
Requested by Debra Wade

Retirement Fund For Religious

August 18th we will have a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This fund helps more than 20,500 elderly sisters and brothers and religious order priest who have spent their lives in service-many receiving little to no pay. Now their communities struggle to meet their basic care, medication and daily needs. Your generosity ensures that can age with dignity. Please give in gratitude for their lifelong commitment.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Mass schedule for the Feast Day is:
9:00am Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
12:15pm at St. John the Baptist Holy Trinity
4:00pm Vigil Mass at Assumption Church
10:00am at Assumption Church
(This is a Holy Day of Obligation)



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The 27th Annual Msgr. William Walsh Golf Tournament. . .

We are happy to share that with a picture perfect day, 23 teams and numerous sponsors, the tournament raised just over **\$17,000.00**, which will be used for the upkeep of our parish buildings. To date, \$5,000.00 of the proceeds will help with the new Sound System in Church.

Thanks to Jason from Tuscarora Pro Shop for having things run smoothly. As always, the food at Tuscarora was excellent! A huge shout out to Peter Cappuccilli and his crew!

Tournament Winners:

Mark Gildemeyer, Jeffrey Gildemeyer, Tim Coley , Keith Vaverchak and Eli McPartland(11yrs. old)

Longest Drive: Jeremy Greer

Closest to the Pin: Terry Quilty

Putting Contest: Michael Burke

50/50 Winner: Barry Carr

Scotty Cameron Putter: Jeremy Greer

Lottery Ticket Raffle-John Sereno

A special thank you to Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home for their continued support as the tournaments Major Sponsor. We are very grateful for all that you do for Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.

We hope to see you on the course or at dinner next year!

Calling All Children's Book Fanatics

We have books from our school library that are looking for a new home. Books range from a variety of reading levels, Grades K-6. If you are interested in giving these books a new life, please contact the parish office to schedule a time to visit the Library, 315-422-7163.

Bring your own bags or boxes!

Vocations

We are called to store up treasure in heaven where it won't decay, not here where it will. We gain this treasure by following God's call. What is calling you to? If it is the diaconate, religious life, or the priesthood, reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

Focus

Much of life is spent in toil, working to earn what we need to support ourselves and our families. Though this pursuit is necessary and good, the Lord reminds us not to fall into the trap of allowing work to become the sole foundation of our lives, particularly not to the extent that it leads us to forgo or delay building a life of discipleship.

Parish Offices Closed

The Parish Offices will be closed from August 14th to the 21st but we will have daily Mass Monday through Thursday at 9:00am in the Convent. If you need to reach us, please leave a message as we will be checking the answering machine on a regular basis. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

All Faiths Food Pantry

The All Faith Food Pantry sent Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter a nice thank you note thanking us for our financial support throughout the year as well as the Holy Thursday Collection, \$1,044.00. As the need gets greater our support is making differences in many lives.

Vietnamese Community Celebrates Our Lady of LaVang Feast Day

Join us as the Vietnamese Choir celebrates Our Lady of LaVang Feast Day on August 17th from 12:00pm-4:00pm in the Cafeteria. Please call Chi to RSVP, 315-459-1376.

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Sound System Upgrade

Dear friends!

I know there are many projects for us to embark on together in the coming months and years ahead. It is important not only to me, but also to your trustees, to your Parish and Finance Councils, that your generosity sees regular impacts and improvements on the life of our community. And I'm excited that one of the projects we are undertaking is renovation to the sound system in the church. Among the many things around our campus that could benefit from care, our attention to the audio needs will have an immediate impact on everyone coming through our doors, which is why this is where we are beginning. Our worship and prayer at Mass is dependent on our sincere participation, and since I've been with you, this has been one of the issues that is regularly raised and affects a large contingent of our parish family.

We want **all** to be able to be nourished by hearing the Word of the God proclaimed, with the homilies, various announcements, instructions from our cantors—all of which contribute to our care for every member of our parish. It has been a number of years since there have been undertakings to the degree that we plan, and so it will be a costly investment, but certainly not out of reach given all that is accomplished each year. The project in total will fix our current issues with audio clarity, speakers, consistency and balance of sound quality regardless of seat, and also avoid the soon-anticipated repairs coming due to the lifespan of our current system. There will also be a number of individual audio units available for those with hearing impairments. A new, modern sound system will ensure no one feels excluded from the Mass's beauty and meaning.

We estimate the cost of this upgrade at \$40,000. However, thanks to the sacrifices and generosity of many of our parish groups like The Holy Name Society, The St. Thérèse Society, the Vietnamese Community, and the Annual Msgr. Walsh Golf Tournament—a portion of this total has already been raised. Even the overage from having surpassed our Hope Appeal Goal from 2024 is making this special project possible. Because we know well the pride we take in our parish church and our stewardship to provide for her future, I'm inviting you to consider making a contribution to this project that will continue to uplift our beautiful liturgies for years to come. Please know that the contribution you offer, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this effort and for helping ensure that all can fully participate in the joy of the Mass and so that the Word of God may continue to transform our lives and be heard! Donations can be made through the Parish Office, or through the regular collections at Mass using the "Blue Envelope" which indicates support of this project and any overage in contributions once we've reached our goal will immediately contribute to the next improvements to our building and are restricted for that use.

May the Lord bless you all for your incredible generosity to our family of faith!

Rev. Brendan Foley

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Mass Book Opening, Mass Intentions & Offerings

As we prepare to open the 2026 Mass Book on August 25th, listed below are some frequently asked questions. These questions and answers may clear up some of the confusion on Mass limits and costs.

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?

The faithful are asked to make an offering to the priest. 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).

Where does the offering for a Mass intention go? The offering given for the celebration of a Mass is deposited into a restricted account for this purpose. It is then given to the priest celebrating the Mass. It is part of his salary. The priest may only receive one Mass offering per day even if he celebrates multiple Masses, unless the law of the Church allows more than one to be received (e.g., on Christmas). Additional Mass offerings received at the parish are used for the mission of the parish: worship, evangelization, care of those in need.

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.

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.

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 (e.g. the parochial vicar). 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 holy day 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.

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HAVE YOU HEARD??? THE WORLD RENOWNED VIENNA BOY CHOIR ARE RETURNING TO OUR PARISH THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!!!!

THIS WEEKEND WILL BE THE LAST ONE EXCLUSIVELY FOR PARISHIONERS OF Our Lady of Pompei/St Peters and St John the Baptist/Holy Trinity to choose/purchase preferred tickets before they go on sale to the General Public on August 4th.

Yes!!! The spectacular world renowned Vienna Boys Choir from Vienna Austria will be returning to Our Church for a performance on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00pm. If you had the delightful pleasure of experiencing their concert 3 years ago, we are sure you will agree is one that will never be forgotten. If you weren't able to attend then we hope you will this year. What an incredible gift to give others and or yourself. Wrapped in the spiritual magic and beauty of the Christmas Season, it is sure to be a joyful encore of 3 years ago.

As in the past, we have a diagram of the seats for people to choose their seats. Ticket prices are the same as the last concert \$100.00 and \$75.00 depending on seat preference. The seating chart is already filling in, as we have over 100 tickets sold already. So if there are particular seats you want to secure, be sure to visit us after masses or call the office (315 422 7163) soon.

We also have sponsorship and ad opportunities for those willing to support in this generous way. There will be a program booklet for the evening's performance with advertising opportunities, as well as pages for 'In Loving Memory', 'In Honor of and Friends of Pompei/St Peters' to remember and honor loved ones.

We will be in the back of church after all masses for preferred seating, sponsorship and ad opportunities or for more information. Or you can call or visit the Parish Offices (315 422 7163). As always, Cash, Checks and Credit Cards are accepted.

We hope you share in the excitement of this wonderful event and will join us for this spectacular evening!



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Vienna Boy Choir Meeting

The next meeting for the wonderful Vienna Boy Choir Committee is scheduled for August 6th at 5:00pm in the Parish Offices. Thank you to all committee members and those interested in joining in!

Jubilee Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Syracuse invites you to a special one-day Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, nestled in the breathtaking Berkshire Hills on the sacred ground of Eden Hill. This peaceful 375-acre site offers pilgrims the chance to encounter God's mercy through prayer, beauty and reflection.

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Cost: \$75 per person

Bus departs from Holy Cross Church in DeWitt with check-in beginning at 7:30 AM.

Take this opportunity to grow in faith, receive God's mercy, and share in a powerful day of pilgrimage with others from across the Diocese.

SEEK 26

Life-changing Catholic Conference particularly for College-aged and/or young adult professionals presented by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) happens January 1-5 every year. Over the past few years Fr. Foley has led a group from our diocese to attend, and he plans to do so again! If you are interested, please inquire with him (bfoley@syrdio.org)! Visit <https://seek.focus.org/> for more information. This particular group will be attending the main conference in Columbus OH. Plans and fundraising are currently ongoing, so the sooner you inquire the better!

We have a new mailing address! ***P.O.BOX 11082***

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church
P.O. Box 11082
Syracuse, New York 13218

We ask that you send all correspondence to our new mailing address ***Also, please note the zip code, 13218.***

Just as a side note: The address on your next packet of envelopes will reflect the old address.

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of August 9 & 10

Lectors:

4:00 pm Sandy Laurenti

7:30 am Nick Lore

11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team I

7:30 am Peter Battaglia

11:30 am Team I

Gift Bearers

If you have an intention for a loved one and would like to bring up the gifts at the weekend Masses, please let the Ushers know so that they can arrange for you to do so.

St. John Vianney

On August 4th we Honor St. John Vianney protector of parish priests. Born into a peasant family in Dardilly, France in 1786 he became a priest at age 32. In 1818, he was appointed a parish priest of Ars-en-Dombes, a remote town that had lapsed in faith, which he brought back to the Church using only prayer, mortification and example. The town became a pilgrimage site, where the "Holy Curate" heard confessions for long hours each day. He died in 1859 and was canonized in 1925. He is often depicted near Confessionals.