

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
James Stanley, Director of Music
D.J. Scarfino, Facilities Manager

Parish Office
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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
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.

Bulletin Deadline is Monday morning week of publication

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from the Pastor

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) there are of course many spaces of teaching that are vital to our lives, but specifically we might recall today his words, *"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness."* This connects simply to the beatitude, *Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God*–and it also calls to mind the truth that what we contemplate, we emulate. In practical terms, the things we allow to occupy our minds and hearts, the spaces of life that hold the greatest sway over us will ultimately be what impacts the 'fruit' we experience most. Consider now our second reading today.

St. Paul writes from a *prison* cell in his letter to the Philippians: "Have no anxiety at all". Much easier said than done. And yet, this is not cheap advice. At this point, we can say that St. Paul is not a man whose life has really gone 'according to plan.' He is there imprisoned because he said yes to Jesus. From that place he tells the Philippians—and us—not to live exclusively in the *future* tense. Anxiety lives in "what if" or "what about"…*this or that*… What if *this* does not work out? What if I chose the wrong path? What if I am lost and never find my way? Those questions feel responsible. They are actually a refusal to inhabit the only moment God has given us: this one; *now* in the *present*.

St. Paul's remedy, however, is not denial. It's not a dismissal of the real circumstances around him, or of the things that legitimately would cause one to fear or feel unstable and insecure. His remedy is rather a change of question. Instead of "what if," we might better ask "what is." What is true right **now**? Who is with you right now? What gift is already in your hands? Then take that reality to God: prayer, petition, and thanksgiving. Tell Him what you need. Thank Him for what you already have. Do it in the same breath.

The promise that follows is not that every circumstance will become easy. The promise is that the peace of God (Phil 4:9)—peace that does not wait for the situation to improve—will stand guard over your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. It is a promise of the Lord to never abandon us and to assure us of the constancy of his presence, no matter what.

St. Paul then tells us what to feed the mind that wants to wander into tomorrow: *whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious.* We do not drift into peace. We choose what we dwell on. As was said before, what we contemplate, we tend to emulate–if we are constantly consuming that which leads us to greater anxiety, if we are constantly allowing our minds and hearts to be filled with evils, with violence, with incessant gossip, with bitterness and resentments, we should expect that we will then only experience the 'fruit' of anxiety from what these things themselves produce. Yes, we might also acknowledge that there are instances where anxiety can be positive and the necessary human response to what is going on in our lives, and that's okay, the importance then lies within our response. We do not have to solve the whole journey today. The invitation from the Lord is always that he desires us to live in a state of grace, to simply do the next duty that can be reasonably done in our day, and speak to our Heavenly Father who already knows and is eager to share with us His presence. Just as we have been hearing for many Sunday's now, the 'vineyard' is His. The future is His. This hour, this 'now' is the one He has placed in your hands. Live it with thanksgiving, and let His peace keep you in the protection of His embrace.

October 4, 2026



Congratulations to Gabriella Corasanti & Logan Persse on their October 2 Wedding!

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of October 10th & 11th
4:00 pm Ro Scalzo
7:30 am Nick Lore
11:30 am Cindee Musumeci

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team II
7:30 am Bill Brown
11:30 am Team I

Our Address

We have had our P.O. Box address for over a year now and the mail will no longer get forwarded to us at the old address. So, please mail all correspondence to :
Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
P.O.Box 11082
Syracuse, New York 13218

The Annual Hope Appeal

We have received our first Hope Appeal Report. We had 20 parishioners make a pledge/donation thus far for a total of $2,070.49. We are off to a good start! This year our goal is $20,982.00. Let us try to reach our goal as soon as we can, so please prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge today.

Early Closure on Wednesdays

The Parish Office will continue to close on Wednesday's at 11:30am.



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.

September 20, 2026-$6,550.00
September 27, 2026-$4,242.00

Blue/Parking Lot-$535.00
Fuel-$735.00

As always,thank you for your support !!

No Tape Please

Our new Church envelopes have a new design and all the vital information on the back side of the envelope. So we ask that now more than ever you DO NOT use tape to hold the flap down. It is very difficult to remove the tape and keep all the important information intact. Thanks!

Online Giving

Want to use online giving for your Sunday Offering? You can set up your recurring donations by scanning the QR Code provided. Vanco is the company that processes your donations. They will provide you with a financial statement at the end of the fiscal year.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week We Remember....

Monday: October 5
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
In Honor of St. Michael /
John & Angela Cappuccilli

Tuesday: October 6
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
In Honor of Patty & Paul Ruggeri / Son, Joe

Wednesday: October 7
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Thursday: October 8
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
Frances Fragola / Son, Dale

Friday: October 9
No Daily Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Saturday: October 10
4:00 pm Mass in the Church
Bartholomew De Mascoli (B) / Son, Anthony
Vito Vesparer / Frank
David Petragnani 5 yr. Ann./ Aunt Marietta
Vito Toia / Betty & Family
Sandra Colantone / Family
Susie DeLorio / Liz & Tony Madonna

Sunday: October 10
7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Mary Ellen Sunser (B) / Family

11:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter
Nicola Mastrogiovanni / Family
James Albanese / Rosalie Trinca
Stephen & Katherine Racko / The Racko Family
Antonio Paduano / Veronica & Henry Pagano
Anthony James Cannizzaro /
John & Margherita
Deceased of the Mule & Cannizzaro Families /
John & Margherita
Columbus Monument Corporation Honorees &
James Albanese /
Columbus Monument Corporation



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During
The Week In
Loving Memory Of
Nicki Penizotto
Requested by The Scarfino Family

Bereavement



Remember in your prayers,
Antoinetta Albino, whose Funeral Masses we celebrated 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.

Let us pray as one family

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parishes. Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arlene Bukowski, Dominick Brancato, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, John & Leona Ciferni, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Hank Donohue, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Audrey Emmi, Marilyn Ferretti, Ruth Fabrizi, Ellen Gangemi,Gladys Graham, 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, Rita Nicoletti, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Emily Rosenthal, Francesca Santoro, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Fran Ward, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

St. Therese Meeting

The next St. Therese Meeting is October 22nd at 1:00pm in the Convent. This month there will be a speaker from the Health Department speaking about Breast Care Awareness. Hope you will join us!

September 27, 2026

Mary's Closet Updates

For the month of September we served 126 children! That means we gave away 126 PJ's, 252 outfits and 6,300 diapers to those in need. There are so many in our community that are in need of our assistance.

Call for Singers!

The Sacred Music Society of Syracuse is seeking interested singers and students (16 and older) from Diocese to join a Festival Choir in its performance of the St. Cecilia Mass by Charles Gounod as a concert, with orchestra, under the direction of Peter Ciarelli, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 2pm on Sunday, November 23rd. Rehearsals will be at St. Daniel's Church from 3:00pm to 5:00pm Sundays from, October 4 through November 15th. The Concert is free and open to the public. No experience required. Music for the Mission will accept donations to help feed the homeless. For more info or to sign up, please call Megan Fallon at 315-727-6336 or email at syrdiofestshorus@gmail.com.

Word of the Lord

"When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the mother of life. Mary's acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices."

Training In The Parish Office

For **all** those who help at Mass, Ushers, Lectors, those assisting with Communion, Choir Members, anyone helping in the Sacristy--are to be Safe Environment trained. This is to ensure the safety of all our young people or vulnerable adults, and also to protect our volunteers, too.

Pre-Registration required online (https://syracusediocese.org/initial-safe-environment-training-for-adults)

We are having our own training on November 14th in the parish Office at 10:00am, so mark your calendars.

Mass Book Is Open

The 2027 Mass Book is open!! Cost for each Mass Intention is $15.00.

The Bread & Wine for the week is $25.00.

- Eucharistic Angels are $10.00 each. There are two candles. You may purchase one or two.
- The Sanctuary Lamps are also $10.00 each with the option to purchase one or two.
- The Padre Pio Candle is $10.00 for the week.

Please remember that we are only allowed to have one Mass Intention for Daily Masses and the 7:30am Mass on Sunday. At the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass as well as the 11:30am Mass we are allowed to have 5 Intentions.

Religious Education Classes Have Begun

Registration is newly available online! Visit our parish website to complete the digital form. Paper forms are still available in the gathering space for those who need.
Saturday, October 3rd at the 4pm Mass will be a kick off Mass for Faith Formation/ Religious Education Students for all families and youth in all grades, for a Bilingual-English/Vietnamese Mass. We will bless our students and families and their catechists! It will be a beautiful celebration for our parish family!

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Join Us-

A Special Evening of Recollection, Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday Oct 20. 5:45-7pm in the Convent Chapel at OLP/SP. Fr. Foley will provide a brief reflection and over scripture passages and points for meditation to begin the time, then Eucharitic Adoration will follow, with Fr. alternating periods of song and silence for the hour prior to Benediction. Please join! This will be the start to a (hopefully) monthly endeavor! All are welcome, even to drop in late or leave early if need be--just come for the additional time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! More info to come.

Feast of St. Francis

Don't forget that today after the Sunday Mass at Assumption (the Feast of St. Francis!) They are having a parish celebration and later there is a blessing of animals! Feel free to go and support our neighbors and have your pets blessed! Blessings to our Friar Friends and for their presence with us.

International Food Festival

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity's Annual International Food Festival is Saturday, October 17th from 12-4:30pm in the cafeteria/parish center in the old school building.

Samples are $2.00 each. They will have their famous fried dough and a bake sale. There will be gift Certificates from local businesses for raffling. Drop in and support our neighbors for some delicious bites and raffles.

Fr. Foley

Fr. Foley will be away for his annual retreat which is part of the class he has been in over the past 3 years. He will be away and in silence(!) from Oct 5-13, he has promised to remember us in prayer each day and is grateful for your prayers for him, too. In the meantime, special thanks to Fr. Adelmo, Fr. Paul, and Fr. Kelly who are helping cover while he's away! Thank you for your understanding!

Parking Lot Update:

Thank you to all those who have increased offerings for our effort to care for our parking lots!

We are still collecting bids from various contractors for our project next year, and once we have determined the best possible option we will be able to set the fundraising goal for ourselves. Because of the magnitude of this kind of work, it is very costly, meaning we will likely be striving to raise close to $80-100k for the completely new lot (which is also why we are currently consulting many bids to find the right option).

So as to provide some additional safety to hold us over until the next spring and summer for us to accomplish the official restoration, with the guidance of the Parish Finance Council, we opted to do some repairs and patch work that would provide greater safety in the interim

October 4, 2026

Dear Friends,

Please know of my deepest gratitude for your generosity
and our parish family's presence to be part of
the Catholic Charities reception this past week.

It's the greatest honor of my life to be able to serve in this vocation, and it would be entirely impossible without the accompaniment of God's grace and your goodness to be with me in the vineyard of the Lord.

Join me in prayer that the Lord may continue to bless and multiply our efforts here, making up for wherever we lack, and that many more will make it their choice in life to wholeheartedly serve the Lord and all our brothers and sisters.

Sons of Italy Celebrate Italian Heritage & Culture Month With Columbus Day Dinner Dance

The Progresso Lodge #1047, Order Sons and daughters of Italy in America will celebrate its 63rd Annual Italian Heritage & Columbus Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 17th at Bella Domani Restaurant. In North Syracuse.

The evening's festivities will include cocktail and hors-d'oeuvres beginning at 6:30pm, followed by a full course sit down dinner(with choice of Beef Tenderloin Steak or Salmon with Balsamic Glaze). A Venetian Table will also be had, consisting of delicious homemade cookies and pastries. Music for dancing or listening pleasure will be provide by the Franco Gallelli Band from Rochester. There will also be basket raffles.

The dinner is open to the public and everyone is welcome. The cost is $60.00 per person. For more information and or reservations, you may call Carmine Federico at 315-457-5010 or email him at cfederic39@yahoo.com.