



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
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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

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.

July 13, 2025

A Message from the Pastor

For most, the parable of the Good Samaritan is a very familiar story, and we know its lofty call to action, too. It is important to remember that, like the scholar who puts the question to Jesus in our Gospel today, each of us can have a tendency to reduce who we see as our "neighbor" or to narrow who we are willing to extend mercy toward. We can find excuses at any moment as to why we should or shouldn't help someone in need, why we would rather avoid this person or that one, why we will or will not forgive, etc.—it's easier and more comfortable for us to extend mercy when it's on our terms. But yet, it is helpful for us to have this parable's reminder presented to us again and to approach it with fresh eyes and ears, because Jesus embodies a far more radical and challenging kind of love.

St. Augustine offers insightful commentary on this passage from Luke's Gospel inviting us to look even deeper at who truly is the Good Samaritan. Augustine examines the details and invites us to see this exact parable as the description of salvation history, and to come to know Jesus' heart for humanity. For example, simply recognizing the setting of this story: *a man on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho*. Augustine says this reflects Adam's original sin and exile from the garden of Eden, God's earthly dwelling place: A man leaves Jerusalem, the place of the temple, the place of God's dwelling—the place of life— and chooses rather to leave and set out for the town of Jericho—idiomatically the *farthest* place from God's dwelling, the place of self-indulgence, of sin and immorality—a place of darkness and death, where compassion would not be sought.

Beaten by thieves, left half-dead along the way is the description of the interior reality of what happens when sin dwells in our being. Choosing sin time and time again we are robbed of our communion with God, left longing for true life and real healing that can only come from God. And so, of course, who is the Good Samaritan? It is Jesus. It is Jesus who was sent by the Father into the depths of our darkness and abandonment to heal us, save us, redeem us, bring us back to life in Him.

Take note! How does Jesus do it? He comes seeking us! He goes out in search of us! He lifts us up on his own animal, which Augustine says is the image of the Church, and takes us to a place where we can recover and find refuge. How does he heal us? He pours wine and oil deep into the wounds. Of course, Augustine says, this is Jesus pouring out the Sacramental life of the Church. Oil anoints us when we are sick, oil anoints us in baptism, confirmation, and holy orders to be conformed to the life of God. The wine directs us to the Eucharist, the same blood of Christ that when his body is in us we have His life sustaining us.

This is Jesus. That's how Jesus operates. He draws near to us in our desperation and poverty, he himself is the means of healing, he pays the price for our wounds, to bring us back to life. How important it is for us, my friends, to see this passage as the reminder that we are left half-dead on the side of the road, or rather, **we are only half-alive when we try to live our own way, when we try to go into life without the Lord**. As Moses says to the flock in his midst, "You know this, this level of love is close to you, in you, in your heart, on your lips, but now you just need to live it." What keeps you from living it? What keeps you from being fully connected to Jesus throughout your day? Because remember that Jesus comes to you always seeking to give you life. When you see yourself as the one on the side of the road in need of new life and healing, keep in mind that Jesus is longing for you to meet him far more than you could ever imagine. The story of the Good Samaritan is much more of a picture of how the Lord draws near to us. And so we keep the words of the Psalmist today on our lips and in our hearts, because it is the Lord who runs to our aid to give us life: *To you, Lord, I lift up my prayer, come to my aid quickly; hear me according to your clemency, faithful God in help. Listen to me, Lord, for you are good, and turn your eyes to me in your calf.*

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Join us for a Tuscarora Dinner !

Our 27th Annual Msgr. William L. Walsh Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 21st at Tuscarora Golf Club. If you don't golf why not gather your friends and treat yourself to a delicious dinner while spending time with the golfers, cost \$30.00.

For the golfers, lunch will be served at 11:30am followed by a Shotgun start at 12:30pm. We follow the Captain & Crew Format, Steak Dinner & Awards and Prizes. Cost-Just \$150.00 per golfer! Gather your foursomes now! Registration Forms are on all of the Bulletin Boards in Church.

Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home is our Presenting Sponsor again this year! Would you or your company like to become a hole sponsor for \$100.00 or would you like to donate something for a door prize?

Please call Lauri at the parish office for more information, 315-422-7163 or Joe Penizotto at 315-415-7468.

Vocations

It was the man who treated the stranger with mercy that Christ affirms in His parable today, and He tells us to do likewise. Is Christ asking you to dispense His mercy to people through the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

Word of Life

"Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory.

A Family Perspective

Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or do they see you avoiding others like the Levite in today's gospel. Worry more about what your children see in YOUR LIFE than what they see on TV.

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 6, 2025-\$5,122.00

Universal Pre-K Rent-\$3,781.00

In Loving Memory of Frances DiBello-\$3,767.00

Blue-\$266.00

Thank you to everyone for their generosity! Please remember Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter in your Will as Frances did. 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: July 14

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Luigi Cannata / Tim Landon

Tuesday: July 15

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

Wednesday: July 16

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Louise Nave / Son, Marty

Thursday: July 17

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

Friday: July 18

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

Saturday: July 19

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Esther Pagano 2yr. Ann. / Family
Benny, Terry & Joseph Cimino/Family
Santa & John Andoloro / Patrick & Connie Rozyczko
Sister Elizabeth Lennon / Joanne Licitra
Rosemary Nastri / Marty Nave

Sunday: July 20

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Rose Neri / TR Schepp
Joe Cimino / The Pitch Team

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Sister Elizabeth Lennon / The Racko Family
Maryann Vigliotti / Fran & Giovanni Valentino
Angelo Cannata (B) / Daughters
William Bowen / Wife, Carm
Margaret & Peter Misiano / Carm
Ann Corcoran / Sister, Carm

Month of July

July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus!
This month, let us reflect on Jesus' sacrifice on the
Cross and the blood he shed for our salvation.



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
Louise Nave

Requested by Son, Marty



Padre Pio Devotional

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



Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, Phyllis Scherbert
and Anna Smith, whose Funeral Mass we
celebrated this week. Our deepest sympathy to
their families.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let
perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest
in peace.*

Your Prayer Intentions

Do you have a special intention you'd like lifted
in prayer? The Diocese of Syracuse invites you
to submit your prayer intentions online. Our
Diocesan Prayer Companions together with
Bishop Lucia, will be praying for all intentions
we receive.

We'd love to hear how God is working in your
life! If your prayers have been answered, please
share your testimony with us by emailing
info@syrdio.org.

Let us join together in faith and prayer as a
community of hope and love. Submit your
intentions today!



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of July 12 & 13

Lectors:

4:00 pm Sandy Laurenti
7:30 am Maryann Iannettone
11:30 am Frank Brice

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team I
7:30 am Maurice Etheredge
11:30 am Team III

Thank You for Making an Impact!

We are grateful for your support of the 2024 HOPE Appeal. In today's bulletin you will find the HOPE Impact Report summary with a thank you from Bishop Lucia. On behalf of the many individuals and families who were helped by your goodness, thank you for spreading hope. We also surpassed our goal! Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter received a check totaling over \$1,000.00 through parish sharing. (going over our goal)
The full version of the report can be found at <https://syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal>.

SEEK26

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@syrдио.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!

Vienna Boy Choir Tickets Now On Sale

The excitement is in the air and ticket sales are now underway for the Vienna Boys Choir Concert performing at our church on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00pm. The Our Lady of Pompei/St Peters and St John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Parishes have the first opportunity to purchase seats the next 3 weeks before opening up to the General Public on August 4th. The seating chart is ready and we are so excited to start filling it. 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.

Last week was our first committee meeting and the table was full of wonderful, supportive 'on board parishioners'!! We can't thank you enough as well as those we have reached to since the meeting and those that are on but couldn't make it. Thank you to all!! The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 6th at 5:00 in the Parish Offices.

We have so much ahead as a Parish Family anticipating and hosting this world renowned concert. Not only for committee members, volunteers, sponsorships, ads for the program book, and those attending, but also sharing our parish pride and unity in reaching to the community and welcoming concert goers to our wonderful Parish.

We hope you will be part of it all in whatever ways you are able. ❤️

