



## ***Congratulations***

We joyfully congratulate the following Religious Education Students who have received their Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 2, 2026 at the Church of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to receive Jesus.

A special thank you to their teacher, Maryann Iannettone.

***Emilia DeMascole***

***Roman A. Dina***

***Lorenzo Madonna***

***Lisa Meh***

***Francesca Marshall***

***Jake Nguyen***

***Kenny Phan***

***Yenni Phung***

***Alora Quinones***

***Teresa Romagno***

***Mariana Thai***

***John Vu***

***Rebecca Lee***

***Shar Mar***

***Poe Meh***

# May 3, 2026

## A Message from the Pastor

I've been particularly attentive to the progression of our Gospel readings over the last few Sundays. If we step back, what the Masses are offering for our reflection is so consoling for us to receive. (2nd Sunday of Easter) Jesus mercifully speaks to Thomas as he speaks to all of us—touch him, see the transformation of his wounds, they are not evidence of his destruction but rather evidence of resurrected life! Do not be unbelieving, but believe! (3rd Sunday) Recall again the very day of the Resurrection and the beautiful significance of Jesus among all the things he could've done first, he chooses to come in veiled appearance to walk a long road with the disciples who loved him who were crushed under the weight of their grief, even carrying a hopelessness in their hearts. Jesus doesn't immediately take away the pain, but he stays with them, and invites faith to grow in them to believe that the cross was not a defeat but necessary for the final victory of love and triumph over sin, suffering and death.

Last Sunday, (4th Sunday) we look back to Jesus' desire to protect and guard, to care for his flock; Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not merely a hired hand. As the Good Shepherd he has knowledge of each of his sheep, intimately he calls each by name, freeing them to follow him, to live in verdant pastures with the confidence that only comes from belonging to Him. Jesus himself fulfills the prophecy and promise made by God, that he himself will come and shepherd his sheep (Ezekiel 34). Cumulatively, what do we receive? I'd like to suggest that the call of our discipleship, our faith in the Lord, is something intended to grant us a heart transformed with divine strength, a heart that is fearless. Now enter our Gospel passage for today, the 5th Sunday of Easter.

If you were to open the Gospel of John and begin a few verses prior to what we hear proclaimed at Mass, you would find details helpful for contextualizing our reading. It's the interaction just before the beginning of the Last Supper Discourse (John 14-17), and Jesus' foretelling of Peter's denial that would come as Jesus goes to embrace his Passion. Jesus had again informed his apostles of what was about to happen, but with their misunderstanding of all that was to come to pass and at the thought of Jesus' absence from them, what stirs in their hearts and minds are fear, anxiety, and distrust. But we know well these words of Jesus we hear today, and they still echo with profound truth for our consolation just as they did for the apostles: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places...I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."

All this is to say that the Apostles, and us following in their footsteps, are never to be abandoned in our fear, never to be left wanting in our suffering and pain. And too simply put, the first and second readings from Mass today (Acts and 1 Peter) offer us pieces of the puzzle that reveal that the Church, the mystical body of Christ—you and me as living stones, baptized, living members that build up the Church on earth—are part of the necessary framework that provides a foundation for the Lord to continuing living out his promise to be with us always. The Sacramental life of the Church, especially in its source and summit, the Eucharist, is our undeniable access to Jesus. Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. His life, hidden in the Eucharist, sustains us with power over sin, suffering, and death—and will forever be our strength for the journey. May the joy and consolation of this most pivotal truth of the Gospel be our comfort and refuge always, and may Jesus draw us deeper into communion with his Heavenly Father. Prayerful congratulations to all our children who are making their first communion this weekend at our parish! May the Lord bless them, their families, and their Catechists who have been accompanying them!

Many thanks to all those who made the "Baskets and Bites" celebration a tremendous success and really just a fun and joyous night for our parish family and beyond. It couldn't have been done without our incredible volunteers and your generous support. Thank you for your promotion and invitation to our extended friends and parishioners from afar who came home to OLP/SP to visit and join us. Efforts like this are always blessings for our parish and community at large as they bring us all together, especially to break bread together and care for one another. We are already looking forward to what's next! May God bless you all and continue to bless our parish family!

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## ***Ticket On Sale After Masses***

The Holy Name Raffle Tickets are still on sale and only a few tickets left! Tickets are \$50.00 each. The drawing will be here before you know it, May 13th. The prizes are as follows: 1st- \$5,000.00, 2nd- \$1,000.00, 3rd- \$1,000.00 and 4th-\$500.00.

Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 to purchase your tickets or for any questions.

## ***Liturgical Ministers***

Weekend of May 9th & 10th

4:00 pm Toni Paglia

7:30 am Jim Magnarelli

11:30 am Frank Brice

## ***Eucharistic Ministers:***

4:00 pm Team I

7:30 am Bill Brown

11:30 am Team III

## ***Religious Education***

***Confirmation*** date is May 16th at 5:15pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

## ***Sacrificial Giving***

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

April 19, 2026-\$4,354.00

Catholic Home Mission-\$168.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## ***Fr. Foley's Schedule***

At the end of next week Fr. Foley is bringing a group of discerners to visit the seminary as part of his role in the Vocations Office. Only changes to the schedule is that there are no confessions at OLP/SP this week (May 6). Fr. Lester will be hearing confessions at St. John's/HT on Thursday during the normal time. Please pray for these young men accompanying Father and for the Holy Spirit to continue to watch over them and encourage them as they discern their calling with the Lord!

## ***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 tithes to our faith community.

## ***Msgr. William L. Walsh Golf Tournament***

This year the Golf Tournament will again be held at Tuscarora Golf Club in Marcellus on July 20th. We will use the same Captain and Crew Format with a Shotgun start at Noon. So save the date!!

## ***Lets Celebrate***

Please save the date as we celebrate Father Foley's 5th Anniversary of his Ordination on Saturday, June 6th with a special 4:00pm Mass and party to follow in the Parish Office & Courtyard. We are also celebrating the Feast of Peter. We will ask you to please RSVP to the Parish Office, 3154227163 for planning purposes! Stay tuned for more information.

## ***Northside Neighbors***

Northside Councilor Marty Nave will host his next Constituent meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 7pm. Gethsemane Church at 1700 Butternut Street. Our guest speaker will be Laura Hand discussing Schiller Park. All are invited. Thank You.

## ***Word Of Life***

"In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it."



## ***Wedding Banns***

3. Olivia Procopio & Christian Cittell

# May 3, 2026

## ***This Week We Remember....***

### **Monday: May 4**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Henry & Esther Pagano/ Veronica & Henry Pagano

### **Tuesday: May 5**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Robert M. Blasi / Mom, Marietta & Son, Mitchell

### **Wednesday: May 6**

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Richard Ward 6yr. Ann./ Wife & Family

### **Thursday: May 7**

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Richard Allen Monte & Family / Joe

### **Friday: May 8**

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

### **Saturday: May 9**

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
John Bottega (B) / Son, Louis  
Nicola Mastrogiovanni / The Colavita Family  
Maria Calabrese (B) / Connie & Carlos  
Maria, Nick & Frank Meola / Frank  
Henry & EWsther Pagano / Mary, Ann & Elizabeth  
Palma Rose Trinca / Elizabeth Reagan & Family

### **Sunday: May 10**

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
All Mother, Grandmothers, Godmother & Aunts

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## ***Bread and Wine***

For Masses Celebrated During The Week  
In Loving Memory Of  
***Francine Varisco Magnarelli***  
Requested By Jim, Alex & Allison



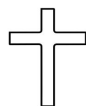
## ***Eucharistic Angels***

Burning In Loving Memory of  
***Robert Bilotti (B)***  
Requested by Wife & Children



## ***Padre Pio Devotional***

Burning In Loving Memory of  
***Connie Carioti***  
Requested by Maria & Ronnie Gallipeau



## ***Let us pray as one family***

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parishes.

Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, John & Leona Ciferni, Vic Coogan, 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, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Robert Verone, Shelly Visco, Fran Ward, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

## ***Bereavement***

Remember in your prayers, Joseph Riccelli, whose Funeral Masses we celebrated this week. Our deepest sympathy to his family.



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

## ***Postcards Are Out***

Thank you to those who continue to donate new baby items to Mary's closet! You can drop them off at the parish office or bring them to church with you on the weekend if you would like. This week we received 4 summer outfits, 6 onesies and several receiving blankets & books!

Father has distributed 100's of postcards last week to the people and areas in most need.

## ***Help Lead the Rosary in May***

We are looking for someone to lead the Rosary before each Mass in the month of May. If you are not comfortable leading from the pulpit, you may lead from your pew. Please let Father Foley know if you are interested.

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## **BASKETS AND BITES...FUN, EXCITING AND DELICIOUS!!! MANY THANKS TO MANY GENEROUS AND WONDERFUL PEOPLE!!**

Oh what a night!!!! Thank you to everyone that made the night such a wonderful success. This was the first year that we combined two of our traditional favorites...Taste of Pompei and Basket Bonanza and we think everyone present will agree it was a great merger. Combining the incredible culinary talents of our generous Chef Parishioners and Bakers with the creativity and generosity of the donors of our Basket and Raffle items it truly was wonderful! Of course none of it would be what it was without the support from our incredible volunteers and the attendees.

We raised \$13,000.00 and filled our school cafeteria with over 300 wonderful parishioners and guests. Even though the format was a little different to accommodate the combining of the two events we don't feel anything was lost in the best of both events.

There are so many people to thank from our chefs..starting with our wonderful pastor Father Foley and his famous Tortellini soup, Jim Robinson's Chicken Riggies, Joe Losurdo's Pasta Bolognese, Tino and Angie Porrinos Eggplant Parm, Eric Rosenthal's Cajun Butter smoked Pork loin, and his popular Colcannon, Tony Paris' Utica Greens, Anthony and Jenn Pham and our wonderful Vietnamese Community for their ever so popular and delicious egg rolls (Anthony and Jenn), spring rolls (An Dung Tran), fried rice (Xuan Chi) and chicken glass noodles (Vicky Danh), Maria Lattanzio Wedes Mediterranean salad and all the fixins, Michael and A.J. Cimino sauce and meatballs, our Holy Names Society' garlic pizza, Lucy's tortellini alfredo, and Cathys Comer's Corner Cafe Turkey Carving Station. Lots of food...lots of deliciousness. And our bakers..oh our bakers...all homemade beautiful, plentiful, incredible baked goods.... Jackie Cimino, Michelle Cimino, Nicole Cimino, Carol Dippold, Nancy Quigg, Noreen Zakreski, Mary Linda Raccuia, Betty Jane Toia, Maria Dracker, Abby Wallace, Biscottis Café, Marquiritte Fiorello, Joanne Pasquale Galli, Kim Robinson, Dan Aquilino and last but not least ...our wonderful committee and volunteers...Father Foley, The Paris and Rosenthal Families, Lauri Gildemeyer, Michelle, A.J. Michael and Jackie Antonacci Cimino, Jim and Kim Robinson, Joe and Margaret Losurdo, Tino and Angie Porrino, Angela Albanese, Cindee Musemeci, Peter Penizotto, Christina Palazzoli and family, and our amazing confirmation students.

A special thank you to our wonderful (don't know what we would do without you) Holy Name Society for their generous donations of the beverages and lovely floral centerpieces.

A big shout out to Lenny and Maria Scarfino DiBello for our new cream round tablecloths that made their debut Saturday and will surely see many, many future events!!!!

Thank you each and every one of you for your generosity, kindness', cooperation, enthusiasm, warmth, support and the obvious sharing of great love for our Parish and Parish Family.

