



# 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 Manger  
Mary Beth Meade, Director of Religious Education  
James Stanley, Director of Music  
D.J. Scarfino, Facilities Manager

### Parish Office

920 North McBride Street, Syracuse, NY 13208  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

### Contact Information

Parish Office: 315.422.7163  
Religious Education Office: 315.422.7163  
Email: olopsyracuse@syrдио.org  
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

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.

# First Sunday of Lent

## A Message from the Pastor

Hooray Lent! More intentional prayer and sacrifice! I'm sure you all are as excited as I am! Okay maybe you're not as excited. But something that may encourage us to approach Lent this year with fresh eyes (or enthusiasm!) is making ourselves aware of the Jubilee Year which we currently find ourselves in. The Jubilee is not an "extra" or an "add-on" to the Christian faith. It actually lies at the very center of Scripture, salvation history, and Jesus' mission as the Messiah. The Church's Jubilee years are ultimately grounded in the biblical Jubilee Year, which—according to Leviticus 25—came around every 50 years, and was celebrated by forgiving all debts, granting freedom to all in bondage, returning everyone to their homes and family, and allowing everyone to rest in God's fullness. **Forgiveness, freedom, family, and fullness: these were the goals of the Jubilee, and these goals were reached by four actions: redemption, release, return, and rest.**

What if *these* goals were part of our own goals with the Lord for our season of Lent? Forgiveness—Have we asked forgiveness for ourselves from God, most concretely in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Have we asked forgiveness from others? Have we extended forgiveness to others? Who in my life is it most difficult to extend mercy toward? How does the Lord see that person? Engaging the radical nature of God's mercy and his patience to work with our ongoing conversion of heart leads us to image the heart of God and in return we will find release from chains that bind us and in turn offer profound hope to enliven us. This stems from the power of Jesus' Cross and Resurrection.

Again these 'goals' might be different ways of thinking about our season of Lent, but the reality is, Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving are to be a part of every season of our lives as disciples. We are intended to see that these practices lead us to be fully human and give direction to our lives.

**Jubilee** is at the heart of God's call on our lives. The Lord desires us to recall our redemption or his re-claiming us as his own beloved, to turn away from the things that enslave us and return to rejoice and find rest in him. We need to be set free. Whenever the Lord "sets free" it is always a freedom for the purpose of relationship. We could say that the goal of our Lenten practices, the goal of the Bible, of the Holy Mass, and every sacrament is to draw us more fully into God's "Jubilee" to the power of this freedom, hope, and rest. I urge us all to put aside any indifference or fatigue, and to fully embrace—with joy!—the opportunity for conversion and deeper experience of God's presence that the 2025 Jubilee presents us. May it be a blessed Lent for us all, and may Jesus draw us closer to him through the power of his mercy.

# March 9, 2025

## ***Centennial Corner***

Father Daniel Caruso shared regarding the LeMoyne Education Program that “it was a great blessing & it was a way LeMoyne supported the ministry of our parish school. Those students that came to work here were very remarkable - if you can make it here you can make it anywhere - but the reward for the students was incredible.” Father Dan shared “I think LeMoyne recognized what we were doing here in the outreach to the poor, blended really well with what they were called to do as a Jesuit institution with reaching out to spread the faith & to serve the poor & they look at this as an opportunity for them to assist in doing the work we are all called to do”

## ***Save the Dates for our 100th Year Happenings***

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

March 15-16 Coffee Hour after all Masses to celebrate our parish meeting our Hope Appeal Goal!

April 6 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny sponsored by the Holy Name Society in the cafeteria from 9:00am to 11:30am.

April 26th a 4:00 Centennial Mass followed by the 6:00pm Centennial Gala.

May 10th is Basket Bonanza – Please start planning to donate a basket for this event. Our goal is 60 baskets!!

May 14th is the Holy Name Society Raffle!! So buy your tickets now.



## ***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.

March 2, 2025-\$7,169.00  
Blue Envelope-\$215.00

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

## ***STEWARDSHIP PRAYER***

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. Amen.

## ***Northside Neighbors***

The Dale Street Neighborhood Watch invites all Northside residents to meet with 1st District Councilor Marty Nave. The date is Thursday March 6th at 7pm, Gethsemane Church, 1700 Butternut Street. Email [mnave@syr.gov](mailto:mnave@syr.gov) for information.

# First Sunday of Lent

## *This Week We Remember*

### **Monday: March 10**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Rose & John Davis, Ann. / Son, Michael

### **Tuesday: March 11**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

### **Wednesday: March 12**

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

### **Thursday: March 13**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Paul Baker / Jack Fonak

### **Friday: March 14**

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

### **Saturday: March 15**

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Benny & Terry Cimino / Son, Joseph  
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family  
Sandra Colantone / Family  
Henry & Carmella Vercillo, W. Ann / Children

### **Sunday: March 16**

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Francine Virisco Magnarelli / Jim, Allison & Alex

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Francesco Vigliotti, Ann. / Antimo & Family  
Anthony Caracci / Sister, Joanne  
Sadie Fabrizi / Anthony & Tina Vecchio  
Esther Sindoni / Members of the Progresso Lodge  
Anthony James Cannizzaro & the Deceased Members  
of the Mule` & Cannizzaro Families/  
John & Margherita



## ***Padre Pio Devotional***

Burning In Loving Memory of  
***Esther & Henry Pagano***  
Requested By Liz & Anthony

## ***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.

## ***A Family Perspective***

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God's work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

## ***Vocations***

Moses instructed the priests to be intercessors of the people, presenting the offerings of the people to Lord God. Is calling you to intercede for the people to the Lord, presenting them as a deacon, priest, or religious would? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org) and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

# March 9, 2025

## ***Holy Name Raffle Tickets In High Demand***

Another 50 Raffle Tickets have been added to the Holy Name Raffle. So there will be 250 tickets instead of 200. The demand is high and the prizes are BIGGER!! The tickets are \$50.00 each.

1st Prize-\$4,000.00

2nd Prize-\$1,000.00

3rd Prize-\$500.00

4th Prize- \$500.00

5th Prize-\$500.00

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.

## ***Let's Celebrate***

Kick off St. Patrick's Day with a Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner with Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society on March 9th from 4:00pm-7:00pm at Cathy's Corner Cafe, 920 Avery Avenue, Syracuse 13204.

There will be raffles baskets, cash bar and live music with Tommy Connors. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Tickets are PreSale Only. Take out is available upon request.

Proceeds benefit the Society whose mission is to support children with tuition assistance, mentoring and tutoring programs.

For meal purchases & sponsorship opportunities: visit [GuardianAngelSoc.org](http://GuardianAngelSoc.org) or call 315-422-7218.

## ***Magnificat***

As we approach the beginning of Lent we have made available copies of the *Magnificat Lenten Companion on all side Altar and entrances*. This is a powerful resource that offers a brief reflection for each day of Lent. We encourage you to make the commitment to read this booklet each day. If you didn't take one home yet, there are still copies available at both parishes.

## ***Adoration***

This Lenten Season we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday in church during Lent, March 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd, 9th & 16th. Adoration will be from 4:30-6:00pm. There will be silence as well as music (Fr. Foley will be singing). So please make every effort to attend.

## ***Dinner Dance***

The Progresso Lodge #1047, Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America, will celebrate it's 49th Annual St. Joseph. St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on Sunday March 16th at Bella Domani Restaurant at 5:30pm.

Music for dancing and listening pleasure will be provided by the Joey Nigro & John Nilsen Duo. All persons named Joseph, Josephine, Patrick or Patricia will be honored. There will also be basket raffles.

Dinner is open to the public and everyone is welcome. The cost is \$45.00 per person, which includes gratuity. Reservations are required in advance and must be made by March 12th. For reservations call Carmine at 315-457-5010 or 315-657-1062 or email [cfederic39@yahoo.com](mailto:cfederic39@yahoo.com)

## ***Survey***

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter along with all the parishes of our diocese are partnering with Catholic Leadership Institute to do a survey in order to help us grow in discipleship and assess our parish family's greatest opportunities and strengths. The first step of this process for each parish is to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI), a 10-15 minute survey designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
  - Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
  - And help parishioners grow in their faith.
- Bishop Lucia is asking all of us to complete this survey that will be conducted beginning on Ash Wednesday. Please consider participating to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future.

# First Sunday Of Lent



## *Gifts of Gratitude*

Why are people invited to bring up the gifts at the Offertory during Mass? What is the purpose and why is it a privilege to participate in it?

In today's first reading, the Israelites are instructed to bring their first fruits as an offering to God, symbolizing gratitude and recognition of His provision. In the Mass, the offerings of bread and wine can be seen as analogous to these first fruits. The faithful bring forth their gifts, which are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ during the Eucharistic celebration. This act symbolizes our offering of ourselves and our lives to God.

Inviting people to participate in the Offertory presentation is an ancient custom dating back to the 2nd century in a commentary by St. Justin Martyr and again by St. Augustine in the 5th century. Both acknowledged that it as a beautiful symbolic gesture and an admirable exchange that takes place where the faithful return their gifts to God.

The act of presenting offerings is fundamentally an expression of thanksgiving. In the Mass, the Eucharist itself is derived from the Greek word "eucharistia," meaning "thanksgiving." Just as the Israelites acknowledged God's blessings and deliverance through their offerings, the Eucharistic celebration invites the faithful to give thanks for the ultimate gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

**If you and your family would like to bring up the Gifts, please let an Usher know and they will arrange for it to happen!**

## *Fish Dinner*

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity famous Lenten Fish Dinners will be held at the Pastime Club, 1314 North Salina Street on Ash Wednesday March 5th, and on the Fridays of Lent Starting on March 7th.

Dinners will be \$15.00 each with offerings of our famous baked fish, NEW fried fish and other dinner choices.

## *The Pretzel Trio...*

- 1.The Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 2.The Three Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Love (Charity)
- 3.The Three Disciplines of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving The three holes in the pretzel have been used as symbols for the teaching of the faith. They can represent:  
Notice that the pretzel is shaped like a heart!

***The Pretzel Story...*** The pretzel has a deep spiritual meaning for Lent. In fact, it was the ancient Christian Lenten bread as far back as the fourth century. In the old Roman Empire, the faithful kept a very strict fast all through Lent: no milk, no butter, no cheese, no eggs, no cream and no meat. They made small breads with water, flour and salt, to remind themselves that Lent was a time of prayer. They shaped these breads in the form of crossed arms for in those days they crossed their arms over the breast while praying. Therefore they called the breads "little arms" (bracellae). From this Latin word, the Germanic people later coined the term "pretzel."

## ***Companions on the Journey***

"Companions on the journey," within Pilgrims of Hope, reflects the Latin cum panis—"with bread"—emphasizing shared faith and nourishment in Christ, the Bread of Life. Jesus teaches, "Man does not live by bread alone," (Lk 4:4), pointing to our need for more than physical sustenance. As we walk together in hope, we are reminded to rely on Christ, who alone satisfies the deepest hunger of the soul. He nourishes us with His Word, His grace, and His very presence in the Eucharist, sustaining our journey toward salvation and communion with God.

## ***Stations of the Cross***

The Stations of the Cross will be at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter each Saturday during Lent at 3:00pm right before the Saturday Vigil Mass.

# March 9, 2025

## **HOPE APPEAL**

*Firm in Faith,  
Active in Charity,  
Together in Hope*

Once again we thank everyone who has given and who continue to give to the Annual Hope Appeal. We are currently over our goal by \$1,079.33. The Hope Appeal Office will be reimbursing us with a check for that amount. So, if you didn't have an opportunity to give and would like to, please do so and our parish will get 100% of it back. Thanks!

## **Religious Education News**

The following grades will be introduced at Mass:  
Grades 7 & 8 -March 15th at 4:00pm Mass  
Faith Formation I & II March 22 at 4:00pm Mass

### **Reminders:**

Confirmation is at St. Daniels on April 5th at the 4:00pm Mass  
First Holy Communion is May 3rd at the 4:00pm Mass.

## **St. Joseph's Table**

The St. Joseph's Table will be set up at the front Altar for March 15th & 16th and March 22nd & 23rd. Please bring in your non-perishable food items and place on or around the table. The donated food will help support our local food pantries.

## **Liturgical Ministers**

Weekend of March 15th & 16th

### **Lectors:**

4:00 pm Pat Turkett  
7:30 am Nick Lore  
11:30 am Frank Brice

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 pm Team I  
7:30 am Maryann Iannettone  
11:30 am Team II

## **CENTENNIAL GALA**

We hope you have your calendars marked for the end of our 100 year celebration on Saturday, April 26th. It has been a year of spiritual and social activities for our Parish Family and we are looking forward to its culminating with our Parish Gala.

This wonderful event will be held on Saturday, April 26th at Barbagallo's Restaurant after the 4pm mass. The evening will feature a special program including a delicious sit down dinner, cash bar, live band, and a special remembrance souvenir. Tickets are \$60.00 a person (cash, checks and credit cards are accepted).

**Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space after all Masses starting this weekend, you can also call the Parish Office at 315 422 7163 to make reservations or for more information.** Get friends and family together for a table, or come and join others. It's going to be a beautiful and enjoyable evening celebrating the many years and wonderful people of our 100 years as a Parish Family. We truly hope you will be part of it!!!!

## **BASKET BONANZA**

Basket Bonanza is a little later than usual but it is sure to be all the fun and excitement it always is! The baskets and raffle items are always spectacular from themed baskets to every imaginable item from fun to exquisite!!!

So...we hope you will mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, May 10th in the cafeteria. The fun starts at 5:00PM. Admission is \$10.00 and includes 2 free tickets to use on the basket raffles, the usual delicious food, great fun, door prizes and lots of opportunities to win awesome baskets and items! Get a table together or come solo...you will be glad you did!

Call at the Parish Office for more information, reservations/tickets, to donate baskets or raffle items, or to join the committee. 315 422 7163. (Tickets will be available in church after all Masses starting in March).

