

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

Contact Information
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Religious Education Office: 315.422.7163
Email: olop syracuse@syrdio.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
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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from the Pastor

We are quickly approaching November, and with it the close of another liturgical year. The Sunday Gospels will soon draw us toward the last things: heaven and hell, death and judgment, and the response Jesus asks of us. Tough topics, but nonetheless crucial for our occasional reflection to help us keep our lives rightly prioritized and in order. Those words can unsettle us. Heard again in his company, and remembered alongside his desire that we live with him forever, Jesus' teachings can also become a source of abiding peace and freedom from fear and anxiety. What if the discomfort I feel in these topics are not a warning to look away, but an invitation to listen more carefully?

This Sunday's Gospel already points that way. The Pharisees and Herodians bring Jesus a coin and a trap: is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar? He asks whose image and inscription are on the denarius, then answers, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). The coin bears Caesar's likeness. We bear God's. Amazing!--and straight out of the book of Genesis. What belongs to God is not a percentage set aside at the edges of life. Rather, it is the person stamped with *his* image and claimed for his own: our loyalty, our love, and finally our death. Where, in the ordinary week, am I still treating as "mine" what already carries his likeness?

Isaiah says the same thing from another direction. The Lord calls Cyrus by name and grasps him by the hand, even though Cyrus does not know him, "so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me" (Isaiah 45:6). Empires mint coins and collect taxes. They do not own the dawn. There is no other Lord. That is why a disciple can live in the world without being finally claimed by it. What claims more of my attention than it deserves?

St. Paul writes to the Thessalonians in the same key. He gives thanks for their work of faith, labor of love, and endurance in hope, and he reminds them that the Gospel came to them not in word only but in power (1 Thessalonians 1:3–5). Gratitude is not a mood added on at the end of the year. It is the way of life by which a child of God stays free. We are made for more than we can comprehend, and still the Lord blesses us with his love here and now. That is what moves us toward Thanksgiving: not escape from this life, but a truthful embrace of it.

If we are still unsettled at these topics that surround the final things, maybe pray with a passage dear to me. One line from the book of Revelation, often prayed in the Liturgy of the Hours, names the freedom on offer to us from the Lord: **"Love for life did not deter them from death"** (Revelation 12:11). It is not a call to hate the world or to abandon it. It is a holy boldness. Those disciples loved life enough to spend it, and trusted the One who is life itself, and not clutch or hold out for anything other than Him. As these last Sundays draw us toward eternity, may we be that kind of people: grateful, hopeful, and unafraid to give God what already bears his image, drawing others with us, in peace, toward the life that has no end.

Fisherman's Club

Any young man discerning the priesthood is welcome to join the Syracuse Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Dennis Walker and Associate Vocations Director, Fr. Brendan Foley for an evening of prayer, discussion and dinner. The Fisherman's Club's mission is to build fraternity among young adult Catholic men to provide these men with tools for mature discernment of their vocation. It will be held on Tuesday, October 27 and Tuesday, November 24 at 5:30pm at Church of the Nativity at St. Joseph's in Lafayette. We will start the evening with prayer and provide dinner. For more information or to register contact the Vocations Office at Vocations@syrdio.org

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Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of October 24th & 25th
4:00 pm Marc Parillo
7:30 am Jim Magnarelli
11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Religious Education

October 18th
All Classes are in session
Questions, please call Jackie Cimino at 315-410-1829.

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

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!

Congratulations On 71 Years!!

We would like to congratulate Joseph & Madeline Bufano who on October 15th celebrated 71 years of Marriage. They were married in 1955 at St. Augustine's Church in New Hartford, Connecticut. May God Bless You Both!!

Parish Offices Closed

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.

October 18, 2026-$ 4,239.00
Blue / Parking Lot-$380.00

Please try not to use tape on your envelope. Thanks to those who have discontinued the tape! What a difference it has made! Also, thank you for your generosity! We are truly blessed here at Pompei/St. Peters!!

The Annual Hope Appeal

The theme is "We Are The Body of Christ"! This year our goal is $20,982.00. We have had 32 parishioners donate/pledge $4,210.49 thus far. We could use 100% participation. Let us try to reach our goal as soon as we can, so please prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge.

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week We Remember....

Monday: October 19
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
John F. Blasi, 9yr. Ann / Marietta & Family

Tuesday: October 20
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
Nancy & Martin Duffy / Friend

Wednesday: October 21
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
Kevin Daniel Cole / Family
The Deceased of the Anthony Adornato Family/
Sal & Jamet Pocai

Thursday: October 22
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
Mary Kalska / Son, Paul

Friday: October 23
No Daily Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Saturday: October 24
4:00 pm Mass in the Church
Richard Tortora Sr./Rita, Doug & Jeffrey Fox
Anne & Larry DeSantis, Ann. / Sandy & Dan
Bob Antonnaci /Maria Scarfino & Lenny DiBello
Alberto Fabrizi / Adele & Joe
Frank Graziadei / Grace Frontale
Ann DiLauro / Joanne Licitra

Sunday: October 25
7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Eugene Penizotto / Wife, Kathy & Family

11:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter
Frank & Gen Vavonese / Family
Giuseppe Mondo / Wife & Family
Natale Russo / Family

Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, Rosa Marie Greco, John DeStefano and Su Reh , whose Funeral Masses 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.



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During
The Week In Loving Memory Of
Anne & Larry DeSantis
Anniversaries for both
Requested by Sandy & Dan



Sanctuary Lamps

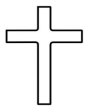
Burning In Loving Memory of
Angelo Borreggine
Requested by Wife, Frances



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
Susan Sawmiller
Requested by Mom & Bob

Padre Pio Devotional



Burning In Loving Memory of
Henry & Esther Pagano
Requested by Anthony & Liz Madonna

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.

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Word of the Lord

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. …But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. …The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

Attention Altar Servers

All altar servers in grades 3rd - 12th throughout the Diocese of Syracuse are invited to be recognized by Bishop Douglas J. Lucia for their service.Clergy, parish staff, altar server coordinators, and families are also invited to attend.

- ***Altar servers are asked to vest in their robes.***
- **Advance registration is required for all altar servers who wish to participate in the celebration.**

We are unable to accommodate unregistered participants on the day of the event. **Register by October 19, 2026. Visit** https://syracusediocese.org/altar-server-celebration **to register.**

Reflections of Italy Trip
October 3 - 12, 2027

10 Days & 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners. Plus an Optional 2-Night Rome Pre-Tour Extension. This and much more await on this 'trip of a lifetime!

For more information, contact Cruise Brothers' Maria Belcastro at 315.729.8401 or E-mail: emailmaria@aol.com

Thanksgiving Bags

The brown bags for the Thanksgiving Day Baskets will be distributed after all Masses for the next few weekends. Remember to pick up a bag or two. The food donations are due back no later than the weekend of **November 21st & 22nd**, so that we can deliver these items in time for packaging so that everyone will receive them and enjoy the holiday.

Some suggested items:
canned yams, spaghetti sauce/pasta, canned fruits/vegetables & canned meats, cranberry sauce & soups, mayonnaise/condiments, rice/cereal/crackers, stuffing mix & cake mix, jello & pudding, peanut butter/jelly. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

Reminder: please place the brown bag inside the plastic bag for easier handling. Thank you for making Thanksgiving happy for one and all!

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. There are NO exceptions! 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.

Focus

As the Father and Creator of all, God is above all powers on earth. God has called each of us by name in Baptism anf has entrusted us with building his kingdom in faith, hope and love. We owe God what belongs to God- our obedience and work of faith-because we blong to God and to God's kingdom before any earthly power.

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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.

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Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference:

Saturday, October 24th, 2026, OnCenter, Syracuse NY. Women from across Central New York are invited to gather for the annual Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference, a day dedicated to encountering Christ, deepening faith,and celebrating through dynamic Catholic speakers, uplifting music, and the celebration of Holy Mass with Bishop Douglas Lucia. To register: swccommunications@syrdio.org

Future Dates to Volunteer



Our Parish's 77th Annual Election Day Spaghetti Supper is right around the corner and with it comes lots of opportunities for volunteering, contributing and donating. We hope you will be able to be part of it in any way you are able.

Future Dates to mark on your calendar... **Monday, November 2nd** 5:00 pm until done ....Set up for the big day. Preparing garlic bread, the room, and take outs.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 rd ...THE BIG DAY... Many jobs, many shifts starting at 9:00 am. In house and Delivery volunteers needed as well as clean up after. Let us know if you can help out.

We are also so grateful if you would considering supporting in the way of sponsorships to offset the cost of the product and supplies. AND THEN OF COURSE WE HOPE YOU WILL HELP SUPPORT IN THE WAY OF PURCHASING OUR DELICIOUS MEALS, FOR YOURSELF AND OR TREATING OTHERS.

WE ARE NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR TAKEOUT AND DELIVERY. (No need to order if eating in house). Single orders , half and full trays. Serving 11:00am to 7:00pm.

Call the Parish Office at 315 422 7163 or Lucys Cell..315 345 0562. For more information or to volunteer, sponsor or place orders.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR ❤ 'S!!

Lector Books

The new Liturgical Workbooks are available for pick up in the Sacristy.

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November 2nd is All Souls Day

The day in the liturgical calendar when we pause with solemnity with the Catholic Church throughout the world for heightened remembrance of the faithful departed. This year, November 2nd is a Monday. However, similar to what we did last year, we would like to invite a remembrance and offer prayers for our loved ones **at the weekend Masses for November 14th & 15th.**

At Masses for that weekend, we not only will give special attention to those who have passed within the last year, and we would also like to invite you to remember the other deceased members of your families and friends as well.

The opportunity again is here to obtain a candle, which we will label with the names of your deceased loved ones, and line our side altars (with our Saints), with these candles.

Our faith is founded on our confidence in the Resurrection, and while we grieve the loss of our loved ones, we are encouraged to remember them and intercede for them that they may now enjoy the fullness of life in heaven.

Candles/Intentions can be submitted in your All Souls Day Envelope which is in your envelope packet. Please enclose $5.00 for each candle/intention that you write on the All Souls Day Envelope. If you would like to have names listed specifically or simply read "Deceased Members of the 'Foley Family' you may. Names of deceased loved ones are due by Tuesday, Nov 10th.



Holy Name & St. Therese Societies Remember. . .

In similar fashion, the All Souls Mass for the Holy Name Society and the Society of St. Therese will take place in Church on November 11th at 6pm. At this Mass deceased members names of both societies will be announced. Hope you can attend this tribute!