

He is Risen



Alleluia!

Sixth Sunday of Lent

A Message from the Pastor

Praised be Jesus Christ! He is risen! Alleluia!!!

I offer for our consideration the powerful opening of the *First Letter of St. John*, which begins like this (it sounds a little like the first chapter of John's Gospel): *What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon, and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life—for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us—what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.*

Believe it or not, this reading actually does not appear in our lectionary at Sunday Mass, yet it is still an important apostolic testimony to the profound reality of the Resurrection. The Incarnate Lord—God having taken to himself our humanity—really dwelled among us, and allowed himself to be seen and touched and loved by us. The Resurrection is a historical event in time, not just something of story or myth, and as evidence for this, the witnesses to the Resurrected Christ were more than willing to give their life and shed their blood to defend this truth, they had no fear of death because of Jesus' Victory. Jesus endured his horrific suffering and death so that we might come to have eternal life with Him and to ever grow in our appreciation for the extent of his love for us. For those who let it, the feast that we celebrate today is *forever* the **cause of our joy**, the **foundation of our faith**, and the only way by which **we have life**. The Resurrection is the source of all grace, through it we also receive **Hope** that enables and strengthens us to walk differently amid the darkness of the world. Jesus has overcome the world, and still he has power over death.

Recall that we find ourselves in a Jubilee Year, and the biblical roots of Jubilee have at the heart an observance of 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.** This matters because "Jubilee" reveals the nature and the power of God, and each of us are being invited to share relationship and life with this God who alone has the power to authentically restore us to **hope**. If we only know or understand "*hope*" from the perspective of the English language, we can be left grasping at something that may or may not be there. This is not Christian hope, nor the kind of hope we receive from the power of the Resurrection. Hope is, as found in the Catechism:

"...[Hope is something] that does not disappoint.' Hope is the '**sure and steadfast anchor of the soul**...that enters...where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.' Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation. (CCC1820).

To further simplify, we could say hope is the persevering sense or the steadfast trust given to us to await and expect everything from God especially as it comes to us through the merits of the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. In other words, hope rooted within us *is* pervasive confidence in what Jesus has done for us. So one who has the gift of this hope is not wavering in wondering whether or not Jesus has been raised from the dead, but rather is convinced of it, and now allows the implications of Jesus' Resurrection to be the foundation and motivation for everything else in life.

Having hope, one truly enjoys radical interior freedom and the fullness of life here and now.

Fr. Jacques Philippe notes, "It could be said that, while charity is the greatest of the three theological virtues, in practice **hope is the most important. As long as hope remains, love develops. If hope is extinguished, love grows cold.** A world without hope soon becomes a world without love." As we celebrate anew the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, may we receive an infusion of divine hope to propel us toward living with greater confidence in Jesus' power over death. May this Hope that we receive be strength for us to bear His light and life confidently into the world around us, without fear that anything that could come and rob us of this freedom.

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

Centennial Corner

This church & parish began as a home for immigrants, a place of refuge to worship our Lord & create a community where we were all supported. Something I noticed with all of those I was lucky enough to interview as well as other research throughout this project was a pull that has been felt so deeply throughout our parish. I felt a sense of family, friendship & community and many more that I was able to experience during my time in school at Cathedral Academy at Pompei as well as being a part of this parish. I was honored to learn about the personal history of those who were willing to share their stories with me, to know and feel more connected with the overall history and stories that existed in books, records, photos and many other resources that were offered to me throughout my time documenting our history. To feel the love, the sense of family & community within the testimonies, the stories & the history, has truly been an honor to experience and write about. Thank you.

- Audrey Rosenthal



Easter Prayer

On this Day of our Lord's
glorious Resurrection,
may the Spirit
of the Risen Christ
always live within you,
and may you always
have the
gift of Love,
the blessing of Hope,
and the promise of Peace.

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 21st and will reopen on Tuesday, April 22nd at 8:30am.

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 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, 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!!!!

Save the Dates

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

April 23rd 5-7 Gift Gathering Party

Please start planning to donate a basket for this event. Our goal is 60 baskets!! Come drop off your basket items and enjoy light refreshments with the committee!

April 26th a 4:00 Centennial Mass followed by the 6:00pm Centennial Gala. Tickets on sale NOW!!

May 10th is Basket Bonanza – Always a fun spring event - we hope to see you there! Tickets are on sale after all masses \$10 includes 2 free basket tickets at the door!

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

April 20, 2025

This Week We Remember

Monday: April 21st

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

Tuesday: April 22nd

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Jeanette Pauldine Ann. / Marianne Cariota

Wednesday: April 23rd

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

Thursday: April 24th

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Robert Blasi, Ann. / Mom, Marietta

Friday: April 25th

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

Saturday: April 26th

Santa & John Andaloro / Marilee Palerino
Sharon Wade Merluzzi / Debra Wade
Anthony & Joanne Merluzzi / Debra Wade
Sister Elizabeth Lennon / Joanne Licitra
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Sunday: April 27th

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Peter Vu Chu / Dau
Michael Iacampo / Wife, Edda

11:30am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Maryann Vigliotti / Fran & Giovanni Valentino
Matthew & Mary Sindoni / The Racko Family
Joseph Lostumbo / Daughter, Ginnie
Vito Toia (B) / Betty & Family
Deceased Members of the Paduano Family /
M/M Nick Paduano



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
The People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week
In Loving Memory Of
The People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter



Sanctuary Lamps

Burning in Loving Memory of
The People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

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.

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, Paula
Grant, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto,
Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla
Johnson, Juanita, Tony Lauretti, Shirley
Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Lederma, Nicholas
Silvaggio, John Sobon, Patricia Soule,
Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino,
Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew
Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

Neighborhood Group

The Northside Neighborhood Group
Meeting is on Monday, April 21st at
7:00pm in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Cafeteria. Marty Nave will be a guest
speaker.

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

Sacrificial Giving

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

April 13, 2025-\$5,888.00

Blue-\$331.00

Lenten-\$694.00

We appreciate your support!



Stewardship

Time Talent Treasure

“As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.”

~U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

Religious Education Program Year End Wrap Up

Our Religious education program is coming to a close. Below are events we are looking forward to:

- **CLASSES WILL RESUME APRIL 27th**
- First Communion will be held Saturday May 3rd at the 4:00 mass in the Church. There will be seventeen children receiving First Holy Communion.
- Sunday **May 4th will be the final class** for the Religious Education Program in the 2024-2025 school year. May Crowning will be celebrated at the 11:30 Mass. Hoping to see you there.

I want to say a special thank you to all the teachers, parents and parishioners who have helped to make this school year a successful one. See you in September.

Mary Beth Meade, DRE

St. Therese Meeting April 24th

The next St. Therese meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24th at 1:00 PM in the Parish Office. We hope to see you then!

Vocations

Peter speaks about how they disciples have been charged to preach the great work of Christ's rising from the dead to all nations, that they may believe and be saved. God is calling you likewise to preach the good news to people. If you believe He wants you to do this from religious life, the diaconate, or the priesthood, reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrдио.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

Did you purchase your Holy Name Raffle Ticket Yet?

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.

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.

April 20, 2025

Basket Bonanza Gift Gathering Party



Wed. April 23rd in the Parish Office 5 to 7!

Many of you will remember the gift Gathering Parties of years past. We are planning a similar one for those willing to donate a basket or item for our upcoming Basket Bonanza being held on May 10th in our school cafeteria. The items are of course a very important part of the success of this great event and your support in this way is always beyond appreciated. We will be holding a refreshment hour on Wednesday, April 23rd from 5 to 7 in the Parish Office as an opportunity to drop off your basket/item. Stop by for some refreshments...we would love to see you. If this doesn't work for you but you are kind enough to donate, we would appreciate if you could do so before, or soon after the April 23rd party as possible. You can drop off your gifts anytime in the back of church after masses, to the Parish Offices, or if you need it to be picked up, give a call to the Parish Office (315 422 7163) and we will arrange to get it from you. Many thanks to all those that have already contributed to the event. We have gotten in some awesome baskets/items that we are certain will attract and please our attendees. If the thought of a whole basket seems a lot to you - gift cards to various local stores and restaurants are always welcome and can be pooled together to form baskets. We look forward to seeing everyone on May 10th and sharing in the excitement of what is always a fun and successful event. Thank you in advance for helping out and supporting in this very important way, we are so very appreciative!!!

A Family Perspective

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" and "they believed." Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children.

Basket Bonanza

Basket Bonanza is May 10th and 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!!!

We hope you have 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 are available in church after all Masses.

Invitation to the Wild Goose Series with Fr. Foley, Tuesdays beginning May 6, 6pm at the office/convent of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter:

The Wild Goose Series is fourteen independent video segments dealing with different experiences of the **Holy Spirit**. If you allow him, the Wild Goose will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. The Spirit will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God. The Wild Goose video series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom. Like we did with the recent bible study, there will be adoration of the Eucharist available at 5:30pm, with the video beginning at 6pm, episodes are roughly 25 minutes. The series is intended to run beginning Tuesday May 6th. Please RSVP to either parish office if interested, there is no cost to participate. All are welcome!



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

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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.