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Church of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter

Weekly Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Mon -Thurs 9:00 am in the Chapel
Daily Vietnamese Mass: Tues-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
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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.

Bulletin Deadline is Monday morning week of publication

February 22, 2026

A Message from the Pastor

We hear it each year...what should we make of this account of Jesus' temptation in the desert? When we hear today's Gospel it can be an interesting one to imagine, especially just the captivating opening line: *At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil* (Mt. 4:1). Why might he intentionally set out to be tempted by the devil? Should we be doing the same? Well, no! But given the context of our readings today, Jesus—who is **always** about the mission of bringing about our salvation and bringing us back to our communion with God—goes out and endures the same threefold temptation that our first parents Adam and Eve faced—yet he does not give in.

Let's go back to the first reading from Genesis 3, the account of "the Fall" or the *original* sin that leads to our concupiscence or our inclination toward sin. What goes terribly wrong is that Adam and Eve fall victim to the temptation of thinking that somehow they were lacking, or that somehow God was "holding out" on them. They failed to know the goodness of God, they failed to recognize his ability to constantly provide for all of their needs. The only "knowledge" they seem to gain after eating the fruit is of their vulnerability, their nakedness, their need. Interesting that God originally created us to be unaware of such things. The first letter of St. John teaches specifically what goes wrong and points out how temptation lives in our own experience of life today:

> *Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world,* ***the lust of the flesh*** *and* ***the lust of the eyes*** *and* ***the pride of life****, is not of the Father but is of the world. (1 Jn 2:15-16)*

This is the pattern of how temptation works. Eve saw that the tree was 1) good for food, 2) pleasing to the eyes, and 3) desirable for gaining wisdom (Gn 3:6). Lust, Greed, and Pride—all for the purpose of becoming "like God" as the serpent says. When the things of the world become 'idols' or replace God in our lives, we begin to neglect our identity of *belonging* to the Lord as his beloved children, and we put ourselves in place of God. We, too, fall victim to believing that God is "not enough," or that he can't provide for all our needs, or that somehow we aren't known or loved intimately by him.

And so, Jesus goes into the desert for us to see that with us, he faces the same threefold temptation, **and with him**, we too can overcome temptations that lead us away from choosing the loving embrace of our heavenly Father. As Christians we are all called to overcome the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and pride. The practices that we do all year but intensify now (fasting, almsgiving, and prayer) are ways that the Lord strengthens us with his grace to know his love and to help us walk the path of life. Fasting pushes against the lust of the flesh, Almsgiving pushes against the lust of the eyes (greed/avarice) and prayer pushes against pride by helping us to acknowledge our dependence on God. May we have the grace to experience the strength that only comes to us from Jesus, and may we feel the closeness of His embrace this Lent.

First Sunday of Lent

Address Change

The proper address for all correspondence is:
Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church
P.O. Box 11082
Syracuse, New York 13218
Also, please note the zip code, 13218.
FYI: It is most important to use the proper address! Also, please discard the old white envelopes from your envelope packets that have the old address.

Raffle

The Holy Name Raffle Tickets are on sale and hopefully you will be purchasing your ticket soon. Tickets are $50.00 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. 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
4th-$500.00.

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

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of February 28th & March 1st

Lectors:

4:00 pm Marc Parrillo
7:30 am Maurice Etheredge
11:30 am Mary Scarfino

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team I
7:30 am Joe Abt
11:30 am Team III

Religious Education Classes

The weekend of March 1st
All Classes are in Session

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.

February 8, 2026-$3,726
February 15, 2026-$3,465.00
Please note that the "mail in" is not included in these totals.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to our parish.

Hope Appeal

We are almost there! We have collected $19,550.00 and remember our Hope Appeal Goal is $20,175.00. We need $625.00! Won't you help! It is very important for all of us to participate in some way. Remember that no gift is to large or small. For it is together we strengthen our church and serve others. Thank you!

Still accepting Fuel Envelopes

We will collect for the Fuel Envelope through the month of February. We only collect for fuel twice a year in anticipation of high heating and electrical costs this winter. Thank you.

Central and Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Collection for their church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccbbbbb.org/ccee.

February 22, 2026

This Week We Remember

Monday: February 23
9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Brian Lostumbo / Mike & Roe Colagiovanni

Tuesday: February 24
9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Robert Kalska / Son, Paul

Wednesday: February 25
9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Leonardo & Angelantonia Colavita /
Veronica & Henry Pagano

Thursday: February 26
9:00am Mass in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Sister Elizabeth Lennon (B)/ Friends

Friday: February 27
9:00 am No Daily Mass at OLP / St. Peter

Saturday: February 28
4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Sister Elizabeth Lennon / Frank DeLorio
Nicholas J. Silvaggio (B) / Tony, Nick & Joe
Rose & Danny Campolo / Daughter, Famia
Alberto Fabrizi / The Vecchio Family
Lori Milea, 1 yr. Ann / Sister, Traci & Family

Sunday: March 1
7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Vito Toia / Betty & Family
Pasquale Sisiera / Wife, Gilda
Rosemarie Emmi / Jeff Schiano
Melina Ilacqua / Racko Family
Nicolangelo & Pasqualina Pallotta /
Veronica & Henry Pagano

Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, Palma Rose Trinca, whose Funeral Masses we celebrated last week. Our deepest sympathy to her family.
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
James Albanese
Requested by Pat & Chuck Snyder

Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In Loving Memory Of
G. Michael Flavin
Requested By Lenny DiBello & Maria Scarfino

Sanctuary Lamps

Burning In Loving Memory of
Sister Elizabeth Lennon
Requested by The Racko Family

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, 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, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.
Please notify the parish office, 315-422-7163 if you have a loved one in a hospital, nursing home or is homebound and would like a visit.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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!

Focus

Throughout the Old Testament, the Scriptures use metaphorical language to speak of Israel as God's son. Yet like us today, the Israelites persist in disobedience, straying from their Father's will. God thus sends Jesus, who is tempted in the desert to disobey God. Jesus' example of obedience reveals what is true sonship requires.

Mary's Closet Meeting

Interested volunteers for Mary's Closet are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, February 26th at 11:30am in the Parish Offices. If you are unable to attend, please call the office and give us your name if you would like to get involved.

We have working hard to get our space in the Parish Office ready for our opening of Mary's Closet. A new wall has been constructed, walls have been painted, racks have been assembled, clothes have been sized and sorted! We are only waiting for the new carpeting to be installed. A special thank you to DJ, Lenny & Nick for all their help!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to help operate the ministry, please contact the office. We will be hosting a meeting on February 26th to help acclimate our volunteers. The tentative hours of operation, is Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-12pm.

Do You Want to Fast this Lent?

(In the words of Pope Francis)

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

"Synod"

As a parish, we need to hold a "synod" which is a listening session to just hear from you, our people on all things: Church/diocese in general, our parish life, hopes and dreams. Every parish in the diocese has been asked to do this. We are hoping to do this March 21st after the 4:00pm Mass. So please save the date. More info will follow!

February 15, 2026

Fasting During Lent
Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast (eat only one full meal; two smaller meals may be taken but may not be equal to the one full meal) on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday.

St. Therese Meeting
The next St. Therese Meeting is February 26th at 1:00pm. Fr. Foley will be our guest speaker. Father will be speaking about the exciting updates on our Walking with Moms Ministry, Mary's Closet. All are welcome to attend!

Sound System Update
The Sound System is in! There has been a lot of positive feedback! Once again, thank you for your generosity, without you this wouldn't have been possible.

Fish Dinner
St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lenten Fish Dinners will be held at the Pastime Club, 1314 North Salina Street on Ash Wednesday, February 18th and on the Fridays of Lent Starting on February 20th. Let's support our friends at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity!

Happy Birthday
A big Happy Birthday to our wonderful parishioner, Grace Swanka! Grace will turn 98 years young on February 28th! God Bless you Grace. . . on to 100!!!

Northside Neighborhood Meeting
Councilor Marty Nave will host his next Northside meeting on Thursday March 5th at 7pm, Gethsemane Church 1700 Butternut Street corner of Harold Street All Northside residents are invited to meet with Councilor Nave.

Lenten Season - Please join us!

Holy Hour
Tuesdays evenings join at the Convent at Pompei for Holy Hour, Eucharistic Adoration, Fr. Foley will also lead some quiet praise and worship music as has been the case when we do this! After the time of prayer, a program will be offered journeying through the book, now spiritual classic, "He Leadeth Me" by Fr. Walter Ciszek. Books will be available through Fr. Foley, or you can obtain yourself, but also you are welcome to **participate even if you don't want to read the book!** Each week a few chapters will be covered, and together we will be transformed by Fr. Walter's amazing and powerful testimony. Adoration will start at 5:30 in the chapel, the talks/class will follow at 6:30/6:45pm. Please feel welcome to join even if you can't make it every week.

Eucharistic Adoration
Adoration will be offered during the regularly scheduled hour of confession at both OLP/SP (W 4-5pm) and St. JtB/HT (Th 4-5pm). We hope to continue this even after Lent! Please come and rest with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday at St. John the Baptist at 4pm (and led by volunteers prior to the 9am Sunday Mass) And at Pompei we will designate Saturday March 7th **following the 4pm Mass** we will invite all to stay after Mass to pray the Stations.

Magnificat
As we approach the beginning of Lent we have made available copies of the *Magnificat Lenten Companion on all side Altars 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Taste of Pompei and Basket Bonanza merging for one great event.....

BASKETS AND BITES!!!!

We are really excited to introduce a new event that is really a combination of two of our parish's traditional favorites.

First, the delicious Taste of Pompei...as we know, it features about 18 incredible Pompei/St Peter parishioners that don their chef hats and aprons to prepare their specialties for all to enjoy. And then this year at the same event we will be holding our fun and exciting Basket Bonanza. Where we will display around 50 incredible donated themed baskets and items. Our attendees will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to take a chance on winning the items of their choice.

By combining these events that will take place on **Saturday, April 25th in the cafeteria** we will all get to truly enjoy the best of both events. We hope you will be part of this fun, exciting and delicious evening. Stay tuned for updates on the cuisine specialties, raffle items and more details.

Our NEXT MEETING will be held on Thursday, March 12th at 5:00. We are going to meet in the school cafeteria so we can review the logistics of how to best set up for this great event. We hope anyone interested in helping to plan this fun evening will join us.

We are also looking forward to Thursday, April 9th for a Gift Gathering Party. This is a great way to help support the event by donating a basket or raffle item to be raffled the evening of the event. We will have cocktails and appetizers to enjoy from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Office while donors can drop off their items. (Or express their intention of doing so). We are so appreciative to all those willing to support in this way. Our parishioners always donate such awesome items that so many want to win!! Thank you in advance for whatever way you can help.

Tickets will go on sale after all masses staring Saturday, March 7th in the back of church. Come solo or get a fun table together...it will be a blast..we just know it.... and....we want you to be part of it with us!!!!

If you can't make the meeting but want to help...

If you can't make the Gift gathering party but want to donate...

If you are interested in cooking or baking for the event...

If you would like to reserve/purchase tickets...

PLEASE give us a call at the Parish Office 315 422 7163..and let us know!!!!

Thank you so much for your continued and always wonderful support!!!!