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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
Lauri Gildemeyer, Office Manager
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Parish Office
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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

March 1, 2026

A Message from the Pastor

The Second Sunday of Lent (each year!) presents us with the account of Jesus' Transfiguration for our meditation. Such an important moment in the Gospel that probably seems a bit cryptic or hidden from us as to its purpose. We might be very familiar with the artwork depicting this scene: Jesus and his garments becoming dazzling white, Moses and Elijah on either side of him, the fear or amazement captured on the faces of Peter, James, and John. Today we hear the account of this moment in Matthew's Gospel, and what stands out to me are Jesus' words as this moment concludes. In awe having witnessed Jesus here, Peter is in fear and rightly he's overwhelmed. Yet Jesus comes directly to him, takes hold of him, and simply says "Rise and do not be afraid."

We should recall that the purpose of glimpsing the transformative glory reveals to us the inner life of the Trinity, and most clearly for us: Jesus' communion or oneness with his heavenly Father. The reality of this moment is that nothing for Jesus changes here. Living in this glory is how Jesus always is. He is constantly in perfect communion with the Father at every moment of his earthly life. While we hear about the clothes changing, the presence of Moses and Elijah–all this is good, but really no part of Jesus' identity changes. WE, however, like Peter, James, and John, are privileged to again see who Jesus is, and we are implored to remember. Imagine in this moment, a veil is being lifted, blurriness is removed, and we glimpse the radiance of the mystery and light of God. In this unique moment, the three disciples are privileged to see this and hear again from the heavenly Father as Jesus is about to now head directly to his passion. We, like those disciples, MUST remember this radiant glory because it is even present even in its apparent absence when we see the darkness and shame of the death on the Cross.

If we remember this powerful divine life, the constancy of Jesus' union with the Father, we can remember what you and I are also called now to share in this same life. Now when we have to confront the many sources of grief, pain, sin, we have recourse to the glory of the Lord. Because of the Lord's life alive in us and because of the strengthening we receive from the Sacraments, we can bear with boldness the glory, light, and power of the Gospel even in the face of our own earthly sufferings. The Holy Spirit, the bond of unity of the Church was been poured out that you and I might be given a share in this communion of divine life, too. Because of this we are drawn into the mystery of how it is that Jesus so freely and lovingly endures his passion. This glory also sheds greater light on how even can enter into the more mundane, hidden, or quiet moments of the Gospel as Jesus teaches, heals, and goes about his ministry. The perfect communion he shares with the Father is always there. The beauty of the hidden life of the Trinity laid bare in the Transfiguration is always there, and always operative in Jesus.

Oftentimes in our spiritual lives, we hunger specifically for this 'mountaintop' experience, we deeply desire to glimpse or feel the radiance of God's presence in our life (as we should). However, more often than we'd probably prefer, we live in the in-between moments of our spiritual lives waiting for the next major reassurance of God's accompaniment, the next incredible grace that reveals God to us–we forget the reality of the communion that God has invited us to also share constantly with him even in the quiet, hidden moments of our lives. We should consider that veiled from our sight is the constancy of the communion that lives in us from the moment of our Baptism that gets covered over or even damaged by our sin and separating ourselves from it in its fullness. If we approach our prayer lives with the confidence that the glory and constancy of God's presence is always there whether we are privileged to see the dazzling effects of grace around us or merely the graces always sustaining us, we might grow in our capacity for perseverance. As amazing as the big transfiguration moments are for us in our lives, equally important for us to remember is the connectedness we are invited to lean into every day of our lives.

This Transfiguration moment is an icon for our spiritual lives as disciples. Peter, James, and John will come to recall the blessing of witnessing this moment when Jesus' paschal mystery is accomplished. They will recall Jesus' identity and his communion with the Father in his suffering when they themselves also face the suffering of the cross in their lives. Because of glimpsing his glory and transfiguration, they will continue clinging to the Lord, seeking his grace, and like St. Paul, to never find themselves as "enemies of the cross," and instead, live boldly anchored hope for whatever they endure. May Jesus' words to us to rise and be unafraid transform us anew today.

Second 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 March 7th & 8th

Lectors:
4:00 pm Jackie Cimino
7:30 am Jim Magnarelli
11:30 am Cindee Musmeci

Eucharistic Ministers:
4:00 pm Team II
7:30 am Bill Brown
11:30 am Team I

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 22, 2026-$4,586.00
Fuel-$265.00
Eastern Europe-$578.00
Thank you in for your continued generosity to our parish.

Hope Appeal

We have reached our HOPE APPEAL GOAL!! We have collected $20,210.00 thus far. Even though our goal is met It is very important for all of us to participate in some way. For it is together we strengthen our church and serve others. Any donations received at this point will 100% come back to the parish. Thank you!

Religious Education Classes

The weekend of March 8th
All Classes are in Session

Mary's Closet

The final touches are being made to the Mary's Closet Space. Hope you will coming check it out. We will have a sneak preview of our newest ministry!

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This Week We Remember

Monday: March 2
9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Tuesday: March 3
9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
George Sears / Andrea DeSantis

Wednesday:March 4
9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Anna Russo / M/M Anthony Lamanna

Thursday: March 5
9:00am Mass in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Carmella Vasinelli (B) / Peter Vasinelli

Friday: March 6
9:00 am No Daily Mass at OLP / St. Peter

Saturday: March 7
4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Caterina Fiorello / Daughter in law, Margherita
Alberto Fabrizi / Maria & Anthony Lamanna
Frank Procopio / Wife, Kay & Family
James Albanese / Pat & Chuck Snyder
Susie DeLorio / Husband Frank & Family
Henry & Esther Pagano / Mary, Ann & Elizabeth
Henry & Carmella Vercillo, W. Ann. /
Henrietta, Cheech & Annette

Sunday: March 8
7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Joseph Nguyen Thanh VII / Wife & Family

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Francesco Vigliotti, Ann. / Antimo & Family
Lenny Salitato / Frances Borreggine & Family
Michael Schiano / Louis Bottega

Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, Maria Vannelli, 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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Synod"

Bishop Lucia has reminded us, "A synodal church is a listening church, aware that listening is more than hearing. It is a reciprocal listening in which each one has something to learn." Bishop Lucia has asked every parish in the diocese to complete this important task. All parishioners are warmly invited to a Synod Listening Session after the 4pm Mass on Saturday March 21 to share your insights, reflections, and hopes for our parish and the Church. Fr. Foley is very interested in hearing from our parish family. Your voice matters! In order to also prepare light refreshments it would be greatly appreciated if you could please RSVP to the office by Wednesday March 18. Location will either be the Convent/Office or the Cafeteria depending on RSVPs!

Second Sunday of Lent
Rich in Mercy

. . . . but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the results of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:4-9

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the following Religious Education Students who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 7, 2026 at the Church of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter.

Emilia DeMascole
Roman A. Dina
Lorenzo Madonna
Lisa Meh
Frankie Marshall
Jake Nguyen
Kenny Phan
Yennhi Eve Phung
Alora Quinones
Teresa Romagno
Mariana Thai
John Vu

Please continue to prayer for them as they continue their preparation for First Holy Communion in May.

Confirmation Update

Mark your Calendars! This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday, May, 16th at 5:15pm Mass. Confirmation will be combined with Blessed Sacrament, St. Matthew's, St. Daniels, Assumption, and Our lady of Pompei/St. Peter.

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 Counselor Nave.

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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 all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics on all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday.

Fish Dinner

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lenten Fish Dinners will be held at the Pastime Club, 1314 North Salina Street on the Fridays of Lent Starting on February 20th. Cost $15.00. Let's support our friends at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity!

Friends Retreat

This year the Annual Friends Retreat will be March 26th in the Convent. The Retreat will start with 9:00 am Mass.

Cost $15.00 which includes coffee and pastries and a light lunch.

Come take some intentional time for prayer as Holy Week draws ever closer! We will have talks, time for prayerful reflection and eucharistic adoration, lunch, and small group sharing! More info to follow.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 22nd from 9:00 to 11:30 am in the cafeteria. Please mark your calendars and consider joining us for this always delicious and fun event. The Easter Bunny will be attending and sure to delight young and old. So bring the family or come alone ...we would love to see you!

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

We have made available copies of the Magnificat Lenten Companion on all side Altars and entrances in Church. 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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Taste of Pompei and Basket Bonanza are merging for one great event! Baskets & Bites!

The delicious Taste of Pompei 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.
This combined event will take place on Saturday, April 25 th in the school cafeteria. How awesome that we will all get to enjoy the best of both events. We are keeping the tickets at $10.00 each this year and will include the usual 2 free raffle tickets to use as attendees choose for the raffle items/baskets. WOW...all this deliciousness and fun with our Parish Family for only $10.00!!! We hope you will join us and 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 12 th 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 9 th 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 5:00 to 7:00 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 next Saturday, March 7 th 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...
Then 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!!!!