



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

Parish Office

P.O.Box 11082, Syracuse, NY 13218
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

Contact Information

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Religious Education Office: 315.422.7163
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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.

August 17, 2025

A Message from the Pastor

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples, “*Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.*” (Luke 12:51). Does Jesus really mean this? There is a very sobering character to these words, and I know all too often families experience the difficult reality of conflicts arising between members, differing opinions and perspectives of how we live our lives, the choices we make, how we use our freedom, etc. All of these dynamics have implications, and that can make life and our communication with one another strained. We should acknowledge that even since Jesus’ own time there has been rejection and resistance to his words, this shouldn’t surprise us that even now this persists. What household among us doesn’t know conflict that involves how one is or isn’t living out the faith? Who among us doesn’t struggle with casting judgment over how others choose to live their lives? We have all experienced the sobering reality of Jesus’ words here that relationship with Him demands a choice and our own free response to follow—he won’t force us, though his heart burns and yearns deeply for every one of us.

As a result, because relationship with Jesus involves our freedom, it means that there will always be people who choose *not* or choose rather *rejection*, who choose to prioritize self or one’s own plans and designs over the wisdom and providence of God. Jesus points to a fundamental reality for us that there is a commitment for us even higher than the good of our family bonds, namely, the commitment to God himself. But Jesus knows well the challenge that comes with this reality, and offers us the gift of himself and his grace to constantly sustain us in this struggle. To help us know the ultimate love and the generosity we have received in God’s mercy that comes to us both now and in eternity, Jesus intentionally went to the darkest depths of human suffering and took on the weight of rejection to show us on the Cross that his love *will* endure **forever**—especially in the face of abandonment from those he loved, too. A truth we must cling to if we are engaged in his sorrow is that Jesus has overcome the world, and he will bring about final reconciliation and the eternal healing of divisions, he has made this promise, and as we heard last Sunday, **he who made this promise is trustworthy** (cf. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19).

Unfortunately for us, encountering ‘the Cross’ in the way of broken relationships, disappointment, and past hurts has been a difficult struggle for humanity since biblical times. Just consider the familial conflicts of Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers, or even Jeremiah (today’s first reading) being left to die at the bottom of the cistern because of the resulting division from God’s word having been preached.

What, then, is our hope and consolation? The fact that into the heart of these conflicts, Jesus desires to bring the fire of his light and love. Jesus doesn’t flee from these wounds, but will enter in when invited. When we choose to extend patience and mercy rather than harboring bitterness and unforgiveness, we find a space where Jesus can stir the ‘flame’ of his love both in us and in others. Because, really, Jesus is fighting for **all** of us so that we may come to know the fullness of life and reconciliation, authentic peace in him. When *his* fire fuels joy and life in our hearts, others will inevitably find in us something worth clinging to that is of greater value than anything else in this world. We ultimately find that not only does Jesus’ fire bring light and life, like any blacksmith or goldsmith would know, fire also purifies and heals imperfections. In humility and trust, let’s ask the Lord for the grace of openness of heart to our own ongoing conversion and healing, but also the grace to bear with one another in mercy, that all might come to know that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life—worth our all. With these graces alive and active in us, we will see **readily** the fire that Jesus desires to cast upon the world.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sound System Upgrade

We are excited that one of the projects we are undertaking is renovation to the sound system in the church. Our attention to the audio needs will have an immediate impact on everyone coming through our doors, which is why this is where we are beginning. Our worship and prayer at Mass is dependent on our sincere participation, and since I've been with you, this has been one of the issues that is regularly raised and affects a large contingent of our parish family.

The project in total will fix our current issues with audio clarity, speakers, consistency and balance of sound quality regardless of seat, and also avoid the soon-anticipated repairs coming due to the lifespan of our current system. There will also be a number of individual audio units available for those with hearing impairments. A new, modern sound system will ensure no one feels excluded from the Mass's beauty and meaning.

We estimate the cost of this upgrade at \$40,000. However, thanks to the sacrifices and generosity of many of our parish groups like The Holy Name Society, The St. Thérèse Society, the Vietnamese Community, and the Annual Msgr. Walsh Golf Tournament—a portion of this total has already been raised. Even the overage from having surpassed our Hope Appeal Goal from 2024 is making this special project possible. We know the pride we take in our parish church and our stewardship to provide for her future, I'm inviting you to consider making a contribution to this project that will continue to uplift our beautiful liturgies for years to come. Please know that the contribution you offer, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this effort and for helping ensure that all can fully participate in the joy of the Mass. Donations can be made through the Parish Office, or through the regular collections at Mass using the "Blue Envelope" which indicates support of this project. Any overage in contributions once we've reached our goal will immediately contribute to the next improvements to our building and are restricted for that use.

May the Lord bless you!

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.

August 10, 2025-\$5,176.00

Blue-\$125.00

Sound System-\$350.00 (3 envelopes)

**Thank you to everyone for their generosity!
Please remember Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter in your Will. You may call the parish office for more information.**

Second Collection Today

For decades, religious men and women have cared for others, teaching, praying and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation, it's a way to thank them for their lifelong service.

Books, Books, Books

Do you have a favorite classic book or a favorite book series or need just a few books for the grandchildren? Our school library is looking for a new home for its books ranging from Grades K-6. If you are interested in giving these books a new life, please contact the parish office to schedule a time to visit the Library, 315-422-7163.

Bring your own bags or boxes!

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This Week We Remember

Monday: August 18

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

Tuesday: August 19

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Mary DiBello / Sister, Julia

Wednesday: August 20

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

Thursday: August 21

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Frances DiPietro / Family

Friday: August 22

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

Saturday: August 23

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Santa & John Andoloro / Patrick & Connie Rozyczko
Al Petragani / Pete Scalzo
Benny Campolo / Joanne
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family
Benny, Terry & Joseph Cimino/Family

Sunday: August 24

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Anthony J. Duchessi / Children

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Maryann Vigliotti / Fran & Giovanni Valentino
Angelo Borreggine / Wife, Frances
Pasquale & Giovannina Geremia / Niece, Gilda
Jane Lostumbo (B)/ Daughter, Ginnie
Domenico Madonna / Dominick Colantone

Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, Delores Gallo and Angela Pennacchia, 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
Al Petragani
Requested By Patti Arena



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.

Jim Albanese, 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, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

Vocations

God is calling you to help Him set the world ablaze with His presence. Is He calling you to spread His presence through being a consecrated religious, a priest, or a deacon? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email:

vocations@syrdio.org.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of August 23 & 24

Lectors:

4:00 pm Jackie Cimino
7:30 am Jim Magnarelli
11:30 am Frank Brice

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team III
7:30 am Anne Marie Abt
11:30 am Team III

A Family Perspective

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults),

Becoming Catholic, or coming to Full Communion--Do you know someone who is desiring to respond to the presence of God in life, who has an openness and curiosity of heart to know Jesus and his Church? If you or someone you know is interested in Baptism as an adult, please reach out to Fr. Foley (easiest way is via email bfoley@syrdio.org) or call the office. He would love to meet with you and simply converse with you to accompany you along this journey of faith. Entering the Catholic Church as an adult involves one's free response to relationship with the Lord, and while this certainly involves formation and learning and engaging questions, it's not class, nor is one 'locked' into a timeline of how that happens and when. If you were baptized Catholic and have sacraments of initiation still to receive, please reach out! If you are married civilly but not married in the Church, please reach out! If you were baptized outside of the Catholic Church and would like to become Catholic, please reach out! Remember that the Sacraments of the Church were initiated by Christ to offer us the *ordinary* means of grace that we need for our lives and our journey to heaven. If the Lord is nudging your heart to any of these things, or if you have questions, Fr. Foley wants to connect.

The Religious Education Program

A new year of Religious Education for the Children and Youth of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Parish will begin in September.

The Day of the Son (DOS) Grade K-8 and First Sacrament Programs will begin on September 21st.

The two year Confirmation program begins with a Parent-Candidate Orientation. Faith Formation 1 will have their orientation on September 28th at 10:30am in their classroom in the Parish Office (Convent). Their first class will be on October 5th from 10:15-11:15am in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation II will have their own Orientation on Sunday, October 5th at 10:30am in their Classroom in the Parish Office (Convent). Their first class will be on October 19th from 10:15-11:15am in the Parish Office.

Registration for all classes will begin on August 18th and this year we will be offering multiple ways to register.

- There will be registration in Church after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, September 6th & 7th and September 13th & 14th.
- Registration forms can be found on the Church Website: ourladyofpompei-stpeters.org, at the Parish Office in folders, in the Gathering Space or upon request 315-422-7163.
- Family Registration Form is required for enrollment in the Religious Education Program.
- Sacrament Registration Forms as required for 1st Sacraments and Confirmation FFI & FFII for program enrollment.
- Registration forms and fees may be returned to the Parish Office or to the teachers on the first day of class.

If anyone has any questions concerning the program and /or registration you can reach me thru the Parish Office at 315-422-7163.

Mary Beth Meade, DRE

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We have a new mailing address!

P.O.BOX 11082

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church
P.O. Box 11082
Syracuse, New York 13218

We ask that you send all correspondence to our new mailing address ***Also, please note the zip code, 13218.***

Just as a side note: The address on your next packet of envelopes will reflect the old address.

Mass Book Opening

The 2026 Mass Book will open on Monday, August 25th. Cost for each Mass is \$15.00.

The Bread & Wine for the week is \$25.00.

Eucharistic Angels are \$10.00 each. There are two candles. You may purchase one or two.

The Sanctuary Lamps are also \$10.00 each with the option to purchase one or two.

The Padre Pio Candle is \$10.00 for the week.

Parish Offices Closed

The Parish Offices will be closed until August 21st. We will have daily Mass Monday through Thursday at 9:00am in the Convent. If you need to reach us, please leave a message as we will be checking the answering machine on a regular basis. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Focus

In the Gospel, Jesus warns us that following him will not always bring peace into our lives. In fact, if we follow his ways, we might encounter division, even within our own families. Jesus taught his followers a new way of living which is contrary to the "ways of the world". With his grace, we can be faithful to this call to witness to the ways of God.

Golf League Updates August 5th

Flight A- Jason Iannuzzo-36

Flight B- Frank Larca-44

Closest to the Pin #14:

Flight A-Jim Aiello

Flight B-Frank Larca

All Saints Parish Garage Sale

Stop by the garage sale at All Saints Church! All proceeds from the Garage Sale will go toward funding our Interfaith Community Collective Food Pantry, whose work supports an average of 6,000 individuals with food and clothing monthly! Our goal is \$10,000!!

Garage Sale is at All Saints Church - 1342

Lancaster Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210

Thurs, Aug 21, 4-6pm

(\$5 Admission for Collectors only)

Fri, Aug 22, 10am-5pm

Sat, Aug 23, 10am-5pm

Sun, Aug 24, 10am-2pm

Northside Neighbors

The next Northside Neighborhood Group Meeting is Monday, August 18th at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Pompei Cafeteria on N. McBride Street. Marty Nave will be present.

Next Vienna Boy Choir Meeting

On Wednesday, September 10th the next Wonderful Vienna Boys Choir Committee Meeting will be held in the Parish Offices at 5:00pm. Please join in and feel welcomed as the planning process continues!

Happy Birthday

Janet M. D'Addario will be celebrating her 96th Birthday on August 18th! Cheers to 96 Years!!!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Vienna Boy Choir Tickets Remain On Sale After All Masses.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet for the Vienna Boy Choir concert coming to our church on December 10th there are still a limited amount of \$100.00 seats and a number of \$75.00 seats available. Even though the concert seems like a long way from now, tickets are now available to outside of our parishes, so don't wait too long to get your seats. Keep in mind that tickets for this incredible concert are a great Christmas or Birthday gift. Certainly one that will be forever remembered and treasured.

This amazing choir coming in from Vienna, Austria are composed of an illustrious group of child musicians that have been delighting music lovers across the globe for six centuries with their purity of tone, distinctive charm, popular repertoire and generosity of musical spirit. They are beloved the world over for their lively singing style and beautiful tone. We are so blessed to be having them come to our church again. If you had the delightful pleasure of experiencing their concert 3 years ago, we are sure you will agree is one that will never be forgotten. If you weren't able to attend then, we hope you will this year. What an incredible gift to give others and or yourself. Wrapped in the spiritual magic and beauty of the Christmas Season, it is sure to be a joyful encore of 3 years ago.

We will be in the back of church after all masses throughout the month for preferred seating, sponsorship and ad opportunities or for more information. You can also call or visit the Parish Offices (315 422 7163) or Lucy's cell at 315 345 0562. As always, Cash, Checks and Credit Cards are accepted.

We hope you share in the excitement of this wonderful event and will reserve your seats soon so you can join us for this spectacular evening!

