



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

### Parish Office

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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.

# July 20, 2025

## A Message from the Pastor

We have a pair of readings before us this Sunday that involve human beings hosting and providing a meal for God—Abraham in our Genesis reading, and Mary and Martha for Jesus in our Gospel. It's an interesting prospect...is it really possible for us to “do God a favor” by giving him a nice meal? It is true that God graciously accepts our offerings and our generosity of service, but really (in general) it's not about what we can do for God, it's so much more about what God in his goodness does for us. And so Jesus' words are very important for us today...because regardless of our state in life, regardless of how busy or overwhelmed we might feel, and regardless if we more often find ourselves alone or feeling the weight of isolation, Jesus says today that only one thing is necessary.

What is that one thing? **Find yourself at his feet.** Eyes fixed on him. Nothing else matters more than this. Be at his feet. Certainly hospitality is beautiful and important, Martha's concern for service is absolutely valid, we even see on display Abraham and Sarah's generous hospitality as being something blessed by the Lord. Yet still, focus on Jesus' words as he says only one thing is *necessary* (cf. *Luke 10:42, Vulgate* “*unum est necessarium.*”)

When we become convinced of the truth of these words there is **both** a challenge and a consolation. First, the challenge is that it can be very difficult to surrender to the reality that we can't be as ‘in control’ of everything in our life as we'd like to be. Even when we find ourselves overcome with anxieties or demands on our hearts, the *most* important thing we can do is be recollected to the presence of Jesus, to be at his feet, whether that means physically before the Eucharist, or in the silence of wherever we find ourselves...this is a challenge because our lives and our time and what occupies our minds are real and often divide us interiorly, and this is true even of good things, work, relaxation etc. but the purpose of this Gospel is that only one thing is truly NEEDED for life as Jesus says, and that's being at his feet/keeping our eyes fixed on him (again this doesn't mean that there aren't other important things, other good things, etc., but communion with Him is the single most important thing that is NEEDED in our life.)

Second, the comfort is that Jesus, from the sincerity of his heart, is trying to free us from being too consumed with things in our life both—yes even the things that are important to worry about, even the places where our service is vitally important...at the end of the day, we are being invited to trust that if Jesus is Lord of all, if God is allowed to be God, then we can rest assured that the Lord desires our good, that his loving providential care is in fact guiding us and protecting us and our loved ones at all times. This is where we can receive real consolation, the only thing necessary is to find ourselves at Jesus' feet.

But the goodness of God lies in the fact that even this is gift: because by keeping our attention holding our heart, our energy, our focus, Jesus is filling us with his presence SO THAT when we return to those areas of service, when we return to living out our vocation wherever we are, we are strengthened by JESUS' presence to serve better than we simply could've done on our own, because it will be Jesus living his life in us. So I encourage you to let Jesus hold you in his presence, please follow your hunger and let yourself take time to be at his feet to gaze upon him, to allow his word to permeate your heart, and find true, authentic, peace that only Jesus can give—he promises to sustain you for the whole of life.

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *Vocations*

Martha and Mary represent the active life of the Church and the contemplative life of the Church. Both are needed and important, and both can be found in the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Which could God be calling you to? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: [vocations@syrдио.org](mailto:vocations@syrдио.org) and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

## *Word of Life*

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

## *A Family Perspective*

Cell phones, emails, faxes, texts and voicemails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: “You are anxious about many things” robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is QUANTITY time.

## *Month of July*

July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus! This month, let us reflect on Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and the blood he shed for our salvation.

## *Northside Neighborhood*

The next meeting for the Northside Neighborhood Group is Monday, July 21st at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Pompei Cafeteria. The address is 923 N. McBride Street between Ash & Butternut. Marty Nave will be in attendance.

## *Focus*

The Liturgy of the Word today highlights God's goodness through generosity. From blessing Abraham and Sarah with their long-awaited child to assuring Martha that she need not worry, the Lord knows our deepest needs and responds to them. May we model this compassionate response in all our relationships.

## *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.

July 13, 2025-\$3,989.00

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

## *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, Theresa Domathowski, 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, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Roseanne Scrimale, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

# July 20, 2025

## ***This Week We Remember***

### **Monday: July 21**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
John F. Blasi (B) / Marietta & Family

### **Tuesday: July 22**

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

### **Wednesday: July 23**

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

### **Thursday: July 24**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Linda Robert / Theresa & Pater Fricano

### **Friday: July 25**

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

### **Saturday: July 26**

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Esther Pagano 2yr. Ann. / Family  
Benny, Terry & Joseph Cimino/Family  
Helen Corbett Ann. / Sandy & Dan  
Jayne Blasi Ann. / Siblings  
Laura DelVecchio, 3yr. Ann. / Children

### **Sunday: July 27**

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Rose V. Neri / Jackie LaMott

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Frank & Nancy Fugale / Children  
Fran Notcher / Tootsie  
Maryann Vigliotti (B) / Cathy Saya & Family  
Joanna Federico Cox / Mom & Dad  
Mary LeMura / Patricia Previtera & Family



## ***Bread and Wine***

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In  
Loving Memory Of  
**Ciro "Butch" Frontale**  
Requested By Wife, Grace & Family



## ***Eucharistic Angels***

Burning In Loving Memory of

**Emmelina Raccuia**

Requested by Daughter, Mary Linda



## ***Padre Pio Devotional***

Burning In Loving Memory of

**James Carioti (B)**

Requested by Maria, Ronnie & Grandchildren

## ***Liturgical Ministers***

Weekend of July 26 & 27

### **Lectors:**

4:00 pm Jackie Cimino  
7:30 am Maurice Etheredge  
11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 pm Team III  
7:30 am Patty Marco  
11:30 am Team II

## ***SEEK 26***

Life-changing Catholic Conference particularly for College-aged and/or young adult professionals presented by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) happens January 1-5 every year. Over the past few years Fr. Foley has led a group from our diocese to attend, and he plans to do so again! If you are interested, please inquire with him ([bfoley@syrdio.org](mailto:bfoley@syrdio.org))! Visit <https://seek.focus.org/> for more information. This particular group will be attending the main conference in Columbus OH. Plans and fundraising are currently ongoing, so the sooner you inquire the better!

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ***VIENNA BOY CHOIR TICKETS NOW ON SALE***

Ticket sales are now underway for the Vienna Boys Choir Concert performing at our church on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00pm. Last weekend was the first weekend of sales to The Our Lady of Pompei/St Peters and St John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Parishes. Our parishes have the first opportunity to purchase seats the next 2 weeks before opening up to the General Public on August 4th. The seating chart is already filling in, as we have over 100 tickets sold already. So if there are particular seats you want to secure, be sure to visit us after all Masses or call the office (315 422 7163) soon.

We have some busy months ahead preparing for this great concert in the midst of our usual active Fall Season. But this is what makes Pompei all that it is...full of activity and warmth, in a very welcoming, sharing and generous spirit.

Visit us after all Masses or call or visit the Parish Offices for tickets, sponsor and ad opportunities or for more information!!! 315 422 7163.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 6th at 5:00 in the Parish Offices.

We hope You will be part  
of this exciting time for our Parish  
in whatever ways you are able!!



## **TOTUS TUUS 2025**

**(Translation: "Completely/Totally yours!"--echoes the heart and prayer of Mary to God)**

It's not too late to sign your children up for Totus Tuus! Totus Tuus is a week-long summer program for all youth in our area. Regionally throughout the diocese college students from around the country come and host an incredible opportunity for our children to have fun and also be inspired to live in friendship with Jesus and grow in faith. The program runs during the day for children entering grades 1-6 (9am-3pm), and in the evening for teens entering grades 7-12 (7pm-9pm). **This week 7/20-7/25** the program is hosted at Holy Cross in DeWitt, and the following week **7/27-8/1** at Immaculate Conception in Fayetteville. For more information and to register, visit <https://syracusediocese.org/attend-totus-tuus> or a simple search of Totus Tuus Syracuse will lead you in the right direction! Fr. Foley will be accompanying the program these weeks in various aspects, and would LOVE for families from our parishes to join and have an amazing time! Please let him know if you sign up!

## **"Tenth Hour" Vocations Picnic**

Fr. Foley will be attending the Bishop's "Tenth Hour" Vocations Picnic on Monday, August 4th, at Immaculate Conception Church in Fayetteville. This is an annual event with an invitation that is extended "For All Young People Open to God ~ For Potential Future Church Leaders Especially for young people involved in youth ministry and campus ministry! *The Tenth Hour* is an evening of dinner, conversation, discernment, and prayer with our bishop, priests, deacons, seminarians, and religious sisters & brothers from the Diocese of Syracuse and beyond." **This year, the evening will conclude with a Mass open to the public where Bishop Lucia will preside over the Rite of Candidacy for our Seminarians--(Bishop receives a formal declaration of the seminarian's intent to follow the call to priesthood)** It's a beautiful Mass and witness of faith! The picnic begins at 4pm (Registration required/RSVP by July 28), and Mass begins at 6:30pm (No pre-registration required!)

