

The Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

A Message from the Pastor

Our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah sounds like a typical reading from the old testament prophets that is a bit cryptic and maybe doesn't catch our attention. But there is a detail that should: "*Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; **see, I am doing something new!***" If you were to open up this chapter of Isaiah (Chapter 43) you would find at the beginning of this passage an incredibly consoling message of the Lord's accompaniment and what he desires for our relationship with him, namely that, as God, he desires to be **savior** and **redeemer**. This is what you would find:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. When you pass through waters, I will be with you; through rivers, you shall not be swept away. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned, nor will flames consume you. For I, the LORD, am your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior...Because you are precious in my eyes and honored, and I love you...Fear not, for I am with you; from the east I will bring back your offspring, from the west I will gather you...I am the LORD; there is no savior but me. (cf. Isaiah 43:1ff)"

What is this "something new" that the Lord desires to do for us? It is directly tied to his work of redemption, or buying back, drawing his people back to relationship, intimacy, full restoration, and freedom from sin and slavery. The Lord wants to save them (and us) from separation and from their (our) wandering ways. We hear straight from the mouth of the Lord that there is no other source of such life or freedom apart from him, and he alone possesses this ability to save. Time and again we find ourselves needing to re-learn this, since as we go through life we anxiously work to provide comfort and security for ourselves on our own terms. It's certainly uncomfortable to be in spaces of unknown, to be wandering, to feel the weight of providing for ourselves. The **newness** that we will find is discovered in the desperation of God to pursue us and to save us and restore us to **right** relationship. As we continue journeying through this season of Lent, remember that all the elements of our Lenten observances point us to a better participation in the celebration of Holy Week—all our prayers, charitable works, fasting have Jesus as their end because doing so helps us be drawn deeper into the mystery of *his* life and the power he alone offers. Those actions or prayer, fasting and almsgiving draw us out of ourselves and toward God. We encounter the fullness of life in God, and we only come to be able to have access to such a gift of divine life because of what Jesus does on the Cross as **savior** and **redeemer**.

Enter now the story of our Gospel: Jesus is put to the test regarding the desperate situation of a woman on the threshold of being stoned to death. Let's be sure to direct our attention toward Jesus, rather than the woman. Remember, at this point in the Gospel of John, Jesus has caused great tension and controversy for the Scribes and Pharisees to respond to, and they are eager to find reasons to get rid of him. If Jesus

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upholds the Law of Moses here and agrees to her being stoned as they desire, the Romans would then have the ability to bring a charge against him because Jews did not have the ability to carry out death sentences on their own. If Jesus chooses rather to pardon her or speak somehow in favor of her, he would be going against the law of Moses, thus giving the opportunity for his own people to then reject him. In the end, as St. Augustine writes, two remain standing at the end of this encounter as Jesus responds: “Misera et Misericordia,” “One who is desperate,” and “Mercy Incarnate.” Jesus holds a mirror up for everyone: he displays that all present are guilty of having fallen morally, these Scribes and Pharisees, and yes even this woman, as he even says to her go and do not sin anymore—Jesus has really come to save us from the ravages of sin. Sin destroys, it wounds, it separates us from God, neighbor, and self, and especially causes disintegration, a breakdown within robbing us of the glory that we were made for. It is the deep desire of the heart of God to heal and save us from falling into the darkness of sin. And thanks be to God, this is the newness that is coming as Jesus goes to the Cross: eternal life, the victory of mercy, and destruction of the powers of sin and death.

A quick note on the veiling of our beautiful statues! The Church in her wisdom and tradition invites us to veil or cover our sacred images from this 5th Sunday of Lent up to the point of the start of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. This would even include crucifixes, too, not just the saints! Sometimes this can be a little difficult practically, but the symbolism is helpful for a number of reasons. First and foremost, it heightens our attention to this being a solemn time—quite literally it is just different from all other times of the church year, we are preparing to journey with Jesus through the suffering of the cross, to his death, to the darkness of the tomb, to the ultimate glory of his Resurrection. What we see, how we interact with others or go about our daily tasks should have a greater awareness or sensitivity to these particularly solemn days. The rhythm of our lives needs to change to better participate in the mysteries of our redemption. By covering them we are actually intentionally depriving ourselves of their beauty! What for? It creates a hunger within us, a longing for their beauty again. And we know well that the reason for their beauty comes from the source of life that is Jesus’ victory over the grave. Think about how, too, the unveiling of the cross in the liturgy for Good Friday. As we’ve covered these other images, the unveiling of the source of our salvation takes on greater beauty as we truly focus our eyes and hearts on the altar of the Cross, where Christ offered his life out of love for you and me. Let’s recommit ourselves to the sacredness of this time, increase our time for silence, maybe even deprive ourselves of other ‘sources of beauty’ in our lives so that we can enter into the passion of our Lord differently this year, so that we can also receive anew from the treasury of the Lord’s Resurrection.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Centennial Corner

After quarantine came to a close, Father Dan shared that “when the Church first reopened there was an initial surge back, but people were still very scared of coming out”. To this day that sentiment is still felt within the church. We continued to live stream mass everyday but Father also mentioned that he didn’t think live streaming is a substitute for coming together for mass. “But there’s hope people will come back, we want them back” “but we want people to decide what they’re most comfortable with, we will be here for them”. The live streaming of the masses is also a way for shut-ins, sick, or traveling parishioners to watch mass in their own parish.

Save the Dates for our 100th Year Happenings

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.

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 for our Parish Family 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!!!!

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter each Saturday during Lent at 3:15pm right before the Saturday Vigil Mass. St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity has Stations at 4:00pm on Fridays and at 8:15am Sunday mornings before the 9:00am Mass.

Fish Dinner

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity famous Lenten Fish Dinners will be held at the Pastime Club, 1314 North Salina Street on the Fridays of Lent.

Dinners will be \$15.00 each with offerings of our famous baked fish, NEW fried fish and other dinner choices.

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This Week We Remember

Monday: April 7th

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Salvatore & Mariantonia Sisera/
Daughter in law Gilda

Tuesday: April 8th

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Richard Ward (B)/Wife & Family

Wednesday: April 9th

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

Thursday: April 10

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Carmen Logan 1 yr. Anniv./Fred & Cricket Scullin

Friday: April 11

No Daily Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Saturday: April 12

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Nicholas & Antoinette Silvaggio W. Ann./
Tony, Nick, & Joe

Fran Sacco (B)/Sister, Pat Sacco
Benny & Terry Cimino / Son, Joseph
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family
Frank Procopio/Kay & Family
Sandra Colantone/Family

Sunday: April 13

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Joseph & Anna Caruso & Sons/Dianne & John

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Anthony James Cannizzaro & Mule & Cannizzaro
Families/John & Margherita
Frank & Nancy Fugale/Children
Angelo Borreggine/wife, Frances
Antonio & Angela Borreggine/Frances
Esther Sindoni/Ginnie Lostumbo



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week
In Loving Memory Of ***Francis Sacco***
Requested By Grace Frontale

Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Sharon Wade Merluzzi
Requested By Debra Wade

Sanctuary Lamps

Burning in Loving Memory of
Angelo Borreggine
Requested By Wife, Frances

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.

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, 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sacrificial Giving

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

March 23, 2025-\$3111.00

March 30, 2025-\$4217.00

We appreciate your support!

Friends Retreat

This year the Annual Friends Retreat will be April 9th 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 begin with our regularly scheduled daily Mass at 9am in the Convent Chapel and then have some light refreshments.

We will have 2 talks, time for prayerful reflection and eucharistic adoration, lunch, small group sharing, and more! Our day will center around growing in the virtue of Trust. We all know we have a greater desire to be able to trust God more—but it's really not so much something we can do on our own, but rather a grace that God wants to grow in us!

I know that the Lord will bless you through the time in prayer this day! Please join us!

A Family Perspective

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

Survey

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter along with all the parishes of our diocese are partnering with Catholic Leadership Institute to do a survey in order to help us grow in discipleship and assess our parish family's greatest opportunities and strengths.

Bishop Lucia is asking all of us parishioners to complete a survey. There are printed out versions of the survey or those who would like to fill it out online there is a sheet with a QR code that gives you the link to complete the survey. It only takes 15 minutes! Please consider participating to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future. Surveys are in the Gathering Space.

Holy Name Raffle Tickets In High Demand

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.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

YEAR END WRAP-UP

On Sunday April 6th grades K-8 will be celebrating Breakfast with the Easter Bunny in the school cafeteria. This includes breakfast and a coloring contest. Grades K-3 will color an Easter bunny and grades 4-8 an Easter egg.

Fr. Foley will choose a winner from each category and award a gift card.

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

- On Saturday April 5, the Confirmation class will celebrate Confirmation at St. Daniel's Church. This year it includes students from: Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter, St John the Baptist/Holy Trinity and St Daniel's and Parishes. A total of eighteen students will receive confirmation from Bishop Cunningham.
- There will be **NO CLASSES ON SUNDAY APRIL 13** (Palm Sunday) **and APRIL 20** (Easter). **CLASSES WILL RESUME APRIL 27**
- 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



A word on Eucharistic Adoration

The Eucharist is the real presence of Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine, consecrated during the Mass. It is exposed during adoration to provide the faithful with the opportunity to worship and pray directly before Christ, acknowledging His true presence. This act of adoration deepens one's personal relationship with Jesus, allowing us to spend time in His presence, reflect on His love and sacrifice, and experience spiritual renewal.

In every Mass, the one sacrifice of Christ on Calvary is made present. The Eucharist allows us to stand at the foot of Calvary spiritually, experiencing the wellspring of the deepest act of love, the sacrifice that redeemed humanity. When we look at the host held in the monstrance during adoration, we're able to meditate on the reality that Christ made it possible to sacrifice himself for us, but never leave us, just like he promised. When he takes the form of the host, he is there with us physically in the room.

Understanding the Eucharist can transform our approach to adoration. Time in Eucharistic adoration can be simple: you can rest before Jesus, you can converse from your heart with him, you can read Scripture or the lives of the saints, you can sing—it essentially encapsulates divine contemplation: Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. **"I look at him and he looks at me"** (CCC 2715). Sometimes this is all we have to do during prayer. We simply need to **gaze at Jesus** and let **Jesus gaze back at us**.

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of April 12-13

Lectors:

4:00 pm TBA

7:30 am TBA

11:30 am TBA

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team I

7:30 am Anne Marie Abt

11:30 am Team III

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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!!!

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.

Blessing of the Food

The blessing of Easter food is a simple, cherished tradition in many Eastern European and Catholic communities that involves bringing a decorated basket of a household's foods to the church on Holy Saturday to be blessed that will be enjoyed Easter Sunday at the family meal. As the tradition goes, certain foods held special teaching connections to the significance of Easter for little children. Meats, chesses, eggs, bread, salt, butter—each in their own way would symbolize elements of passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. The blessing serves as a way of deepening the appreciation of why this day is foundational for our faith, and would customarily be a unifying activity for the whole family in preparing the meal that follows the long fast of Lent. All are welcome to come and have your food blessed!



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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 tithes to our faith community.

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!

St. Therese Bake Sale Next Week!

The always fantastic (and delicious) Annual St Therese Palm Sunday Bake Sale will be held next weekend April 12, and 13th after all the masses. We hope you will stop by and check out the incredible baked goods. They will be great for Palm Sunday or perhaps for the freezer for Easter or beyond!!!! Thank you in advance for your support!!!

Penance Service

Today (Sunday, April 6 at 4pm) at Sacred Heart in Cicero (8229 Brewerton Rd, Cicero, NY 13039) there will be a large penance service with several priests from the area assisting. Fr. Foley will also be present there.

If this is convenient to you, please feel welcome to attend and entrust yourself to the mercy of God anew in the Sacrament to best prepare for Holy Week and Easter!

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