



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, Parish Administrator
Reverend John Nguyen Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community
Lauri Gildemeyer, Office Manager
Mary Beth Meade, Director of Religious Education
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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

Call the parish office to schedule with
Fr. Foley.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the parish office for arrangements. By
Diocesan Law, must be scheduled at least 6
months before wedding.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from the Pastor

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit” (Jeremiah 17:7-8—our 1st Reading today). A vivid metaphor for us of what it looks like to live life nourished by grace. At the same time this image is contrasted with that of a barren desert, or like something trying to grow in an uninhabitable land, and equates this to one who decides to trust rather in one’s self, in human beings, or in the fleeting consolation of merely earthly things (Jer. 17:5-6).

In John’s Gospel, Jesus offers an invitation and a similar reminder: “Let anyone who is thirsty, come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink... ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ Now he said this about the Spirit which believers in him were to receive” (John 7:37-39). “[W]hoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14).

Flowing water and abundant life is one way Jesus chooses to reflect to us the spiritual life and his gift of the Holy Spirit. We wrestle (probably daily) as his disciples with the choice to live life in the Spirit and to avoid succumbing to living solely for ‘the flesh.’ St. Paul, of course, picks up on this struggle and shares from the vulnerable place of his heart. He says he often faced every kind of difficulty in striving to live in the Spirit. He describes his own spirit as being ‘willing’ to follow after the good, but his own flesh is too weak on its own (cf. Romans 7:15ff). He recognizes the good he ought to do but continually is unsuccessful in following through. But the good news is that while we might feel discouraged in this same struggle, Jesus and the life of grace is an answer that provides us profound hope. (And it’s not that the flesh is intrinsically bad, our humanity is **good**, our body is good, but when we allow ourselves to be led away by our passions we risk making a god or idol out of something that is not God.)

Our Gospel today also lays out what is at stake in this tension that we find ourselves living in regarding the interior battle of the ‘flesh’ and the spirit. There is a path that leads to our destruction and a path that leads us to life. Jesus deeply desires us to come—in freedom—to the fullness of life and to know the path to authentic fulfillment and joy. It’s not the path that the world would easily recognize. It’s a perspective quite turned upside down. Blessed *rather* are not the rich but the poor, blessed *rather* are the hungry than those who are full, blessed are those who weep or know the experience of the prophet rejected rather than those laughing or those able to use others for their own benefit. While there may be some rhetorical strategy at work here, what matters is docility or disposition of heart choosing rather to place confidence and hope in God rather than in man.

We are encouraged to cling to theological hope which is a grace gifted to us that completely orients our life toward *eternal* wisdom and *heavenly* perspectives and **anchors** our lives with God. When this grace comes to us through the consolation of the Holy Spirit, we are immovable by the workings of the enemy, or by the sufferings of our earthly life. As Pope Benedict rightly points out in Spe Salvi paragraph 2, “the Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known—it is one that makes things happen and is life-changing. The dark door of time, of the future, has been thrown open. **The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life.**”

This is why our lives as disciples matter greatly even on a worldly scale. If we live life according to the power of the Spirit, if we live attached to heavenly things rather than to merely earthly things, we walk with greater freedom in this world because of the confidence we have in God and are actually better equipped for being in relationship with others. St. Paul, Letter to the Romans: “[H]ope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts **through the holy Spirit** that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly ... [b]ut God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:5-8). Recall with great hope this day that since your baptism, the Lord has desired to flood your heart and life with the gift of His Spirit and that while each of our earthly contexts change from day to day, week to week, month to month, year to year—the Lord longs to make of you and me trees with deep roots that fear not the changes of life, but trust rather in the permanence of his Spirit given to sustain us with ‘water’ that wells up to eternal life.

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Taste of Pompei

We wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make Taste of Pompei a great success. As always it is a team effort to bring together these events for the parish. From selling tickets at masses, to spreading the word about the event to volunteering to be one of our chefs or bakers, working at the event, cleaning up and all of the amazing people who came to share in wonderful food, family and friendship! We couldn't have done it without you. A special shout out to Father Foley for not only cooking and inviting so many new people from St. Anthony's, it was so lovely to meet so many new friends! To Lucy Paris for all that you do - always above and beyond!!! To Lauri and DJ for all of the extra help and support! To our amazing chefs - this event is *not possible* without you and your generosity and talents! Thank you to the bakers for your generosity and all of the delicious treats, and to the Holy Name Society for donating the beverages! We appreciate each and every one of you!

Colleen & Eric Rosenthal



Central and Eastern Europe Collection

On March 5th, **Ash Wednesday**, there will be a Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Funds from this collection help support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations and seminary formation.

Corporal

At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, a linen cloth is unfolded and placed on the altar. This linen cloth is called a corporal. The word corporal is rooted in the Latin word, corpus, meaning "body". This cloth not only has a special meaning, but a special purpose. The cloth reminds us of the linen used to wrap the body of Jesus when he was laid in the tomb.

As the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins, it is placed under the chalice and paten. Its special purpose is to catch any particles of the consecrated host, the Body of Christ, when the priest breaks the host. At the end of the Communion Rite, the corporal is folded in thirds from the sides. Before the linen is laundered, any fragments are consumed then it is rinsed with water in the sacrarium (a sink set aside for this specific purpose with the drain leading directly into the earth from the sacristy).

**"O Sacrament most holy
O Sacrament Divine
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine."**

Gift Bearers

If you have an intention for a loved one and would like to bring up the gifts, please let an Usher know so they can arrange for this.

Focus:

God lifts us up to greater things. Our readings today emphasize that our eyes should not be fixed on things of this world. We will not find true fulfillment on earth, where things pass away. Rather, our focus is to be on the Lord and following his ways. He lifts us up, no matter what hardships we are facing.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week We Remember

Monday: February 17

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

Tuesday: February 18

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Giuseppe & Giuseppina DiLorenzo / Sister, Gilda

Wednesday: February 19

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Angelantonia & Leonardo Colavita, W. Ann/
Family

Thursday: February 20

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Guy Piraino / John Piraino

Friday: February 21

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

Saturday: February 22

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Benny & Terry Cimino / Son, Joseph
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family
Danny Campolo, Ann. / Daughter, Famia
Rose Peverly / Family
William Campagnoni / Sandy, Dan & Danny

Sunday: February 23

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Rosa Lai Thi Tha / Dao

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Angel Pagano / Henry & Veronica Pagano
Carmine & Concetta DiLorenzo / Daughter, Gilda
Josephine Indelicato / M/M Lamanna
Luca Iacampo, Ann. / Wife, Filomena
Christina & Luigi Iacampo / Family

Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, Barbara Arena,
whose Funeral Mass we celebrated this 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.*



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In
Loving Memory Of
Ben & Celia Pisano
Requested By Anita & Family



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
Robert Sawmiller, Ann.
Requested by Toni & Bob



Sanctuary Lamps

Burning In Loving Memory of
William Campagnoni
Requested by David Laurenti & Family



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Henry & Esther Pagano
Requested By Liz & Anthony

Prayers

Do you have a special intention you'd like lifted
in prayer? The Diocese of Syracuse invites you
to submit your prayer intentions online,
syracusediocese.org/prayer-intention. Our
Diocesan Prayer Companions, together with
Bishop Lucia, will be praying for all intentions
we receive.

We'd love to hear how God is working in your
life! If your prayers have been answered,
please share your testimony with us by
emailing info@syrdio.org. Let us join together
in faith and prayer as a community of hope
and love. Submit your intentions today!

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Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of February 22 & 23

Lectors:

4:00 pm Jackie Cimino
7:30 am Maurice Etheredge
11:30 am Frank Brice

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team II
7:30 am Joe Abt
11:30 am Team II

Hope Appeal

Firm in Faith,
Active in Charity,
Together in Hope

We are just \$73.67 away from reaching our goal. This is with 50% participation. Did you know that once we reach our goal, ALL donations come back to the church. We ask that the remaining parishioners give what they can. It is important to **Please participate.** Every gift makes a difference as you can see.

You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend and drop it in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syrdio.org.

National Marriage Week *February 7-14, 2025*

Almighty and eternal God
You blessed the union of married couples
So that they might reflect the union of Christ
With his Church:
Look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
Increase your love in them,
And strengthen their bond of peace
So that, with their children
They may always rejoice in the gift of
Your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 2, 2025-\$5,262.00

Blue-\$205.00

Additional Fuel -\$395.00

Thank you, No tape this week!!

As always, thank you for your generosity!

Tax Statements

Your contribution letters should have been mailed directly to your homes from the envelope company.

Centennial Corner

What existed up until this past year at Cathedral Academy at Pompei is just what Father Champlin envisioned, hoped, & prayed for until his passing in January 2008. CAP is a sanctuary for so many children – an oasis where they feel safe, loved, & accepted. From there, many students choose to continue on to Bishop Grimes Prep, Bishop Ludden, or Christian Brothers Academy. Father ensured scholarships would be available to those families in need until the kids' high school graduation.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IGNITE 2025

Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 29th

We are excited to announce that the IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference is back with a great lineup of speakers: Bear Woznick, Fr Chase Hilgenbrinck and Ben Steele. As always Bishop Lucia will start the day with Holy Mass. IGNITE will return to Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School this year. Mark your calendar NOW and register early to save \$20. We are challenging everyone to not only register yourself but bring a family member or friend to share the day.

Please go to the event website for the bio's of the speakers, schedule for the day and to register. Register online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org

200 Tickets

The Holy Name Raffle Tickets are on sale. This year only 200 tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each.

1st Prize-\$4000.00

2nd Prize-\$500.00

3rd Prize-\$250.00

4th Prize- \$250.00

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.

Holy Name thanks you for your support with the raffle and the support to our Church!

Religious Education News

Saturday, March 1st Grades 5 & 6 will be presented to the parish at the 4:00pm Mass.

Grades 7 & 8 will introduced at the 4:00pm Mass on March 15th.

Faith Formation I & II will be presented at 4:00pm Mass on March 22nd.

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 and Maureen White.

Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients. 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.

100th Year Happenings

As Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter Church celebrates its 100th Anniversary, mark your calendars and attend our monthly events!

*Basket Bonanza will take place in March. The date will be announced next week.

*Our Centennial Celebration will wrap up with the "Centennial Gala" on April 26th after the Centennial Mass at 4:00PM. The Gala will take place at Barbagallo's Restaurant.



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Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on February 17th to celebrate Presidents Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th at 8:30am.

Mark your calendars

The next Centennial meeting will be February 13th at 5:30pm in the Parish Office.

The next St. Therese Meeting will be February 27th at 1:00pm in the Convent. Hope to see you there!

A Family Perspective

Don't look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, sorrow, or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.

Vocations

Psalm 40 speaks of those who hope in the Lord as a tree planted near running water, bearing much fruit in due season. Are you called to plant the tree of your life and bear fruit in the waters, or vocations of priesthood, the diaconate, or the religious life? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

Word of Life

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Pilgrims of Hope

Every year on February 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. But it's not really about a piece of furniture! Instead, this feast reminds us of the special role Jesus gave to St. Peter and to every pope who has followed him. In many places, chairs show leadership—like a chairperson of a company. The Chair of St. Peter is a symbol of the pope's authority and mission to guide the Church with unity and peace, just as Jesus promised.

Jubilee Year-Faith Fact

"Blessed are they who Hope in the Lord"

Psalm 1:1-6

This is today's response as we read the first Psalm in the Book of Psalms. Did you know...

- That there are 150 Psalms
- Jesus used quotes from the book of Psalms more than from any other part of the Old Testament
- The Psalms have multiple authors including Moses, David, Solomon and a few others.
- Psalms are all prayers of praise.
- Psalms is the most frequently read book in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.

Ash Wednesday & Stations of the Cross Schedule

The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday :

7:30am Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

8:30am Assumption Church

12:15pm St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

12:15pm Franciscan Place, Destiny Mall

5:00pm Franciscan Place, Destiny Mall

6:00pm St. Anthony's Church

Stations of the Cross Schedule:

3:15pm Saturday at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

3:15pm Saturday at Assumption Church

4:00pm Friday (before the Fish Dinners) at

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity