



# 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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## 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.

# February 15, 2026

## A Message from the Pastor

Oftentimes people accuse us as Catholics as just having a lot of “rules,”--and in fairness sometimes we as Catholics sometimes *live* our lives as disciples just exteriorly following rules or observance after observance without ever putting much heart or thought into why it is that we do the things we do. Our readings today though are quite important for our consideration, because we have to be challenged in our understanding of how we approach our moral lives. And so, certainly an obvious theme across the readings today is the “Law of the Lord” and our response to it. We will probably cringe a little bit, or feel some discomfort thinking about the subject, because it’s a little easier for us to imagine a loosey-goosey Jesus, or a laid back Jesus who just says nice things and loves all and...well, you know what I mean!

Jesus has no desire though, as we hear proclaimed today, to water anything down. In fact, he does quite the opposite. First he teaches that he has come “*not* to abolish the law and prophets, but rather to *fulfill* them” (cf. Mt. 5:17). Meaning he’s not doing away with what was asked of the Lord’s covenant people of old, but instead he’s elevating and getting even more to the heart of what the law and the prophets established. Case and point, as we hear, it’s not simply enough to “not kill someone” but rather even to harbor anger in our hearts towards another, this is a danger to us. One’s permanence of commitment in marriage is more than just refraining from being with any other person besides your spouse, but more so not even *looking* at another in lust or an objectifying kind of way–this is a danger even if one never acts on such desires! Jesus upholds and even calls us to a higher level of love than what was merely written in the law–and yes, this is not easy, and yes, Jesus knows that.

Our reading from the book of Sirach pays attention to the reality that you and I have freedom to choose whether or not we respond to the life that the Lord calls us to (or not). God doesn’t give anyone “license to sin” and in freedom he places before us the opportunity to come to know true life, and true relationship. Sin is our freely choosing to live against how the Lord calls us in relationship with him, with our neighbor, with ourselves. Sin has a splintering effect on our hearts and souls, it quite literally disintegrates us, and so we would (and should) expect the Lord to be firm in his desire to protect us and prevent us from falling into sin. How do we follow through on this difficult and narrow road? So often we have the desire and intention to live the Gospel and so many times we fall short. Let’s not be discouraged.

We can find encouragement and motivation from the catechism that rightly observes Jesus himself (as he is the *fulfillment* of the law and prophets) is the **only one who could keep [the law] perfectly** (CCC 578). It is not in our human power alone to be able to live the perfection of the life of discipleship. However! This cannot be our excuse. Jesus himself desires to pour out the Holy Spirit upon us that makes the life of discipleship POSSIBLE. It is *his* life alive in us that makes us able to live the commandments of the Lord, to live the high level of love that we are called to. So if we are struggling to live a particular law of charity of the Gospel, we must ask and invoke the Holy Spirit to assist us...Jesus will not withhold his grace from the heart that seeks to be united to His. May we trust anew this day that the law of the Lord leads us to life, saves us from sin, and fills us with joy!

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **Please Take Action**

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 and 4th-\$500.00. Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 to purchase your tickets or for any questions.

## **Liturgical Ministers**

Weekend of February 21st & 22nd

### **Lectors:**

4:00 pm Sandy Laurenti  
7:30 am Nick Lore

11:30 am Frank Brice

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

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

## **Religious Education Classes**

The weekend of February 22nd

All Classes are in Session

## **Presidents Day**

The parish offices are closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents Day. We will reopen Tuesday, February 17th at 8:30am.

## **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.

TBA -Finances will be in upcoming bulletin.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to our parish.

## **Hope Appeal**

We are just shy of meeting our Hope Appeal Goal of \$20,175.00 and still have many parishioners that haven't answered the call yet. It is very important for all of us to participate in some way. Remember that no gift is to large or small. For it is together we strengthen our church and serve others. Thank you!

## **Still accepting Fuel Envelopes**

We will collect for the Fuel Envelope through the month of February. We only collect for fuel twice a year in anticipation of high heating and electrical costs this winter. Thank you.

## **Central and Eastern Europe**

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection Ash Wednesday.

# February 15, 2026

## *This Week We Remember*

### **Monday: February 16**

9:00 am No Daily Mass at OLP/St. P

### **Tuesday: February 17**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Joey Cimino (B) / Children

### **Wednesday: February 18**

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

### **Thursday: February 19**

9:00am Mass in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Leonardo & Angela Colvita, W. Ann. / Anthony  
Frank & Orsola Razzano / Family

### **Friday: February 20**

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

### **Saturday: February 21**

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
James Albanese / Rosalie Trinca  
Lucrezia Blasi (B) / Children  
Susie DeLorio / Husband, Frank & Family  
Lee Allbright / Trasie & Steve Procopio  
Carmella Vercillo (B) /  
Henrietta, Cheech, Anette & Family

### **Sunday: February 22**

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Antoinette Magnarelli / Jim, Lou Ann & Joe

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Carmine & Concetta DiLorenzo / Daughter, Gilda  
Sam Barbuto, Ann. / Wife, Rose  
Rosemarie Emmi / Patti Sacco  
Joanna Federico Cox / Racko Family



## ***Padre Pio Devotional***

Burning In Loving Memory of  
**Joanna Federico Cox**  
Requested by Family



## ***Eucharistic Angels***

Burning In Loving Memory of  
**Rose Peverly (B)**  
Requested by Family



## ***Bread and Wine***

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In  
Loving Memory Of  
**James Albanese**  
Requested By Rosalie Trinca



## ***Sanctuary Lamps***

Burning In Loving Memory of  
**Ben & Celia Pisano**  
Requested by Anita & 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.

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *Mary's Closet*

### *Walking with Moms in Need*

We are so very excited about launching our new ministry to support families in need in our parish and in our local community. As you may recall, *Walking with Moms in Need* is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that began roughly 5 years ago. An important effort to continue allowing the Church to be directly accompanying those who courageously choose life and need support in providing for the basic needs of their children.

We had the privilege recently of visiting the only other local operation of this ministry in our Diocese which is out in Fulton, NY, where Fr. Scadella and his parishioners responded to the call about this time last year to give a home to *Walking with Moms in Need* for their community. The impact of their outreach has been impressive, and even within just a few months of opening they have expanded and relocated on their campus to accommodate both the actual needs being met, and also the simultaneous tremendous generosity of the local parishes coming together in that region. In speaking with the volunteers there, they have expressed their belief that our outreach will likely serve a population even greater in number, and have generously offered to be of whatever assistance we need as we begin this ministry.

Our goal is still to open our doors beginning the first week of March. Your incredible amount of donations have been organized and sorted, and construction is underway in the convent/office to make our space ready. (Be on the lookout for photos of the progress!) There is so much to be excited about! **If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to help operate the ministry, please contact the office.** We will be hosting a meeting before the end of February to help acclimate our volunteers. The tentative hours of operation, matching what works well in Fulton, is Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-12pm. We, too, would like to be in continuity with them and name the ministry **Mary's Closet**. As the ministry continues to grow throughout our diocese, we hope that people will be able to recognize the important work of this unique outreach. Mary's Closet will, of course serve, not just moms, but also dads! And as our own parish bears a title of 'Our Lady' we know that our mother Mary will continue to keep us and all those who come to find encouragement and support through the life of our parish, safe and loved in her embrace, drawing us to the heart of her Son.

This project will be ongoing and will evolve in many ways, so please know your continued support through your time, talent and treasure will be a tremendous blessing for us. We are also deeply grateful for your support in prayer at this time! Continue to follow the bulletin for future updates.

# February 15, 2026

## **Reminder:**

Reminder: There will be no Mass and the parish offices will be closed on Monday/President's Day, February 16.

## **Ash Wednesday, February 18th**

The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

9:00am in Church Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
12:15pm at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

## **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 Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday.

## **St. Therese Meeting**

The next St. Therese Meeting is February 26th at 1:00pm. Fr. Foley will be our guest speaker. Father will be speaking about the exciting updates on our Walking with Moms Ministry, Mary's Closet. All are welcome to attend!

## **Parish Council Meeting**

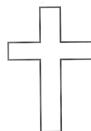
The next parish council meeting is set for February 17th at 5:30pm in the parish office. The meeting will have overviews of Mary's Closet, Lenten activities, dates for Spring Parish Celebrations, etc.

## **Sound System Update**

The installation of the new Sound System took place over the last week! We hope you enjoy what you have been missing with the old system! Please offer grace as we learn the new system. Again, thank YOU for making this happen.

## **Welcome Bishop Lucia**

We would like to welcome Bishop Lucia to Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter as he celebrates the Lunar New Year Mass with the Vietnamese Community at 9am!



## **Basket Bonanza/Taste of Pompei**

Meeting This Monday Feb. 16th ...Join Us?

We are going to be holding an organizational meeting for 2 of our Parish's super awesome (and delicious) fundraisers this Monday February 16th at 4:00pm in the Parish Offices. If you are interested in joining the committee or have some input to share please join us!

We are looking at a possible new format for these great events, maybe combining them to create an incredible new kind of gathering? We anticipate some additional fun ideas as we look to initiate basket/auction ideas and donations, chefs, bakers, dates etc. Both of these events have been great traditions in our Parish, full of fun, excitement, and of course great food and comradery. We are certainly looking forward to sharing this year's enjoyment with you; our wonderful Parish Family! We plan on having a date to share after Monday's meeting, so please look in next week's bulletin for a date and details.

We hope to see those interested in joining the committee this Monday Feb 16th . If you are interested but cannot attend the meeting, please give us a call at the Parish Office 315 422 7163 or Lucy's cell 315 345 0562 and we will be sure to update you.

As always, thanks so much for your wonderful support!

## **Magnificat**

As we approach the beginning of Lent we have made available copies of the *Magnificat Lenten Companion* on all side Altar and entrances. 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.

## **Fish Dinner**

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lenten Fish Dinners will be held at the Pastime Club, 1314 North Salina Street on Ash Wednesday, February 18th and on the Fridays of Lent Starting on February 20th.

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## *Lenten Season - Please join us!*

- **Ash Wednesday:** February 18th, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. The Church gives us Lent as a time to change, to become a better version of ourselves, and to become more like Jesus. The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us of our call to repent and believe in the Gospel. The disciplines of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—help us prepare for Christ's victory on Easter. When receiving ashes, we hear the words, "Remember that you are dust and dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel" to bring us into a penitential disposition.
- **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** 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 Mass) And at Pompei we will designate Saturday March 7th, and Saturday March 28th to be days where following the 4pm Mass we will invite all to stay after Mass to pray the Stations.