



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
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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

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.

March 22, 2026

A Message from the Pastor

“Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back...you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them...I will put my spirit in you that you may live...” (cf. Ezekiel 37:12ff). Today we see boldly the power the Lord has over death, and we must never take this power for granted. We are often slow to trust in this power because time and again we confront the grief and loss of life of loved ones, the tragedy of war and violence all around us, and so it seems that this power, while encouraging, is not something we experience wholeheartedly. There is much to reflect with in our readings today. What do we make of Jesus’ emotional responses throughout this narrative of raising Lazarus from the dead? We see him in grief, we again see him twice ‘perturbed’ or (in the Greek) ‘angered within himself’, and yet we also see his confidence in his Heavenly Father who is always listening and active.

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are *friends* of Jesus. They are dear to him, he spent much time with them. Suffering, loss, and grief are not absent from their lives just because they are his friends. Jesus *does* respond and he *does* draw close to them in the darkness of this moment, and Jesus truly cares—even the bystanders remark, ‘look how he loved him’. We likely can feel the rawness of the words that both sisters say directly to the Lord: “if you had been here [he] would not have died.” How real this emotion is, and how many times we likely have also felt this cry within ourselves. Even if not in the face of grief of loss, we probably have felt that drop and pain within us—*Lord why? Lord, where were you?* It’s offered to us for our comfort that Jesus authentically weeps, and his response to us has to do with what power is in store for us as he again reveals the communion he shares with his heavenly Father. Especially now as members of the Body of Christ, we *too* are to call upon our Heavenly Father with this same confidence in all our moments of pain and grief.

In the face of the deep sorrow though, we see moments of brilliance, most especially in the faith of Martha who recognizes who Jesus is and she even has trust in the power of Resurrection. And this confession of faith is something we too should beg from the Lord when we are crushed in whatever sorrow we may be carrying for ourselves or for another. Trust in this divine power to have victory over death is what we are called to cling to (remember how the Lord has been increasing faith in his encounters over our recent Sundays). Consider that passage from Ezekiel in our first reading—the purpose of it for us today is that the Lord is **always** and will forever be faithful to the promises he makes to his people, and we are invited to freely respond with the witness of our lives in faith and in trust. Certainly many of those people in Ezekiel’s time would not have known the fullness of the fulfillment of this prophecy and promise—which is to say something even greater than what is on the surface. It is as if the Lord is saying, *Yes, O Israel—even if necessary I will drag you out of your graves in order to fulfill my promises to you. Your faith is not in vain, I can and will do the unthinkable in order to be faithful to you.*

For us—let us see that Jesus wants to do more than just give us back the breath in our lungs, or have our hearts beat again. He desires that the chains of the burial cloths and the decay and stench of the tomb be something that is banished forever so as to share eternal friendship with Him. We can imagine what *truly* brought life to Lazarus coming forth from the tomb was the sight of Jesus’ face, calling him by name, and being set free. Yes we can recall that Lazarus would die again, but what about the confidence that would have lived in him after this moment? How much *more* willing would Lazarus have been to go to death again knowing that Jesus, his beloved friend and brother, has such power and promises not to abandon but to share victory over the powers of sin and death? If you and I ask this grace of boldness in trust in the face of our own death, we will have a much different perspective that could only come from knowing the Lord with deep intimacy. Let us live with this deep and beautiful faith and as Thomas says today, especially as Palm Sunday and Holy Week await us—*“Let us also go to die with him”*—so that we may be one with the Lord in his death as to share in his Resurrection!

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Happy Birthday Wishes

Father Foley will be celebrating a birthday on March 24th. He will be 34 years young! Thank you for your dedication, kindness, and the spiritual guidance you give to our community. May God fill your life with peace, joy, and abundant blessings today and always.”

Tickets Are Moving Fast

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 March 28th & 29th

Lectors:

4:00 pm Marc Parillo

7:30 am Maurice Etheredge

11:30 am Frank Brice

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team II

7:30 am Patty Marco

11:30 am Team I

There are sign up sheets in the Sacristy for Palm Sunday, Holy Week as well as Easter. Please let us know your availability. Also, the new Ministers List is available for pick up in the Sacristy.

Religious Education Classes

The weekend of March 29th

There Are **NO** Classes This Weekend

Confirmation date is May 16th at 5:15pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

First Communion will be Saturday, May 2nd at the 4:00pm Mass.

The **May Crowning** is Sunday, May 3rd at the 11:30am Mass.

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

March 22, 2026-\$6,046.00

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed at Noon on Holy Thursday, closed on Good Friday and on Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th at 8:30am. There will be NO daily Mass on April 6th.

Envelope News

We promised we would keep you posted with any updates on our Church envelopes. Well, everyone should have received them by the time you receive this bulletin. If not, please let us know. Thank you for your patience!

Chrism Mass

Fr. Foley would also be very grateful if you are available to attend the Chrism Mass--the Tuesday of Holy Week (March 31 at 11am at Cathedral). It is a beautiful Mass for the whole diocese where Bishop Lucia blesses and consecrates the holy oils used throughout the diocese for all anointings for the next year (so all Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations, Anointing of the Sick).

During this Mass the priests also renew their ordination promises so as to again be dedicated to their vocation in service of the Lord called to live always in persona Christi for all entrusted to their care. There are about 70-80 priests in attendance, it's not something you see everyday!

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This Week We Remember

Monday: March 23

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Leonardo Colavita (B) / Anthony

Tuesday: March 24

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Joe Valentine / Joanne & Joe Corasaniti
Wesley Valentine / Mom

Wednesday: March 25

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Francis Galimi, Ann. / Twin Brother

Thursday: March 26

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

Friday: March 27

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

Saturday: March 28

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Helen Corbett (B) / Dan & Sandy
Bob Antonacci / Joanne Licitra
John Dippold, Ann. / Wife Carol, Kids & Grandkids
Robert Reale, Ann. / Sister Carol & Family
Susie DeLorio / Husband, Frank & Family
James Albanese / Frank & Rose Larca

Sunday: March 29

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

Sunday: March 29

Barbara Pacheck, Ann. / Antimo Vigliotti & Family
Esther Patello (B) / Antimo Vigliotti & Family
Rosemarie Emmi / Bill Delia

Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, Rosetta Wilson,
Norma Yennock and Joseph Tritta, 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.***



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Henry & Esther Pagano

Requested by Anthony & Elizabeth Madonna

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, Rita
Nicoletti, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children,
Emily Rosenthal, Faith Setzer, Marion
Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick
St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco,
Fran Ward, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

Mary's Closet Update

We wait for word to spread on what Mary's
Closet has to offer. Our hours of operation are
Tuesdays and Thursday from 10:00am to
Noon. So spread the word! Also, there are still
volunteer opportunities available. Please call
the parish office, so we can get your name and
availability on the schedule.

St. Therese Meeting

The next St. Therese Meeting is March 26th at
1:00pm in the Convent. Join us right after the
Friends Retreat! All are welcome!

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

The Annual St. Therese Palm Sunday Bake Sale
is the weekend of March 28th & 29th in the
Gathering Space after all Masses.

All members of the parish are welcome to
contribute bake goods to sell at the sale as
well! Please bring your baked goods before
Mass.

Fifth Sunday of Lent



The Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

The Light Is On, March 30th

Noon to 1:30pm St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

4:00pm-6:00pm Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper-April 2nd

5:00pm Mass at St. John the Baptist / Holy Trinity &
Adoration after Mass until 9:00pm

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

7:00pm Mass at Assumption with Adoration until 10:00pm

Passion of the Lord, Friday, April 3rd

3:00pm Service at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

3:00pm Stations of the Cross at Assumption

5:30pm Vietnamese Service at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

7:00pm The Lord's Passion at Assumption

Holy Saturday, April 4th-Easter Vigil

10:00am Blessing of the Food at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

11:00am Blessing of the Food at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

8:00pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Easter Sunday-April 5th-Resurrection of the Lord

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

9:00am Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

9:00am Vietnamese Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

10:00am Mass at Assumption

11:30am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

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Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be offered during the regularly scheduled hour of confession at both OLP/St.P (Wednesday's 4-5pm) and St. JtB/HT (Thursday's 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 SJB at 4pm and Sundays led by volunteers prior to the 9am Mass.

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 all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics on all Fridays.

Pastime Club Fish Dinners

Fried, Baked or Broiled Fish, Cole Slaw, Fries, Mac & Cheese and New England Clam Chowder Wonderful choices at the St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lenten Fish Dinners! You don't want to miss them. They are held at the Pastime Club, 1314 North Salina Street on the Fridays of Lent. Cost \$15.00. Support our friends at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity!

Friends Retreat

This year the Annual Friends Retreat will be March 26th in the Convent. The Retreat will start with 9:00 am Mass. Cost \$15.00 which includes coffee and pastries and a light lunch.

Take some intentional time for prayer as Holy Week draws ever closer! We will have talks, time for prayerful reflection and eucharistic adoration, lunch, and small group sharing!

Penance Service

On March 22nd from 4:00pm -5:00pm at Sacred Heart in Cicero, Father Foley will be there hearing Confessions along with 10 or so other Priests. It's a great opportunity if someone would rather a Priest they don't know!

Join Us For Holy Hour

Tuesdays evenings at 5:30pm join us at the Convent at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter 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!

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



APRIL 25th IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA
TICKETS NOW ON SALE AFTER MASSES AND IN PARISH OFFICE

Donate a basket or raffle item? Cook? Bake?...Join us?!!!!

Tickets for our upcoming Baskets and Bites event have been on sale now for a couple weeks and reservations are rolling in!! If you haven't already gotten your tickets we hope you will soon and join us!!

Baskets are being dropped off and/or committed and some of our incredible Pompei/St Peter parishioners have already signed on to cook or bake their wonderful specialty dishes. (If you are willing to cook or bake, please let us know. We would be so appreciative)!! While enjoying the delicious stations of foods that evening, attendees will be browsing the many baskets and raffle items, taking chances on winning the items of their choice donated by our generous parishioners and friends and sharing a wonderful time with our parish family and guests.

The date is Saturday, April 25 th at 5:00 in the school cafeteria. How awesome that we will all get to enjoy the best of both events?! We are keeping the tickets at \$10.00 each this year and will include the usual 2 free raffle tickets to use as attendees choose for the raffle items/baskets. WOW...all this deliciousness and fun with our Parish Family for only \$10.00!!! We hope you will join us and be part of this fun, exciting and delicious evening. Stay tuned for updates on the cuisine specialties, raffle items and more details.



Interested in donating a basket or raffle item to be raffled off?

Looking for some ideas?.....here are some...

themed baskets with new items that are seasonal, holiday, movie or game night, snacks, cooking, barbeque, breakfast, electronics, summer fun, winter fun, cozy book time, toys, household appliances or items, sports, health and body care, sweet treats, jewelry, accessories, candles, arts and crafts, specialty foods, gift cards, wine, certificates from your favorite establishments (whether you own them or frequent them) such as restaurants, take out, cafes and coffee shops, bakeries, nail and hair salons, spas, florists, kids fun centers and experiences (The Most, Zoo etc)...,department stores, amazon, oh the lists are endless... creativity is so welcomed!!!



You can bring your donated items (or your intent to donate if your item is not yet ready) to our ***Gift Gathering Party in the Parish Offices from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Thursday, April 9 th***. This is a great way to help support the event by donating a basket or raffle item to be raffled the evening of the event. We will have cocktails and appetizers to enjoy for those dropping off their items. (Or expressing their intention of doing so). We are so appreciative to all those willing to support in this way. Our parishioners always donate such awesome items that so many want to win!! Thank you in advance for whatever way you can help.

