



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
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Parish Office

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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

Contact Information

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Religious Education Office: 315.422.7163
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Website: ourladyofpompei-stpeters.org

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.

August 10, 2025

A Message from the Pastor

For any number of reasons sometimes the life of heaven can seem too far away from us, too ambiguous, or even something too hard for us to even conceptualize—and so it can be difficult for us to anchor ourselves or touch and taste that eternal hope as our driving motivation in life. Particularly in difficult moments and seasons of our lives, the heart of Jesus yearns for you and me to trust that we are not forgotten and that in reality our sacrifices and difficulties are known to Him, and the weight of those crosses are also felt by Him, too. You and I are not expected to carry these things alone, nor are we expected to handle the bulk of the weight. Jesus does the work, and waits for our invitation to ask his grace and his assistance, which opens us up to a deepened faith.

Faith is a theological virtue—which means we cannot manufacture it for ourselves, there's no way to artificially grow it for ourselves, but rather it is always purely given as *gift* from God (hence *Theo*-logical virtue, of the life of God). Jesus continually invites his disciples to “ask for an increase of faith” (cf. Luke 17). Faith also opens us up to receive the other theological virtues of **hope** and **love**. These virtues are powerful forces for our lives. Faith is so deeply beautiful and transformative and when one authentically has it, the witness of his or her life becomes a truly compelling presence to be around. Consider the reflection the Letter to the Hebrews provides us with today in our second reading. The faith given Abraham is something that *still* to this day is so deeply captivating and difficult to fathom. Try to consider his ability to trust given his context.

Abraham, as the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, was at a very old age when he responded to the Lord's call to lead him to a promised land, to trust that from himself who was still childless would be the father of a great nation and have innumerable descendants. You probably know those stories well. But when you consider his journey of life, especially the quiet day in and day out sacrifices that we don't have chronicled in Genesis, it becomes even more impressive. What was it like for him waiting *years* to see the Lord's follow through on his fidelity to his word and promises? What was it like on the difficult days of his life when maybe he was consumed with fear wondering whether or not God would provide? There was likely a regular action of surrender and entrusting all that was beyond his control into the mercy and providence of God.

Even on top of those maybe more mundane actions of faith, in more of the greater difficulties of sacrifice and trust, the Lord revealed Abraham's own heart to himself and particularly shows to Abraham what he would be capable of when it came to the openness and willingness to trust when the most difficult ask of the Lord came: the offering back of his beloved Isaac (the child of the promise). Could Abraham have anticipated in himself the depth of his own faith before that moment? Incredibly, Abraham was willing to wholeheartedly believe that if the Lord could ask something so difficult and daunting and *still* maintain fidelity to his word, then it *must* be the case that the Lord even has the power to bring life out of death. What was that like for him?! How painful would it have been for him to trust in such a difficult moment. Abraham holding close what was so dear to him, and at the same time being willing to let go and entrust it back to God who first offered everything, even Isaac, to him as gift...what was that surrender like? Or even Abraham's posture to choose trust *while even knowing then in that moment* that many elements of the fulfillment of God's promises would come beyond Abraham's earthly lifetime? Would you still be willing to choose God, knowing that some of your prayers will only be fully answered after your earthly journey is complete?

I imagine that many, if not all of us, have had moments in our life where we have had to cling to the promises of the Lord and trust that he alone has the ultimate ability to provide, even when the future and its uncertainties lie beyond our reach and sight, and maybe even clouded in darkness. The encouragement Jesus offers us today is his word of benediction and we must take this to heart: ***blessed are those servants, blessed are they*** (see the parable). Who are the blessed? Those who stay trusting, who stay vigilant and responsible, who follow not their own path but the one set out for them, those who choose the posture of faith rather than the prison of fear. Receive confidence anew today that the **blessing** that lies beyond our sight, coming from the source of blessing Himself, *is* a blessing worth living every moment of our lives for. Yes there will be sacrifices and joys, challenges and triumphs, but receive a new interior freedom in your heart this day when you can offer the Lord the same heart that Abraham did when “*he reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead*” and give back to him what was most clung to in this life. May the Lord increase *that* kind of faith in us anew this day, and reassure us that his grace will always be enough.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Calling All Children's Book Fanatics

We have books from our school library that are looking for a new home. Books range from a variety of reading levels, Grades K-6. If you are interested in giving these books a new life, please contact the parish office to schedule a time to visit the Library, 315-422-7163.

Bring your own bags or boxes!

We have a new mailing address! P.O. BOX 11082

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church
P.O. Box 11082
Syracuse, New York 13218

We ask that you send all correspondence to our new mailing address ***Also, please note the zip code, 13218.***

Just as a side note: The address on your next packet of envelopes will reflect the old address.

Parish Offices Closed

The Parish Offices will be closed from August 14th to the 21st but we will have daily Mass Monday through Thursday at 9:00am in the Convent. If you need to reach us, please leave a message as we will be checking the answering machine on a regular basis. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Vietnamese Community Celebrates Feast Day

Join us as the Vietnamese Choir celebrates Our Lady of LaVang Feast Day on August 17th from 12:00pm-4:00pm in the Cafeteria. Please call Chi to RSVP, 315-459-1376.

Focus

Faith is a gift from God who provides all things for us. God provided as he promised to Abraham, the Israelites, and the disciples. As what they hoped for was realized, their trust grew and deepened. We, too, have received the gift of faith and can trust God to provide for us. We can always be ready and our waiting will not be in vain.

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.

August 3, 2025-\$4,176.00
Blue-\$308.00

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

Retirement Fund For Religious

August 17th we will have a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This fund helps more than 20,500 elderly sisters and brothers and religious order priest who have spent their lives in service-many receiving little to no pay. Now their communities struggle to meet their basic care, medication and daily needs. Please consider giving next weekend and give in gratitude for their lifelong commitment.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Mass schedule for the Feast Day, Friday, August 15th is:

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

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

4:00pm Vigil Mass at Assumption Church

10:00am at Assumption Church

(This is a Holy Day of Obligation)

August 10, 2025

This Week We Remember

Monday: August 11

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Joseph Castrilli / Mike & Roe Calagiovanni

Tuesday: August 12

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
William M. Merriett / Paul

Wednesday: August 13

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

Thursday: August 14

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Barbara Spoto / The Lynch Family

Friday: August 15

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

Saturday: August 16

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Sandra Colantone / Family
Louise Iannata / St. Therese Society
Fran Sacco / Rosalie Trinca
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family
Benny, Terry & Joseph Cimino/Family

Sunday: August 17

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Eugene Penizotto / Family

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Giuseppe Mondo / Family
Luigi Cannata / Marty Nave
Vincenzo Greco / Family
Geatanna & Vincenzo Gullotto / Family
Mary LeMura / Patricia Previtera & Family

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of

Nicola Mastrogiovanni

Requested by Ginnie Lostumbo

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.

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.

Vocations

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." How is God calling you to serve Him and be vigilant in waiting for His arrival? If He is calling you to serve as priest, deacon or religious, reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

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August Is The Month Of Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary! Let us pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession to bring us the Lord's love, mercy, and joy.

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of August 16 & 17

Lectors:

4:00 pm Pat Turkett

7:30 am Maurice Etheredge

11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team II

7:30 am Tino Porrino

11:30 am Team II

Jubilee Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Syracuse invites you to a special one-day Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, nestled in the breathtaking Berkshire Hills on the sacred ground of Eden Hill. This peaceful 375-acre site offers pilgrims the chance to encounter God's mercy through prayer, beauty and reflection.

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Cost: \$75 per person

Bus departs from Holy Cross Church in DeWitt with check-in beginning at 7:30 AM.

Take this opportunity to grow in faith, receive God's mercy, and share in a powerful day of pilgrimage with others from across the Diocese.

Thomas Kinkade. . .

When we come back to things that really matter, then peace begins to settle into our lives. Like golden sunlight sifting to a forest floor. And somewhere deep down inside we know that simpler times are better times.

The Religious Education Program

A new year of Religious Education for the Children and Youth of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Parish will begin in September.

The Day of the Son (DOS) Grade K-8 and First Sacrament Programs will begin on September 21st.

The two year Confirmation program begins with a Parent-Candidate Orientation. Faith Formation 1 will have their orientation on September 28th at 10:30am in their classroom in the Parish Office (Convent). Their first class will be on October 5th from 10:15-11:15am in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation II will have their own Orientation on Sunday, October 5th at 10:30am in their Classroom in the Parish Office (Convent). Their first class will be on October 19th from 10:15-11:15am in the Parish Office.

Registration for all classes will begin on August 18th and this year we will be offering multiple ways to register.

- There will be registration in Church after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, September 6th & 7th and September 13th & 14th.
- Registration forms can be found on the Church Website: ourladyofpompei-stpeters.org, at the parish Office in folders, in the Gathering Space or upon request 315-422-7163.
- Family Registration Form is required for enrollment in the Religious Education Program.
- Sacrament Registration Forms as required for 1st Sacraments and Confirmation FFI & FFII for program enrollment.
- Registration forms and fees may be returned to the Parish Office or to the teachers on the first day of class.

If anyone has any questions concerning the program and /or registration you can reach me thru the Parish Office at 315-422-7163.

Mary Beth Meade, DRE

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Sound System Upgrade

We are excited that one of the projects we are undertaking is renovation to the sound system in the church. Our attention to the audio needs will have an immediate impact on everyone coming through our doors, which is why this is where we are beginning. Our worship and prayer at Mass is dependent on our sincere participation, and since I've been with you, this has been one of the issues that is regularly raised and affects a large contingent of our parish family.

The project in total will fix our current issues with audio clarity, speakers, consistency and balance of sound quality regardless of seat, and also avoid the soon-anticipated repairs coming due to the lifespan of our current system. There will also be a number of individual audio units available for those with hearing impairments. A new, modern sound system will ensure no one feels excluded from the Mass's beauty and meaning.

We estimate the cost of this upgrade at \$40,000. However, thanks to the sacrifices and generosity of many of our parish groups like The Holy Name Society, The St. Thérèse Society, the Vietnamese Community, and the Annual Msgr. Walsh Golf Tournament—a portion of this total has already been raised. Even the overage from having surpassed our Hope Appeal Goal from 2024 is making this special project possible. We know the pride we take in our parish church and our stewardship to provide for her future, I'm inviting you to consider making a contribution to this project that will continue to uplift our beautiful liturgies for years to come. Please know that the contribution you offer, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this effort and for helping ensure that all can fully participate in the joy of the Mass. Donations can be made through the Parish Office, or through the regular collections at Mass using the "Blue Envelope" which indicates support of this project. Any overage in contributions once we've reached our goal will immediately contribute to the next improvements to our building and are restricted for that use.

May the Lord bless you all for your incredible generosity to our family of faith!

Mass Book Opening

The 2026 Mass Book will open on Monday, August 25th. Cost for each Mass is \$15.00.

The Bread & Wine for the week is \$25.00.

Eucharistic Angels are \$10.00 each. There are two candles. You may purchase one or two.

The Sanctuary Lamps are also \$10.00 each with the option to purchase one or two.

The Padre Pio Candle is \$10.00 for the week.

No Confessions at Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter this week

Fr. Lester will be covering confessions at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity on Thursday at the normal time (4pm-5pm). As always the Franciscan Place in the Mall offers Confessions during the week: Mon-Thursday 2-4pm, and Saturday 1pm-3pm.

Solemnity of the Assumption

With the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption, we want to extend our prayers and our gratitude to the Friars next door at Assumption!

Please continue to remember them in your prayers on their feast day here. The presence of the Friars, not just here in our parish, but in the numerous ways they are present to serve the needs of our greater community and our diocese is a tremendous blessing.

We ask the Lord to abundantly bless them, and that through the intercessions of St. Francis of Assisi and our mother Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption, they may continually be strengthened in their vocation, and be a bold sign of the living the Gospel among us and all whom they serve.



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Got Tickets ? For The World Renowned Vienna Boy Choir Concert In Our Church This Christmas Season?

Thank you to all of our wonderful parishioners that took advantage of the Parish's early opportunity to purchase tickets for our upcoming Vienna Boy Choir Concert. Even though sales are now open to the public, we still have great seats available.

There are approximately 60 seats remaining in the first half of the church, a number in the second half of the church and 12 remaining in the choir loft. So let us know if you are interested. (Contact information below).

The concert will be held in our Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter Church on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00pm. For those that were at the concert 3 years ago when they performed we are sure you agree it was absolutely a beautiful way to bring in the magic and spirit of our Blessed Christmas Season. This is evident in the people that have reserved seats this year that attended 3 years ago. It is a wonderful gift to yourself and as a gift to others. One the receiver will appreciate and remember for many years to come.

As in the past, we have a diagram of the seats for people to choose available seats. Ticket prices are the same as the last concert \$100.00 and \$75.00 depending on seat preference. We also have sponsorship and ad opportunities for those willing to support in this generous way. There will be a program booklet for the evening's performance with advertising opportunities, as well as pages for 'In Loving Memory', 'In Honor of and Friends of Pompei/St Peters' to remember and honor loved ones.

We will be in the back of church after most masses to purchase seats, sponsorship and ad opportunities or for more information. You can also call or visit the Parish Offices (315 422 7163), or Lucy's cell 315 3450562. As always, Cash, Checks and Credit Cards are accepted.

We hope you share in the excitement of this wonderful event and will join us for this spectacular evening!

