



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 Manger
Mary Beth Meade, Director of Religious Education
James Stanley, Director of Music
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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.

Second Sunday of Lent

A Message from the Pastor

Today I would like for us to look at the event of Jesus' Transfiguration with new eyes. Such a beautiful moment in the Gospel that probably seems a bit cryptic or hidden from us as to its purpose. We might be very familiar with the artwork depicting this scene: Jesus and his garments becoming dazzling white, Moses and Elijah on either side of him, the fear or amazement captured on the faces of Peter, James, and John. Today we hear the account of this moment in Luke's Gospel—which is a turning point in Luke's overall narrative, because it is from this point forward we find Jesus is 'resolutely determined' to go to Jerusalem and face the cross. He begins his journey there, and along the way he delivers many of the important parables, beautiful treasures that are only contained in the Gospel of Luke (e.g., The Good Samaritan, The Lost Coin, The Rich Man and Lazarus, The Return of the Prodigal Son, etc.)

The reason I would like us to look with new eyes at the Transfiguration, though, is that we glimpse something important of Jesus that we must not miss: Jesus' communion with his heavenly Father. The reality of this moment is that nothing for Jesus changes here. Jesus is constantly in perfect communion with the Father at every moment of his earthly life. While we hear about the clothes changing, the presence of Moses and Elijah—all this is good, but really no part of Jesus' identity changes. WE, however, like Peter, James, and John, are privileged to again see who Jesus is, and we are implored to remember. Imagine in this moment, a veil is being lifted, blurriness is removed, and we glimpse the radiance of the mystery and light of God. In this unique moment, the three disciples are privileged to see this and hear again from the heavenly Father as Jesus is about to now head directly to the Cross.

The reason I say that nothing of Jesus' identity changes here is because it is true, the veil lifted reveals what is *always* the reality: the radiance of the divine, the constancy of Jesus' union with the Father—it is always there, it is always the case in everything Jesus does, but in this moment, we see and receive again the knowledge of who he is, because we need to be reminded. This communion between Jesus and the Father is what will sustain Jesus as he endures his passion, and in reality this communion is present in Jesus as he teaches, heals, and even as he simply interacts with others. The communion is also present in every moment of Jesus' hidden life, his moments of prayer and discernment, the quiet times of seclusion away from the crowds. In the Transfiguration we saw the veil lifted on the beauty of what is **always** there in the life of Jesus.

Oftentimes in our spiritual lives, we hunger specifically for this 'mountaintop' experience, we deeply desire to glimpse or feel the radiance of God's presence in our life (as we should). However, more often than we'd probably prefer, we live in the in-between moments of our spiritual lives waiting for the next major reassurance of God's accompaniment, the next incredible grace that reveals God to us—we forget the reality of the communion that God has invited *us* to also share constantly with him even in the quiet, hidden moments of our lives. We should consider that veiled from our sight is the constancy of the communion that lives in us from the moment of our Baptism that gets covered over or even damaged by our sin and separating ourselves from it in its fullness. If we approach our prayer lives with the confidence that the glory and constancy of God's presence is always there whether we are privileged to see the dazzling effects of grace around us or merely the graces always sustaining us, we might grow in our capacity for perseverance. As amazing as the big transfiguration moments are for us in our lives, equally important for us to remember is the connectedness we are invited to lean into every day of our lives.

This Transfiguration moment is an icon for our spiritual lives as disciples. Peter, James, and John will come to recall the blessing of witnessing this moment when Jesus' paschal mystery is accomplished. They will recall Jesus' identity and his communion with the Father in his suffering when they themselves also face the suffering of the cross in *their* lives. Because of glimpsing his glory and transfiguration, they will continue clinging to the Lord, seeking his grace, and like St. Paul, to never find themselves as "enemies of the cross," and instead, live boldly anchored hope for whatever they endure.

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Centennial Corner

In 2011 we welcomed Father Daniel Caruso to our parish. Upon his arrival at our church the school was now back to being a parish school. Father Dan shared that when he assumed his responsibilities at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter there was a disconnect because of the parish no longer having the responsibility of the school. Father wanted to instill within the parish that we had to strengthen the bonds with the community & the school. We have different paths but the same future. We are one. "We have truly come a long way in the 11 plus years that I have been here"

Save the Dates for our 100th Year Happenings

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

April 6 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny sponsored by the Holy Name Society in the cafeteria from 9:00am to 11:30am.

April 26th a 4:00 Centennial Mass followed by the 6:00pm Centennial Gala. Tickets on sale NOW!!

May 10th is Basket Bonanza – Please start planning to donate a basket for this event. Our goal is 60 baskets!!

May 14th is the Holy Name Society Raffle!! So buy your tickets now.

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.

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!!!!



Second Sunday of Lent

This Week We Remember

Monday: March 17

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

Tuesday: March 18

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

Wednesday: March 19

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

Thursday: March 20

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Angelo D. Angeloro Jr. / Joe & Linda

Friday: March 21

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

Saturday: March 22

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Benny & Terry Cimino / Son, Joseph
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family
Felice & Nancy Belvito / Sandy, Dan & Danny
Santa & John Andalaro / David, Jill & Beth
John Dippold / Carol & Family

Sunday: March 23

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Giuseppe Ruffolo / Ginnie Lostumbo

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Maryann Vigliotti, Ann. / Fran & Giovanni Valentino
Angelo Borreggine / Wife, Frances
Jane Lostumbo / Daughter, Ginnie
Esther Sindoni / Liz Morgan
Domenico & Lucia Cappuccilli /
Henry & Veronica Pagano



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In
Loving Memory Of
Giuseppe Ruffolo
Requested By Mark & Lauri

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 Ciferri, 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.



Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, Lori Milea, 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.***



Sanctuary Lamps

Burning In Loving Memory of
John & Stella Corona

Requested by Cathy Saya & Family

Adoration

This Lenten Season we will have Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday in
church during Lent, March 12th, 19th, 26th and
April 2nd, 9th & 16th. Adoration will be from
4:30-6:00pm. There will be silence as well as
sung music (Fr. Foley will be singing). So
please make every effort to attend.

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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.

Magnificat

For 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. If you didn't take one home yet, there are still copies available.

St. Joseph's Table

The St. Joseph's Table will be set up at the front Altar for March 22nd & 23rd. Please bring in your non-perishable food items and place on or around the table. The donated food will help support our local food pantries.

Sacrificial Giving

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

March 9, 2025-\$12,100.00

Blue Envelope-\$135.00

Eastern Europe-\$592.00

Black & Indian-\$176.00

Lenten Sacrifice-\$566.00

Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

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. The first step of this process for each parish is to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI), a 10-15 minute survey designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
 - Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
 - And help parishioners grow in their faith.
- Bishop Lucia is asking all of us to complete this survey that will be conducted beginning on Ash Wednesday. Please consider participating to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future. Surveys are in the Gathering Space.

A Family Perspective

Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

Vocations

"Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray." Jesus invited these three closer to Himself to strengthen their faith in preparation for the work He called them to do. What is God calling you to do? If you believe He is asking you to be a religious, priest, or deacon, reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrдио.org and follow us on [Instagram@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).

St. Therese Meeting

The next St. Therese Meeting is on March 27th at 1:00pm in the Parish Office. Hope to see you there!!

Second Sunday Of Lent

Words to Learn

Transfiguration [trans-fig-yuh-rey-shuhn] -a great change in appearance. Transubstantiation [tran-suhb-stan-shee-ey-shuhn] -the changing of one substance into another. At the moment of consecration, the substance of the bread and wine changes to become the true Body and Blood of Christ, while their appearances remain unchanged

These terms, transfiguration and transformation, are similar, yet very different. Let's look closer at these words. Both transubstantiation and transfiguration involve a revelation of Christ's true nature. In the transfiguration, the disciples glimpse Jesus' divine glory, which is often interpreted as a foreshadowing of His resurrection and the fullness of His identity as the Son of God. In transubstantiation, the Eucharist reveals Christ's presence in a profound mystery, inviting believers to encounter His divine life. Both concepts involve transformation. In transfiguration, Jesus' physical appearance is transformed, revealing His divine nature. In transubstantiation, the elements of bread and wine are transformed into Christ's Body and Blood, signifying a deep spiritual reality that transcends ordinary perception. While transubstantiation and transfiguration refer to different theological events, they can be connected through their emphasis on the revelation of Christ's divine nature, the theme of transformation, and the call to deepen one's faith. How does receiving Jesus in the Eucharist help us to shine brightly like Him, just as He did during the Transfiguration?"

Companions on the Journey

St. Joseph has two feast days...March 19, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and May 1, celebrates St. Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph is many times portrayed holding lilies. The white lilies symbolize the purity and virtue of St. Joseph.



Pilgrims of Hope -

Places in the Bible

This week, Jesus and his disciples were on a mountain known as Mt. Tabor. This distinctive, majestic hill isolated rises 1,843 feet from the floor of the valley in Israel 11 miles west of the Sea of Galilee. Visit virtually this beautiful landscape and imagine being with the disciples as they witnessed this divine event. bit.ly/Mt-Tabor-Transfigurati

Saturday, March 22nd

In Genesis 1:9-10, water is part of God's beautiful creation. Catholics are called to be stewards of creation, ensuring that resources like water are used wisely and protected. World Water Day can serve as a reminder of the importance of caring for water and advocating for clean, accessible water for all, especially the poor and marginalized. The theme for 2025 World Water Day is "Save our Glaciers." A glacier is a river of ice, often covered in snow, slowly moving down a valley from mountainous areas, with its meltwaters flowing downstream. Glaciers are critical to the water cycle. Explore the importance of glaciers to the water cycle and the climate, and read inspirational stories from around the world:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day>

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 Ash Wednesday March 5th, and on the Fridays of Lent Starting on March 7th.

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

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HOPE APPEAL

*Firm in Faith,
Active in Charity,
Together in Hope*

Once again we thank everyone who has given and who continue to give to the Annual Hope Appeal. We are currently over our goal by \$1,179.33. The Hope Appeal Office will be reimbursing us with a check for that amount. So, if you didn't have an opportunity to give and would like to, please do so and our parish will get 100% of it back. Thanks!

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of March 22 & 23

Lectors:

4:00 pm Jackie Cimino
7:30 am Maurice Etheredge
11:30 am Merino Merola

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team II
7:30 am Patty Marco
11:30 am Team III

Religious Education News

The following grades will be introduced at Mass:
Faith Formation I & II, March 22 at 4:00pm Mass

Reminders:

Confirmation is at St. Daniels on April 5th at the 4:00pm Mass

First Holy Communion is May 3rd at the 4:00pm Mass.

Magnificat Jubilee Year

Pilgrims of Hope

"Hope 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."
(Romans 5:5)

BASKET BONANZA



Basket Bonanza is a little later than usual but it 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!!!

So...we hope you will 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 will be available in church after all Masses.

Friends Retreat

This year the Annual Friends Retreat will be April 9th in the Convent. The Retreat will start with 9:00am Mass. More information will follow as the date gets closer. Cost \$15.00 which includes coffee and pastries and a light lunch.

Msgr. William L. Walsh

Golf Tournament

This year the Golf Tournament will be on July 21st at Tuscarora Golf Course with a lunch, shotgun start, and dinner! Mark your calendars !!

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is a gathering for young adults (ages 18-39) looking to connect and learn more about the Catholic faith." Fr. Brendan is the speaker on Thursday, March 27 at Abbiocco by A Mano from 7-9pm. Preregistering secures you a free drink! Hope to see you there! There's more info <https://syracusediocese.org/theology-on-tap> if you'd like, and you can also register there, too.