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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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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.

Bulletin Deadline is Monday morning week of publication

March 8, 2026

A Message from the Pastor

It's a long encounter in today's Gospel–but an important one: the story of "The Woman at the Well." I encourage you to sit and read this passage from John Chapter 4. The slow unfolding dialogue is one we can take time to imagine and enter in.

In the encounter with the Samaritan woman, the symbol of **water** stands out in the foreground. It's more than just water to quench a physical need, and we will hear how water becomes an image of the way the Holy Spirit is to flow within us. Water is also connected clearly with our first reading from the book of Exodus. At this point in the narrative, the people of the Lord wandering in the desert following their liberation from Egypt has made them frustrated and exhausted to the point of preferring their former place of slavery and pain. How desperate they must have been! As a result, we could easily say the theme for this Sunday is "**Thirst**"--but of course this thirst is not just a reflection of a physical need, but rather, a spiritual one. We should also note, this **thirst** is not primarily a yearning from *our* perspective and for our own needs to be met, but rather, the **thirst** on display for us to ponder is from the *Lord's* perspective. **God's thirst for us.**

Jesus says, "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:14). This water, Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, represents the Holy Spirit, "the "gift" par excellence that Jesus came to bring on the part of God the Father. Even St. Paul reminds us today that this 'water' given to us in Baptism is the way that the Lord poured forth hope into us. Hope that does not disappoint, hope that leads us to life (cf. Romans 5). Whoever is reborn by water and by the Holy Spirit in Baptism, enters into a deep relationship with God, a filial relationship, and as a result can worship the Lord "in spirit and in truth" (Jn 4:23, 24), as Jesus reveals to the Samaritan woman. Thanks to the encounter with Jesus Christ and to the gift of the Holy Spirit, our faith can attain fulfilment. Each one of us can identify ourselves with the Samaritan woman: Jesus is waiting for us, he is thirsting for us, especially in this Season of Lent, to speak to our hearts, to my heart, and to pour out his grace anew to give us life.

Considering that truth, now can sit with these words of Jesus: "If you knew the gift of God…" *If you knew*–simply reflects Jesus' deep desire for the woman, but also for you in me to open up to this relationship with him. We should trust that Jesus knew this woman better than she knew herself, and that Jesus himself desired new life for her. Her choice to hide or avoid the community by going to the well when she did (at the least opportune time of day), reveals that it is not above Jesus to go to those places we would rather not go, or to see that which we would not want him to see. Yet to these spaces of regret, or possibly shame, is what invites the thirst of Jesus. The thirst for her heart, drawing her deeper into knowledge of him opened her up to receive a transformative encounter, a life-giving encounter that he knew she desperately needed. Much like water that quenches our thirst when we are most desperate for it, so too should we expect that if we are open to it, a deep encounter with Jesus can restore us to life and renew our hope.

Jesus to Mother Teresa, in her Thirst Meditation (I leave you a simple part of it, you should go and receive the whole thing!): *"I THIRST FOR YOU. All I ask of you is that you entrust yourself to Me completely. I will do all the rest. From this moment, now, I behold the place My Father has prepared for you in My Kingdom. Remember that you are a pilgrim in this life traveling back home. Sin can never satisfy you, or bring the peace you seek. All that you have sought outside of Me has only left you more empty, so do not tie yourself to the things of this world; above all, do not run from Me when you fall. Come to Me without delay because, when you give Me your sins, you give Me the joy of being your Savior. There is nothing I cannot forgive and heal; so come now, and unburden your soul. No matter how far you have strayed without a destination, no matter how often you have forgotten Me, no matter how many crosses you bear in this life; I want you to always remember, one thing that will never change. I THIRST FOR YOU."*

Third Sunday of Lent

Less than 75 Tickets

The Holy Name Raffle Tickets are on sale and hopefully you will be purchasing your ticket soon. There are ONLY 75 tickets left. 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
4th-$500.00

Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 to purchase your tickets or for any questions.

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of March 14th & 15th

Lectors:

4:00 pm Ro Scalzo
7:30 am Maryann Iannettone
11:30 am Ralph Torrillo

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team III
7:30 am Maurice Etheredge
11:30 am Team II

Religious Education Classes

The weekend of March 14th & 15th
Saturday, March 14th, Confirmation Retreat from 9:00am to 12:30pm.
Sunday, March 15th All Classes are in Session
Confirmation date is May 16th at 5:15pm at Blessed Sacrament Church

St. Therese Meeting

The next St. Therese Meeting is March 26th at 1:00pm in the Convent. All are welcome!

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

The Annual St. Therese Palm Sunday Bake Sale is the weekend of March 27th & 28th 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.

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.

March 1, 2026-$5,244.00

Thank you in for your continued generosity to our parish.

Hope Appeal

We have reached our HOPE APPEAL GOAL!!
Even though our goal is met it is very important for all of us to participate in some way. After meeting our goal last week, we have had 4 additional donations! Any donations received at this point will 100% come back to the parish.

Make Your Reservations & Let Your Voice Be Heard

Bishop Lucia has reminded us, “A synodal church is a listening church, aware that listening is more than hearing. It is a reciprocal listening in which each one has something to learn.” Bishop Lucia has asked every parish in the diocese to complete this important task. All parishioners are warmly invited to a Synod Listening Session after the 4pm Mass on Saturday March 21 to share your insights, reflections, and hopes for our parish and the Church. Fr. Foley is very interested in hearing from our parish family.

Your voice matters! **A St. Joseph’s Day, Poor Man's Supper** will be provided at no cost. In order to prepare it would be greatly appreciated if you could please RSVP to the office by March 18. Location will either be the Convent/Office or the Cafeteria depending on RSVPs!

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This Week We Remember

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

Tuesday: March 10
9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
John & Rose Davis / Michael Davis
Sam Paris / Angela Albanese

Wednesday:March 11
9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Richard Monty/ Joe Riggeri

Thursday: March 12
9:00am Mass in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Richard & Mabel Perrotti / Family

Friday: March 13
9:00 am No Daily Mass at OLP / St. Peter

Saturday: March 14
4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Henry & Esther Pagano / Frank DeLorio
Alberto & Gino Fabrizi (B) / Adele & Joe
Sandra Colantone / Family
Nicholas "Nick" Silvaggio, W. Ann /
Becki, Tony, Joe & Family

Sunday: March 15
7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Francine Magnarelli, Ann. / Jimmy Price

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Anna Pastore / Carlos & Connie
John & Stella Corona/Daughter, Cathy & Family
Angelo Borreggine / Wife, Frances
Nicola Mastrogiovanni / Family
Anthony James Cannizzaro / John & Margherita
Deceased of the Mule & Cannizzaro Families /
John & Margherita

Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, LaurieAnne D'Agostino & Nicholas Capozzi, 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.

Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
Cathy DiBello, Ann.
Requested by Family

Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Nunzio Santoro
Requested by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

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, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 22nd from 9:00 to 11:30 am in the cafeteria. Please mark your calendars and consider joining us for this always delicious and fun event. The Easter Bunny will be attending and sure to delight young and old. So bring the family or come alone ...we would love to see you!

Third 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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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 during Lent and Good Friday.

Fish Dinner

Have you tried 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. Let's 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.

Come 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! More info to follow.

Mary's Closet Update

"Mary's Closet" is set and ready to go! Now 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.

Catholic Relief

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

Holy Hour

Tuesdays evenings join us 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

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 Sunday Mass) And at Pompei we will designate Saturday March 7th **following the 4pm Mass** we will invite all to stay after Mass to pray the Stations.

Basket & Bites Meeting This Thursday

We hope you will consider being part of our committee for this wonderful upcoming event. Our NEXT MEETING will be held this Thursday, March 12th at 5:00. We are going to meet in the cafeteria so we can review the logistics of how to best set up for this great event. We hope anyone interested in helping to plan this fun evening will join us. If you want to be part of the committee but can't make the meeting, please give a call to the parish office 315 422 7163, Lucy 315 345 062 or Colleen 315 427 6474 and let us know so we can keep you updated. Thanks so much for your consideration and support.

Third Sunday of Lent

APRIL 25 TH IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA
TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

The Basket and Bites tickets are now on sale after all masses and at the Parish Offices. We hope you will mark your calendars' and plan on being part of this great event, which is a combination of two of our parish's traditional favorites.

About 18 incredible Pompei/St Peter parishioners will be donning their chef hats and aprons to prepare their specialties for all to enjoy. At the same event we will be holding our fun and exciting Basket Bonanza. Displaying around 50 incredible donated themed baskets and items. Our attendees will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to take a chance on winning the items of their choice and enjoy the incredible foods prepared by our awesome chefs.

This combined event will take place on Saturday, April 25 th in the 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.

Our NEXT MEETING will be held this Thursday, March 12th at 5:00. We are going to meet in the school cafeteria so we can review the logistics of how to best setup for this great event. We hope anyone interested in helping to plan this fun evening will join us.

We are also looking forward to Thursday, April 9 th for a Gift Gathering Party. 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 from 5:00 to 7:00 in the Parish Office while donors can drop off their items. (Or express 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.

Come solo or get a fun table together...it will be a blast..we just know it.... And....
we want you to be part of it with us!!!!
If you can't make the meeting but want to help...
If you can't make the Gift gathering party but want to donate...
If you are interested in cooking or baking for the event...
If you would like to reserve/purchase tickets...
Then
Please visit us after all masses, give us a call at the Parish Office 315 422 7163 or call Lucy (315 345 0562) or Colleen (315 427 6474)..and let us know!!!!
Thank you so much for your continued and always wonderful support!!!!