

Among my favorite words to pray in the Mass celebrated for our loved ones who have died are ones saturated with profound hope: *"In [Jesus Christ] the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come…for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven…"* (Preface I for the Dead). I hope these words are familiar to you, and I pray that the consolation that comes from them continues to accompany you and your loved ones as you grieve. These and so many of the prayers during the funeral liturgy speak to the reality that we were created by God for ultimate communion and eternal life with Him, and while we are saddened at the way our lives on earth change because of the new absence of our deceased loved ones, we are deeply encouraged that we will *"see them again and enjoy their friendship"* when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Until that day, as a Church committed to the Works of Mercy, we are called upon to comfort those in sorrow and to pray for the souls of all those who have died, and especially to remember them at the Altar. This year, All Souls' Day falls on a Monday, but because these prayers are intended to be something that we focus our attention on *all* month, we will incorporate our annual remembrance into the Masses for the weekend of November 14th-15th. All are invited to participate in these Masses, and we are especially extending this invitation to *you*—to our families and friends who are grieving the loss of someone who died during the past year. At each Mass, individual candles of devotion will burn at the Altar with the names of our loved ones who have died this year. **There is no need to RSVP,** we simply just want you to know of and share in this remembrance with our parish community. Also, to remember additional deceased members of your family from other years past, please see the opportunity to obtain candles that will bear their names to adorn our sanctuary.

On behalf of our entire parish family, please know of our continued prayers for you during this time. In our lives the weight of grief manifests in many different ways and often at different times. Certainly one of the most important ways that we continue to show love to our family members who have died is to remember them in prayer. Remember, we are not intended to carry our grief alone, so please come and find comfort and refuge in our parish community as we accompany one another on the journey of life and faith.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you always,

Fr. Brendan Foley

Candles/Intentions

At Masses for that weekend, we not only will give special attention to those who have passed within the last year, and we also like to invite you to remember the other deceased members of your families and friends.
Candles/Intentions can be submitted in your All Souls Day Envelope which is in your envelope packet or just a plain white envelope. Please enclose $5.00 for each candle/intention that you write on the All Souls Day Envelope. If you would like to have names listed specifically or simply read "Deceased Members of the 'Foley Family' you may. Names of deceased loved ones are due by Tuesday, Nov 10th.

New Time

The All Souls Mass for the Holy Name Society and the Society of St. Therese will take place in Church on November 11th at **5:30pm**. At this Mass deceased members names of both societies will be announced. Hope you can attend this tribute!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from the Pastor

So often we can be quick to convince ourselves that Law and Love from the Lord are somehow at odds or that they are only ever distinct from each other. This Sunday the Scriptures gently but firmly remind us that the heart of God's law is not a list of distant rules but an invitation to love. In the first reading the Lord insists that the stranger, the widow, and the orphan must never be crushed or exploited; the Lord always hears and knows their cry. These concrete protections are not separate from the Gospel we will hear, in which Jesus declares that the entire Law and the Prophets hang on two **inseparable** commandments: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Law and love are not rivals; love is the living soul of the law, and the law is the reliable path love must walk.

When we love our neighbor as ourselves, we cannot remain indifferent to those whose lives are most fragile. The unborn child, the elderly person whose days seem to cost or burden too much, the immigrant and the refugee who have nowhere else to turn, the person with disabilities who is often overlooked—all are the neighbor Christ places before us, and Christ himself can dwell in them. The Gospel relates to us that to defend their dignity is not an optional extra; it is the embodiment of Jesus' own words to us today. Our diligent, persevering respect for life is always intended to be the love of God made concrete. Saint John Paul II once observed that "love of neighbor is the verification of our love of God." When we protect the unborn, sit with the dying, welcome the stranger, or simply refuse to treat any person as disposable, we are not adding an extra duty to the Gospel; we are living the very heart of it. These acts of respect for life become quiet acts of worship, the way the whole Law finds its fulfillment.

While our readings today may challenge us, or move our hearts to discomfort, we know that the Law of the Lord and our love for the Lord must be embodied and always united. The readings insist that law and love, strange as it may seem, are ultimately united: Without love, law is cold, and without law, love is mere emotion. Love of God will forever be the highest law we are called to live. Yet, we know that we cannot achieve this by mere human strength, but rather through grace. The Lord does not constantly ask us for grand gestures from us, but more so for hearts that stay open to His grace and the transformative power of his divine life poured out upon us.

As we so fondly attribute these words to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love." In such small things the commandment Jesus gives us today is already being kept, and the love of God becomes visible in our midst. May the Holy Spirit make us joyful imitators of the Lord, ready to serve the living God by loving every neighbor He places in our path, and may our lives as disciples boldly bear the light of truth leading the world to protect and promote the dignity and sanctity of all human life.

Fisherman's Club

Any young man discerning the priesthood is welcome to join the Syracuse Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Dennis Walker and Associate Vocations Director, Fr. Brendan Foley for an evening of prayer, discussion and dinner. The Fisherman's Club's mission is to build fraternity among young adult Catholic men to provide these men with tools for mature discernment of their vocation. It will be held on Tuesday, October 27 and Tuesday, November 24 at 5:30pm at Church of the Nativity at St. Joseph's in Lafayette. We will start the evening with prayer and provide dinner. For more information or to register contact the Vocations Office at Vocations@syrdio.org

October 25, 2026

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of October 31st & November 1st
4:00 pm Toni Paglia
7:30 am Maryann Iannettone
11:30 am Frank Brice

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team II
7:30 am Bob Battaglia
11:30 am Team I

The new Liturgical Workbooks are available for pick up in the Sacristy.

Religious Education

October 25th All Classes are in session
Questions, please call Jackie Cimino at 315-410-1829.

Our Address

We have had our P.O. Box address for over a year now and the mail will no longer get forwarded to us at the old address. So, please mail all correspondence to :
Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
P.O.Box 11082
Syracuse, New York 13218

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget that November 1st is the end of Daylight Savings. Set your clocks back 1 hour! One extra hour to sleep!!

Training In The Parish Office

Pompei/St. Peter will host Safe Environment training on November 14th at 10:00am, for **all** those who help at Mass. Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, anyone helping in the Sacristy are to be Safe Environment trained. There are **NO** exceptions! This is to ensure the safety of all our young people or vulnerable adults, and also to protect our volunteers, too.
Pre-Registration required online (https://syracusediocese.org/initial-safe-environment-training-for-adults)

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.

October 18, 2026-$5,173.00
World Mission-$334.00-$

Please try not to use tape on your envelope. Thanks to those who have discontinued the tape! What a difference it has made! Also, thank you for your generosity! We are truly blessed here at Pompei/St. Peters!!

"We are the Body of Christ"

As you know our Hope Appeal Goal is $20,982.00. To date we have 41 parishioners donating $5,508.75.We would love if we could receive 100% participation. Let us try to reach our goal as soon as we can, so please prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge.

Online Giving

Want to use online giving for your Sunday Offering? You can set up your recurring donations by scanning the QR Code provided. Vanco is the company that processes your donations. They will provide you with a financial statement at the end of the fiscal year.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week We Remember....

Monday: October 26
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
William M. Merriett / Paul

Tuesday: October 27
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
Antonio Colavita (B) / Anthony

Wednesday: October 28
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
David Petragnani (B) / Aunt, Marietta
Virginia Tantillo / John Minozzi

Thursday: October 29
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
Pasquale Sisera / Wife, Gilda

Friday: October 30
No Daily Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Saturday: October 31
4:00 pm Mass in the Church
Annette Ferrante (B) / Sandy Brigandi

Sunday: November 1
7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Josephine & Larry Arena / Family

11:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter
Vito Toia / Betty & Family
Joseph D'Avirro / Stephanie Cavallaro



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During
The Week In Loving Memory Of
Annette Ferrante
Requested by The Jacques Family



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
Richard Tortora Sr.
Requested by Rita, Doug & Jeffrey Fox

Let us pray as one family

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parishes.
Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arlene Bukowski, Dominick Brancato, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, John & Leona Ciferni, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Hank Donohue, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Audrey Emmi, Marilyn Ferretti, Ruth Fabrizi, Ellen Gangemi,Gladys Graham, 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, Francesca Santoro, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Fran Ward, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

Word of the Lord

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

Holiday Bags

The Holiday Food Bags are at all entrances of the church. The food donations are due back the weekend of **November 21st & 22nd.**

Some suggested items:
Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Snacks
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Jam, Nutella
Canned Beans-Cannelloni, Black Beans
Royal Basmati Rice, Mac & Cheese
Macaroni & Pasta Sauce,Canned Tomatoes
Snack Pack Jello & Pudding & Fruit Cups
Unable to shop? Monetary donations are accepted!
Thank you for making Holidays happy for all!

October 25, 2026

Spaghetti Supper Only 10 Days Away
Thank You To Everyone That Helped Last Weekend
Hope To See You in The Days Ahead!!



Our 77th Annual Election Day Spaghetti Supper is only 10 days away and we have hit the ground running with nearly 6,000 meatballs and 100 gallons of sauce already prepared (and froze of course). The remaining sauce will be done the weekend before. We can't thank everyone that came and helped out on Saturday enough. It was a full day with so much accomplished..and lots of warmth, sharing and fun too!!! You were all wonderful and we are so appreciative!!!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 3rd . We hope you will join us!!! We would love to see you in house 11:30 to 7:00 or you can now start pre ordering your take out and delivery orders by calling the Parish Office at 315 422 7163 or visiting us in the back of church this weekend (October 24th and 25th) and next Oct 31st and Nov. 1st).

Prices are the same as the last several years...
$12.00 per meal...which includes a very generous, delicious portion of Spaghetti and Meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert.
Take Out and Delivery also offers Half Trays and Full Trays to share at home, office or if treating others for Lunch or Dinner. The Trays include all the deliciousness and goodies as your meal inside.
Half Tray feeds 6 for $60.00
Or Full trays that feeds 15 for $120.00.

Want to volunteer?...here are some options if so....
Monday, November 2nd 5:00 pm until done ....Set up for the big day. Preparing garlic bread, the room, and take outs.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 rd ...THE BIG DAY... Many jobs, many shifts starting at 9:00 am. In house and Delivery volunteers needed as well as clean up after. Let us know if you can help out.

We are also so grateful if you would considering supporting in the way of sponsorships to offset the cost of the product and supplies. Call the Parish Office at 315 422 7163 or Lucy's Cell..315 345 0562. For more information or to volunteer, sponsor or place orders.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR ❤'S
BE SURE TO CATCH FATHER FOLEY AND A COUPLE OF OUR SAUCE GUYS ON BRIDGE STREET THIS TUESDAY AT 10:00am TALKING ABOUT THE TRADITION, THE PREPARATIONS, THE DELICIOUSNESS, THE WARMTH AND THE GOODNESS OF THIS WONDERFUL PARISH EVENT!!!