

*With gratitude and joyful anticipation,,*  
**OUR LADY OF POMPEI-ST. PETER**  
PROUDLY WELCOMES TO OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

*The World Renowned*

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WEDNESDAY DEC 10

DOORS OPEN 6:15PM, CONCERT BEGINS 7PM

# December 7, 2025

## A Message from the Pastor

Last Sunday, St. Paul's challenge in the letter to the Romans was to "awaken from sleep" and to recognize the reality of the Lord's presence already alive and available to them as disciples *now* even as they anticipated with confidence the Lord's final coming in glory. Yes--we are likely aware of ourselves that we also could be more attentive to this reality, too, especially if we don't often take stock of the larger scope of our lives on earth and the time and gifts that have been entrusted to us. A favorite spiritual author of mine, Fr. Jacques Philippe reminds us simply, "The Lord is **always** coming, but we are not always ready to receive Him. The essential work of the spiritual life is to keep our hearts open and free so that Jesus can enter." And so enter our season of Advent. These days give us pause, they call us to again prepare for the final day of the Lord, to return to the healing mercy of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to help us fix our gaze or reorient us toward the things that ultimately will endure. And truly we know ourselves, we know that we get distracted or busy, even with good intentions, and so the humble invitation from the Church during these brief days and weeks to us is, **let Advent be Advent**.

We should strive to respond to the invitation to be still, precisely stillness *with* the Lord. Our time of intentional entering into silence and prayer is not to force ourselves into an abyss of emptiness or isolation from the cares of the world, but rather to be *with* the One who alone offers us refuge and strength to then go and engage the various tasks and callings we have received. Fr. Jacques continues, "Peace of heart does not consist in having no more difficulties, but [rather] in waiting for God to act with confidence and love [as our steadfast posture]. It is the attitude of a child who knows he is loved and who waits for everything from his father." And this kind of genuine trust and confidence is precisely what St. Paul wanted to awaken in his fellow disciples. Something changes deeply within us when we live in greater awareness of the closeness of the Lord's presence, or as he described last Sunday, that the reality in which we now live is that salvation is closer to us than when we first believed. One of the many fruits of abiding *always* in this kind of trust is the unfathomable 'harmony' that St. Paul describes today in our second reading (Romans 15:4-9).

Enter today one of our pivotal Advent figures, St. John the Baptist, who also boldly proclaims this reality of the closeness of the Lord in our Gospel today: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" is what he announces. Hidden in the original Greek for "at hand" is "has drawn near" or more literally "has arrived." So John, like Paul, shakes us with an urgency that the Lord is nearer to us than we realize or have previously recognized. What changes for us in our lives if we become more attentive to the reality of the Lord's constantly "drawing near"? What are the things in our life that form obstacles that make it difficult to recognize the subtlety of his presence? **Now is the time** to make changes in our life that would lend to us recognizing more readily the desire of the Lord to maintain communion with us or offer the sweetness of his harmony with us. Thanks be to God, the constant invitation to be cleansed of the things we substitute for the Lord can be made actualized in the mercy we receive in the Sacrament of Confession--not something to be feared or ashamed of, but to be acknowledged with joy. If we humbly go before the Lord there acknowledging, yes, there are ways that I allow my heart and mind to be filled with distractions that keep me from recognizing the generous closeness of the Lord at all times (even in difficulty, grief, or illness, etc.) day by day I will gain the freedom of heart to understand the distinct urgency of St. John and St. Paul.

This is simply what I am suggesting in saying "Let Advent *be* Advent" for us. If we simply observe what the season draws forth from us, we will learn what it looks like to abide continually in a hope-filled posture of anticipation that the Lord is coming *always*, and will ultimately come again at the end of all things. Doing so, the Lord will gently remove fear and anxiety from our hearts and in their place he will restore the strength and confidence of his presence. Let's strive to better allow this work of grace to come to fulfillment in our hearts in these Advent days so that we may be moved with gratitude and overcome by the generosity of the Lord who takes the initiative to come to us and make his presence known.

# Second Sunday of Advent

## ***Breakfast with Santa***

The Holy Name Society will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on December 7th in the cafeteria from 9:00am to 11:30am. Bring your children/grandchildren to visit with Santa. Pancakes, eggs & sausage will be served. A free will offering is appreciated.

## ***Please use our new address***

The proper address for all correspondence is:  
Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church  
P.O. Box 11082  
Syracuse, New York 13218  
***Also, please note the zip code, 13218.***

## ***Holy Name Raffle***

Tickets for the Holy Name Raffle are now available! The drawing will be at their May meeting on May 13th. This year 300 tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each. The prizes are as follows: 1st-\$5,000.00, 2nd-\$1,000.00, 3rd-\$1,000.00 and 4th-\$500.00.

If you want a special numbered ticket, it is on a first come- first served! Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 to reserve your tickets or for any questions. They thank you for your support!

## ***Liturgical Ministers***

Weekend of December 13-14

### **Lectors:**

4:00 pm Jackie Cimino  
7:30 am Jim Magnarelli  
11:30 am Frank Brice

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

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

## ***Religious Education Classes***

The weekend of December 14

Day of the Son (DOS) Class at 10:15am  
First Penance at 10:15am  
FFI Class at 10:15am  
FFII Class at 10:15am

## ***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.

**November 23, 2025-\$4,315.00**

**November 30, 2025-\$5,527.00**

**Thanksgiving Mass-\$1,153.00**

**Sound System-\$515.00**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

Please remember Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter in your Will.

## ***Hope Appeal***

It is very important for all of us to participate in some way. We currently have 39% participation. Remember that no gift is too large or small, just prayerfully consider it. For it is together we strengthen our church and serve others. Our goal is \$20,175.00 and we have received \$12,465.00. Thank you!

## ***The "Light Is On" Campaign***

Priest will be hearing Confessions in all Churches throughout the Diocese. Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church will be open for Confessions Monday, December 15th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm and Wednesday, December 17th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Father will also be hearing Confessions at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity from Noon to 2:00pm in the 15th as well as Thursday, December 18th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

## ***Christmas Ornaments & Cookbooks***

The Parish Christmas Ornaments are on sale after all Masses this weekend in the Gathering Space as well as the Parish Cookbooks. Ornaments are \$20.00 and so are the Cookbooks. Both of these will make great Christmas Gifts.

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***This Week We Remember***

**Monday: December 8**

**Feast of Immaculate Conception**

9:00 am Mass in Church at OLP/St.P

12:15 Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

**Tuesday: December 9**

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

Nicolina Colavita, Ann. / The Colavita Family

**Wednesday: December 10**

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

Robert Kalska / Son, Paul

**Thursday: December 11**

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

Kate Paris (B) / Family

**Friday: December 12**

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

**Saturday: December 13**

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Virginia Lanza / Husband, Tony & Family

Guy Blasi Sr. Ann. / Children

Henry & Esther Pagano / Family

Benny, Terry, Anthony & Joseph Cimino/ Family

Frank Procopio / Wife, Kay & Family

**Sunday: December 14**

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

Eugene Penizotto / Family

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

Fran Vigliotti Vick (B) / Antimo & Family

Nick Muraca / Family

Stella & John Corona / Cathy Saya & Family

Clara Centore / Family

Deceased of the Paduano Family / Family

Anthony & James Cannizzaro /

John & Margherita

Deceased of the Mule` & Cannizzaro Families /

John & Margherita

***Holy Day***

Feast of the Immaculate Conception,  
December 8th, which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass will be at Our Lady of Pompei / St.

Peter will be at 9:00am, St. John the

Baptist/Holy Trinity Mass will be at 12:15pm,

6:00pm at St. Anthony's Church in Spanish.



***Padre Pio Devotional***

Burning In Loving Memory of

***Clara Centore***

Requested by Family



***Eucharistic Angels***

Burning In Loving Memory of

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***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,  
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, 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.

***Christmas Availability***

There will be sign up sheets in the Sacristy for  
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day for all Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers,  
looking for your availability to serve and at  
what Mass. Thank You in advance for your  
service this Christmas Season.



# Second Sunday of Advent

## *2025 Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter Christmas Schedule*

### Christmas Vigil- Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

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

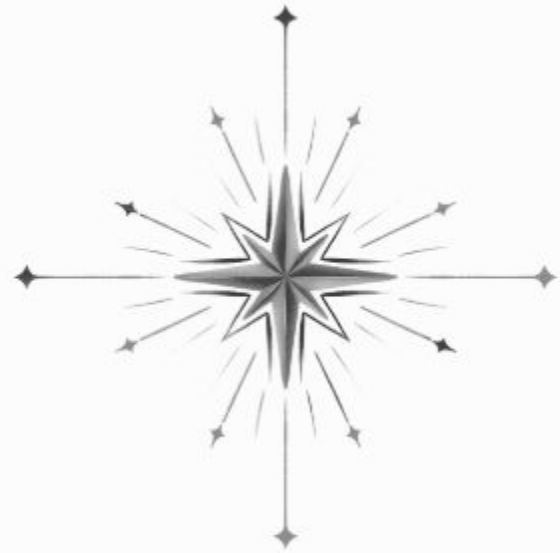
4:00pm- Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

7:00pm- Vietnamese Carols at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

8:00pm-Mass in Vietnamese at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

11:30pm-Service of Carols at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Midnight Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter



### Christmas Day- Thursdasy, December 25<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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



### New Year's Eve Mass-Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

4:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

### New Year's Day Mass-Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

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

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

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

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## ***Those Baking And Helping Pack Cookies. . .***

To all the wonderful people that have volunteered to make cookies for the concert, we ask if you could please have them to the Parish Offices Monday morning December 8th between 8:30 and Noon. If you need us to pick them up from you let us know...we would be happy to do so. We will be packaging them in the offices from noon on for those that are planning to help package.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR FANTASTIC PARISHIONERS HELPING WITH THESE IMPORTANT AND KIND EFFORTS!!!! WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE YOU IN OUR PARISH FAMILY.

## ***Walking with Moms***

We've been invited as a parish family to consider beginning a new outreach ministry to the Northside that coincides with an effort that began in dioceses around the country about 5 years ago. We know how important it is for us as the Church to continue pouring out mercy for all those who find themselves in need, and this opportunity allows us to help meet a unique need that will have a tremendously positive impact on our neighborhood and even within families in our parish. Certainly a vulnerable population in need are mothers or fathers striving to provide for their children, especially those facing unexpected pregnancies.

***"Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian friendship and ongoing support."***

It is our goal to begin this ministry in the coming weeks, and as part of our annual "Giving-Tree" we will invite the opportunity to stock this new ministry and begin meeting needs immediately! Volunteers will be needed to help organize donations in the parish office as well as offering different windows of time (TBD) to receive family referrals and distribute donations accordingly. Effectively this ministry operates as a way of providing necessities like diapers, wipes, clothing, bottles, etc--that would not normally be available at food pantries, to those who are in great need. We anticipate this as being another way that the parishes in the Northside can collaborate, as well as opportunities for student groups from our Catholic Schools to sponsor as well.

Our friends in Fulton with Fr. Scardella began this ministry and have titled their outreach as "Mary's Closet" and it has been a blessing for many, and also a way of entrusting Mary's motherly care to those in need of her tenderness. We may join them in sharing that name, but are still prayerfully discerning that! Until then, we are excited to begin this new work of mercy as a parish family.

If you haven't had an opportunity to visit the Giving Tree, the tags indicate what exactly we are looking for and the sizes.

Bibs, Pacifiers, Bottles, Baby Wipes  
Infant & Toddler Socks,  
Diapers sizes Newborn, 1,2,3 & 4

All of the following for Boys and/or Girls sizes:  
3,6,9,12,18 & 24 month sizes as well as 2T, 3T, 4T & 5T  
Infant and Toddler Pajamas  
Infant & Toddler Onesies  
Infant & Toddler Outfits

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## Christmas Flowers

In your newest envelope packet, you will receive an envelope for Christmas Flowers. If you would like to donate toward the decorating of our Church this Christmas Season In Memory of or In Honor of a loved one, please do so by sending in this envelope as soon as possible due to the late arrival of our envelopes. Each intention is \$10.00. A special booklet will be made listing all your intentions.

## Hope for the Bereaved

The holiday season can feel especially heavy when you are newly bereaved. ***Coping with the Holidays*** is a supportive gathering designed to help you navigate this challenging time with understanding, connection, and compassion.

Together, we will share stories of loved ones, explore meaningful ways to honor their memory, and hear insights from members of HOPE's support team.

This group offers a safe, welcoming space to find community with others who truly “get it.” Participants are encouraged to share, ask questions, and engage at their own comfort level - but there is never any expectation to do so. We respect each person’s right to simply listen, take in what feels helpful, and find comfort in the presence of others. This program is **free to attend, but registration is required**, 315-475-4673. Join us on December 15th from 5-7pm at the CNY Philanthropy Center, 431 East Fayette Street, as we create space for remembrance and gentle support throughout the season.

## Going South

If you will be going to a warmer climate this winter, please let the parish office know in advance. This way we can stop your envelopes while you are away. Then upon your return we can then reactivate the mailings. Thank you on this cost saving measure.

## Day of Recollection

On December 17th we will be hosting an Advent Day of Recollection in the Covent. We will start with Mass at 9:00am in the Chapel, then a video and talk, Adoration and time for reflection. The day will conclude by 1:00pm. Coffee, Pastries and light lunch will be provided. Cost \$10.00

### *Lighting of the Courtyard*

## Christmas Tree

Join us Saturday, December 6th in the parish office courtyard for the lighting of the Courtyard Christmas Tree! Enjoy a cup of hot coco sing a carol or two and watch the courtyard come to life!

*Peace*

The second week of advent represents Peace. During this second week, we reflect on our lives and focus on becoming better versions of ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. What has your journey toward Christmas been like so far?

## Christmas with the

*DeSantis Orchestra*

Sunday December 14th at 4:00pm in Immaculate Conception Church join us for a joyful celebration of Holiday Favorites! General Admission seating, cost \$45.00. For tickets call the DeSantis Office at 315-488-7611 or search EVENTBRITE online or [DESANTISORCHESTRA.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-celebration-at-immaculate-conception-church-tickets-755488221070?aff=ebd-see-events)

There will be over 25 musicians, vocalists and instrumental soloist!

