



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord .

Fourth Sunday in Advent

A Message from the Pastor

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, ‘Your God is King’” (Isa 52:7). A couple years ago, Bishop Lucia recommended us to read a recent book, *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission* which urges us to embody this exact line from the prophet Isaiah. Our parish council engaged this book, and we hope to heed the heart of it. Rather than find ourselves despairing at the apparent decline of the Church or the state of our wider culture, we instead have found new zeal with what an exciting and hope-filled time it is to be a disciple. An observation presented in this book is that we actually find ourselves in a present context much more akin to the time of the apostles, most people around us have a great need for the Gospel, and they have a hunger for it, even if they haven’t recognized this for themselves. For us who have been transformed in faith, we live with real hope, we know we have a Gospel worth living for—and with Christmas we celebrate that this Gospel has taken flesh, the Incarnate Word dwells among us.

We often speak of our faith as being *incarnational*, meaning that it is something we must embody—the unseen aspects of our faith and of our spiritual life must become a living force in us and through us. For someone outside of the Church to truly receive the Good News that we announce this day, we must bear this Truth in our bodies by the way we live and the way we speak. The responsibility is on **all of us** to be the feet of the Gospel and to bear the Good News in and to the world that has forgotten or neglected it.

Pope St. Paul VI describes this for us well: “The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church. It is a task and mission which the vast and profound changes of present-day society make all the more urgent. Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. **She exists in order to evangelize.**” Earlier in Advent Paul’s Letter to the Romans makes this hit home for us: “...everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **But how** can they call on him in whom they have not believed? **And how** can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? **And how** can they hear without someone to preach? **And how** can people preach unless they are sent?” (Rom 10:13-15). The short answer is that our lives must bear the ‘fragrance of Christ’ and proclaim the joy of the Gospel.

Christmas day we celebrate the birth of our Savior who *really* took on our flesh and *really* became incarnate in the womb of Mary. We shouldn’t let the sentimentality of this celebration overshadow the reality of this moment. Jesus bore our flesh and spent months in Mary’s womb, his heart beat within her, and upon his birth God allowed himself to be completely dependent on her care. Our humanity is forever elevated because of Jesus’ life in the flesh and for us now we see what is possible when the grace and presence of God enters us transforms us. When the Gospel and the Sacraments change our lives, Jesus continues his life in our flesh. He has done this for no other motivation but love.

May we respond courageously to that love anew both this day and in the new year to come with gratitude that the Incarnate Word dwells among us and we continue to see his glory.

December 22, 2024

This Week We Remember

Monday: December 23

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Pasquale & Giovannina Geremia / Niece, Gilda

Tuesday: December 24

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
4:00pm Mass St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity
8:00pm Vietnamese Mass at OLP/St. P
Midnight Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Wednesday: December 25

7:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
9:00 am Vietnamese Mass at OLP/St.p
9:00am Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity
11:30am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Thursday: December 26

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Frank Sereno, 2yr. Ann. / Lucy & Tony Paris

Friday: December 27

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

Saturday: December 28

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family
Antoinette Silvaggio (B) / Tony, Nick & Joe
Benny & Terry Cimino / Son, Joseph
Frank & Carmine Carapella / Frank & Sue
Joseph DeLorio / Frank & Sue
Deceased Members of the Stefanelli Family/
Joanne Licitra

Sunday: December 29

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

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Santina Sindoni / Family
Maryann Vigliotti / Fran & Giovanni Valentine
Giuseppe Lombardo & Maria Giordano /
Daughter, Maria



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of

Henry & Esther Pagano

Requested by Family



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of

Henry & Esther Pagano

Requested By MadonnaFamily



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In
Loving Memory Of

Nicholas & Antoinette Silvaggio

Requested By Tony, Nick & Joe

Bereavement



Remember in your prayers,
Giuseppe Ruffolo, whose Funeral Mass we
celebrated this week. Our deepest sympathy
to his family.

***Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let
perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest
in peace.***

Office of Vocations

In our second reading to the hebrews this
week, Paul quotes where Jesus says the
Scriptures have written of Himself, that He
has come to do His Father's will. We are all
called to imitate our Lord in this way. So,
how has He called you to do Our Father's
will? If you believe it could possibly be as a
priest, deacon or religious, reach out to the
Vocation Office via email:
vocations@syrдио.org.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of December 28 & 29

Lectors:

4:00 pm Jackie Antonacci
7:30 am Maryann Iannettone
11:30 am Merino Merola

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team II
7:30 am Joe Abt
11:30 am Team III

100th Year Ornament Sale

They are selling fast! Bring home some of the beauty of our parish as we offer you the opportunity to purchase an incredible Christmas ornament that preserves our very own Crucifix stained-glass window. Ornaments will be available after all Masses! **Cost is \$20!** You know there are many friends and families around that would love to have this adorn their Christmas tree, so please share! Supply is limited. See a picture of the ornament, visit our website or facebook page.

Office Hours

On Monday December 23rd, the office will close at Noon and reopen on December 27th at 8:30am. We will close at Noon on Tuesday, December 31st and reopen on January 2nd at 8:30am.

Raffle Tickets

Tickets for the Holy Name Raffle are now available. The drawing will be May 14th.

This year only 200 tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each. If you want a special numbered ticket, it is first come- first served! Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 or Joey Cimino at 315 430 0338 to reserve your tickets or for any questions.

Holy Name thanks you for your support with the raffle and to support our Church!

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.

December 15, 2024 - \$4,919.00

Cathdraticum-\$100.

Christmas Flowers to date-\$2,435.00

Your support of our parish is appreciated!

Centennial Corner

The 1970's held promise & success for our parish. The parish council was organized in 1970 & conducted weekly meetings.

In 1971 the Pompeian Players put on the production of Hello Dolly. One of the Broadway producers that donated the use of the set to the Pompeian Players attended this production. Al Petraghani shared that during this production he was sitting behind the producer & Monsignor Borgognoni. He shared that once the show concluded the producer said to Father, "Charlie that's the last time you get a free set from me, from now on you're paying." From then on those who worked for the Pompeian Players would work tirelessly to fundraise for the shows, & even build sets from scratch.



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Hope Appeal

Firm in Faith,
Active in Charity,
Together in Hope

Fr. Foley is asking every family in our parish to consider participating to help us meet our goal. Please participate, Please give what you can. Every gift makes a difference as you can see.

If you haven't had an opportunity to donate to the Annual Hope Appeal, won't you prayerfully consider doing so soon. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend and drop it in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syrdio.org.

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 Ciferni, Vic Coogan, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Audrey Emmi, Jon English, 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 Morgia, Diane Moro, Joe Nicoletti, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Emily Rosenthal, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Roseanne Scrimale, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler and Maureen White.

100th Year Happenings

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

*January will be the Taste of Pompei. The date is not set yet but we will keep you posted.

*The Lunar New Year will be held in the Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Gym on Saturday, February 1st. Let us all support the Vietnamese Community on one of their biggest celebrations!

*Basket Bonanza will take place in March. The date is TBA.

*Our Centennial Celebration will wrap up with the "Centennial Gala" on April 26th after the Centennial Mass at 4:00PM. The Gala will take place at Barbagallo's Restaurant.



Prayer Intentions

Do you have a special intention you'd like lifted in prayer? The Diocese of Syracuse invites you to submit your prayer intentions online. The email address is

syracusediocese.org/prayer-intention. Our Diocesan Prayer Warriors, together with Bishop Lucia, will be praying for all intentions we receive.

We'd love to hear how God is working in your life? If your prayers have been answered, please share your testimony with us by emailing info@syrdio.org.

Let us join together in faith and prayer as a community of hope and love. Submit your intentions today!

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Advent Wreath

The fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes love, and is represented by the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, which is often called the "Angel's Candle":

Love

The fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes the love that God has for us, and the message that the angels announced at Christ's birth.

Purple

The fourth candle is purple, which leads us to await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

The fourth candle of Advent is called the "Angel Candle" and symbolizes peace. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace (Luke 2:14). This week we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world!

+Light the first and second purple candles, then the pink and the final purple.

+Proclaim the Scripture:

The scripture from Luke that is often read on the fourth Sunday is Luke 1:46-55. In this passage, Mary sings to Elizabeth, My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior".

+Pause for reflection. A moment of silence.

+Advent Wreath Prayer:

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you Jesus. Amen.



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible!

This program is something so transformative and something everyone can participate in and benefit from. We've always wanted to read the bible but never know where to start or even how to begin. You will love this opportunity!

It will be Tuesday nights for 8 weeks that will start Tuesday, February 4. Adoration in the Chapel from 5:30-6:00, Video starts at 6, dismissal by 7pm! (If there is enough interest to do a second group during the day or at a different time, I am open to it, but just simply need to let me know.) We understand people aren't comfortable driving at night in the winter!

There is a workbook companion to this program, which is \$20 which includes a workbook, helpful bible timeline chart, bookmark, and access to videos online. **You can participate in this group even without paying for the materials if you just simply want to enjoy the group, the content and the prayer time** But it would be helpful for planning purposes if you would still let us know your interest! Thank you!

A Family Perspective

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or a "obstacle to my career". It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church

Christmas Vigil- Tuesday, December 24th

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

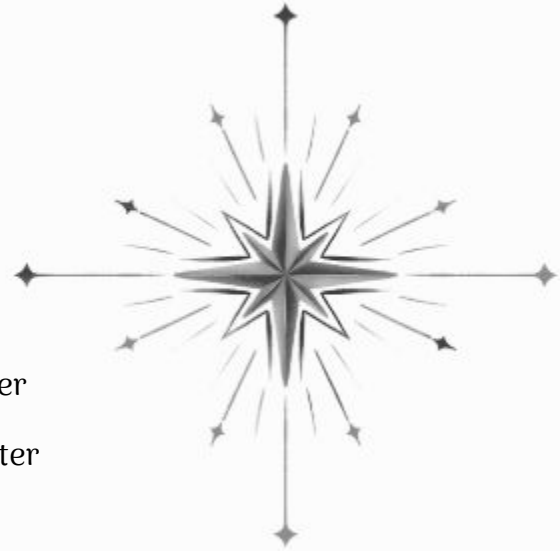
4:00pm- Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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- Wednesday, December 25th

7:30am-Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. There will not be official music but all in attendance will be expected to help Father sing carols! :)

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-Tuesday, December 31st

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

New Year's Day Mass-Wednesday, January 1st

9:00am Mass in Vietnamese at OLPi/St.

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

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