



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 Manager
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

Call the parish office to schedule with
Fr. Foley.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the parish office for arrangements. By
Diocesan Law, must be scheduled at least 6
months before wedding.

Baptism of the Lord

A Message from the Pastor

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, a feast that keeps us connected to the Epiphany celebrated last Sunday. Something incredible happens at the moment of Jesus' Baptism as he was praying: *heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."* Like the Epiphany, we are drawn into the mystery of who Jesus is, and the incredible goodness we have in God manifesting this truth and choosing to reveal himself and the mystery of the Trinity.

We might be tempted to wonder, why now? Why in this particular moment of Jesus' life does God the Father choose to make this declaration? The explanation lies in Jesus' purpose in coming to John and being baptized by him. John, we know, is preaching a baptism of repentance. At first John tries to prevent Jesus, but he insists. And Jesus' insistence expresses what he intends: he means to stand in solidarity with sinners. He means to be where they must be. The same thing is expressed by the Apostle Paul using a different kind of language: "He who knew no sin became sin for our sake" (2 Cor 5:21).

And it is precisely in this moment of intense solidarity with sinners that this immense trinitarian epiphany takes place. The Father's voice thunders from heaven, declaring, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." And we must understand that what pleases the Father is precisely the Son's willingness to stand in solidarity with sinners. In this way he shows himself to be the Son of this Father, this Father "who so loved the world that he gave to it his only Son" (Jn 3:16). In the same instant, the Spirit appears like a dove descending upon the Son, as if to redeclare in the presence of all around, his true identity marked by this seal of the Spirit.

The same Spirit accompanied Jesus in every moment of his earthly existence, *shaping each of his actions into a revelation of his Father*. Thus, we can hear this morning's text from the prophet Isaiah as an expansion within the heart of Jesus on the Father's words "You are my beloved Son." Their loving dialogue continues: "You are my chosen one with whom I am well pleased, upon whom I have put my Spirit ... I the Lord have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, **to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.**"

Jesus' baptism is the pattern also of ours. In baptism we go down with Christ into the waters of death, and our sins are drowned in those waters. And because we have gone down with Christ, we also come up from the waters together with him and hear – mighty and majestic – the Father's voice directed to us as well. It pronounces a new name for each of us, in the depths of each of our hearts: "Beloved! In whom I am well pleased." We hear this name as ours not because of any good deeds we have done but because Christ in his overflowing love willed to share his relationship to his Father with us. May we recall this day anew the tremendous gift we have received in our Baptism and be set free to live our baptismal identity as beloved sons and daughters of the heavenly father. Through baptism we are incorporated into the family of God, we have firm hope for eternal life, divine grace can now set us free from whatever binds us, and our eyes and hearts are opened to Truth, and we may forever follow the light of life.

January 12, 2025

This Week We Remember

Monday: January 13

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

Tuesday: January 14

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Mary Kalska / Son, Paul

Wednesday: January 15

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

Thursday: January 16

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Marie DeRoberts / John Minozzi

Friday: January 17

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

Saturday: January 18

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Benny & Terry Cimino/ Son, Joseph
Frank Giannantonio / Anna
Antoinette Magnarelli / Jim, Lou Ann & Joe
Sandra Colantone / Family
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family

Sunday: January 19

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

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Angelo Borreggine / Wife, Frances
Nick Muraca / Alex & Sophie
Antoinette M. Sacco & V. James Magnarelli /
Fran & Pat
Leonardo & Angelantonia Colavita /
Henry & Veronica Pagano

Syracuse March For Life

On Saturday, January 18th at 12 Noon the march will begin in Armory Square near the Most and process to the Courthouse in Columbus Circle. Speaker: John O'Brien, M.D. Past President of the Syracuse Guild and State Director of Catholic Medical Association. He served on the Bioethics Committee of the Medical Society of NY State. Will speak against medical misinformation circulating since the Dobbs Decision.



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Connie Cariota, Ann
Requested By Maria, Ronnie &
Grandchildren

Bereavement



Remember in your prayers,
Sandra Colantone, Albert Petraghani &
Domenico Petrera, whose Funeral Mass we
celebrated this week. Our deepest sympathy
to their family.
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let
perpetual light shine upon them. May they
rest in peace.*

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 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 and
Maureen White

Baptism of the Lord

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of January 18 & 19

Lectors:

4:00 pm Pat Turkett
7:30 am Nick Lore
11:30 am Merino Merola

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team I
7:30 am Maryann Iannettone
11:30 am Team III

Take A Chance

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

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

Hope Appeal

Firm in Faith,
Active in Charity,
Together in Hope

Each week we are getting closer and closer to reaching our GOAL!!! **Please participate.** Please give what you can. Every gift makes a difference as you can see. We are currently at \$17,206.33, that is just \$2,968.67 away from our goal.

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.

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.

January 5, 2025- \$5,366.00

Your support of our parish is appreciated!

100th Year Happenings

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

***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!

***Taste of Pompei** will be February 8th at 5:00pm at Our Lady of Pompei cafeteria.

***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.

Centennial Corner

Up until 1977 the Pompeian Players performed at Empire, Lowe's & Paramount Theaters. In 1977 the Pompeian Players made it big time & held a show at the Onondaga County Civic Center.



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Please
join us



2025

Taste of Pompei

Saturday, February 8th

5:00 pm

*Our Lady of Pompei/
St. Peter Cafeteria*

\$20.00 per person

We are looking for chefs and bakers!
If you are interested please let us know!

Taste of Pompei will be February 8th at 5:00pm, we are looking for chefs and bakers - if you would like to volunteer to cook, bake or volunteer at the event please contact the parish office or Colleen @ Eric Rosenthal 315.427.6474 or croenthal@syrdiocese.org. (Please note: Colleen works in Catholic Schools and will not be able to answer calls during the day, feel free or leave a message or text).

Sanctuary Lamps

The candles that are always lit to remind us the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist are called the Sanctuary Lamps or Tabernacle Candles. This candle is always found in the sanctuary, and usually placed near the tabernacle, which is the the special container where the consecrated Eucharist (the Body of Christ) is kept. When the Tabernacle Candle is lit, it signifies that Jesus, the Light of the World, is truly present in the Eucharist.

If you are not sure where the Sanctuary Lamps are, ask Fr. Foley. He will be happy to show you.

“Lord Jesus, as I see this light, I am reminded of Your presence in the Eucharist. Help me to always seek Your light in my life and share it with others.”

Call Now and Sign Up For : *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!

Additional Christmas Flowers

The Sisera @ DiLorenzo Families / Gilda
Special Intentions / Laura Walker

St. Therese Meeting

The first St. Therese Meeting of the new year is Thursday, January 23rd at 1:00pm in the Convent. All are welcome to attend! Hope to see you there!!

A Family Perspective

In today's Gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.