



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

Reverend John Nguyen Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community

Lauri Gildemeyer, Office Manager

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Parish Office

P.O.Box 11082, Syracuse, NY 13218

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

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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.

February 8, 2026

A Message from the Pastor

Last Sunday Jesus began the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7) and as we reflected, rather than hearing the Beatitudes as simple nice sayings or paths to a happiness we should receive them rather, as a blueprint of the heart of God. We are called to allow Jesus to live his life in us, and even to share his blessedness—that as this very heart of God grows in you and me, we come to know the rewards of this friendship sharing His life, both now in the struggles of living for the Gospel, and for a heavenly reward of blessedness that we couldn't possibly comprehend now but something we are called to one day experience in fullness. The Beatitudes are, in fact, *promises* of our Heavenly Father, that with an openness to receiving anew the gift of the Holy Spirit (especially through the Sacraments) our lives are transformed into the life of Christ.

Today, continuing this Sunday, the Sermon on the Mount teaches about the fruits of embodying the Beatitudes, and what happens within us the more we allow Christ to live and move in us. As we reflected, it is essential for us to have first developed within us the disposition of being *poor in spirit* as being foundational, so that we learn to rely completely on God who desires to give everything to us when we humbly turn to him in our weakness. When we grow in our ability to trust in the goodness of God and in his ability to provide—we start to imitate the very life and generosity of God. This transformation leads us to Jesus' words today that immediately follow the beatitudes: “your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and **glorify your heavenly Father.**”

It is especially the “good deeds” that flow from our Heavenly Father and from that of the Church, lived out in our lives that are to “shine” before others. Our witness to these graces in us reflect to the world the existence of God who loves deeply and radically. What exactly these deeds are might be a very long list, but in the context of our readings today consider what Isaiah puts forth before us today as a particular kind of “fasting” that the Lord delights in (cf. Isaiah 58:6ff): *Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked, don't turn your back on your own, call on the Lord for help, remove oppression, false accusation and malicious speech from your midst, and let the glory of the Lord shine through you in the darkness.* If these kinds of works flow from our lives, authentically rooted in our relationship with the Lord, light is produced—not from our origin, but that of divine origin.

These acts just constitute the basics...and as St. Paul tells us in the second reading today, there doesn't need to be anything fancy about the way these good deeds are put into practice. The witness of Paul's life (by his own measure) is not extraordinary, he is not showy, he is not a gifted speaker, nor is there anything particularly compelling about him other than that Jesus transformed his life. He spent every day trying to shed light on the reality of the divine person of Jesus, the life and light only Jesus offers, and why Jesus must matter to every living soul. While the standards of the world may look at us trying to live the beatitudes or trying to live in the light of the Gospel as out of touch, unexciting, or wasting our time, the reality is that the crucified Christ is really present to us under the form of bread and wine for all who wish to receive him and be transformed by him. This unfathomable good that Jesus accomplished for us, and by which we continue to be transformed, should lead us to always glorify our heavenly Father, too, for the love he has shown us.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

URGENT

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.
FYI: It is most important to use the proper address! Also, please discard the old white envelopes from your envelope packets that have the old address.

Raffle

The Holy Name Raffle Tickets are on sale and hopefully you will be purchasing your ticket soon. 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 and 4th-\$500.00. Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 to purchase your tickets or for any questions.

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of February 14th & 15th

Lectors:

4:00 pm Ro Scalzo
7:30 am Maryanne Iannettone
11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team II
7:30 am Tino Porrino
11:30 am Team I

Religious Education Classes

The weekend of February 15th
No Classes, Presidents Day

Adjusted Hours/ Presidents Day

February 9th to February 13th, the parish office will be open from 9:00am to Noon, Monday through Friday. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Also, the parish office is closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents Day.

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.

February 1, 2026-\$5,362.00

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to our parish.

Hope Appeal

We are just \$1,175.00 away from meeting our Hope Appeal Goal of \$20,175.00 and still have many parishioners that haven't answered the call yet. It is very important for all of us to participate in some way. Remember that no gift is too large or small. For it is together we strengthen our church and serve others. Thank you!

Still accepting Fuel Envelopes

We will collect for the Fuel Envelope through the month of February. We only collect for fuel twice a year in anticipation of high heating and electrical costs this winter. Thank you.

Central and Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations of Church properties and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please consider how you can support the collection next week.

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This Week We Remember

Monday: February 9

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Norma Jean Fortino / Theresa & Peter Fricano

Tuesday: February 10

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

Wednesday: February 11

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Mike Ward, 6yr. Ann. / Mom & Family

Thursday: February 12

9:00am Mass in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Giuseppe & Giuseppina DiLorenzo / Sister, Gilda

Friday: February 13

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

Saturday: February 14

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Al Petragnani / Citaratto Family
Henry & Esther Pagano / Mary, Ann & Elizabeth
Bob Antonacci / Ro & Mike Colagiovanni
Carmine Carapella & Snyder Family/ Anna
Mary D'Augostino, Ann. /
Nephews, Anthony & Dom

Sunday: February 15

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Robert Tymofy (B) / Grace & Family Frontale

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Anthony Borelli (B) / Family
Nicola Mastogiovanni / Family
Angelo Borreggine / Frances
Michael Patello / Antimo Vigliotti & Family
Anthony James Cannizzaro / John & Margherita
The Deceased of the Mule & Cannizzaro Families
/ John & Margherita

Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, Joanne Simone ,
whose Funeral Mass we celebrated this week.
Our deepest sympathy to her family.

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



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
Bob Sawmiller, (B) & Ann.
Requested by Toni & Bob



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In
Loving Memory Of
Lee Allbright
Requested By Pat & Alex Turkett



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Joanne Merluzzi (B)
Requested by Debra Wade

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,
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.

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary's Closet

Walking with Moms in Need

We are so very excited about launching our new ministry to support families in need in our parish and in our local community. As you may recall, *Walking with Moms in Need* is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that began roughly 5 years ago. An important effort to continue allowing the Church to be directly accompanying those who courageously choose life and need support in providing for the basic needs of their children.

We had the privilege recently of visiting the only other local operation of this ministry in our Diocese which is out in Fulton, NY, where Fr. Scadella and his parishioners responded to the call about this time last year to give a home to *Walking with Moms in Need* for their community. The impact of their outreach has been impressive, and even within just a few months of opening they have expanded and relocated on their campus to accommodate both the actual needs being met, and also the simultaneous tremendous generosity of the local parishes coming together in that region. In speaking with the volunteers there, they have expressed their belief that our outreach will likely serve a population even greater in number, and have generously offered to be of whatever assistance we need as we begin this ministry.

Our goal is still to open our doors beginning the first week of March. Your incredible amount of donations have been organized and sorted, and construction is underway in the convent/office to make our space ready. (Be on the lookout for photos of the progress!) There is so much to be excited about! **If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to help operate the ministry, please contact the office.** We will be hosting a meeting before the end of February to help acclimate our volunteers. The tentative hours of operation, matching what works well in Fulton, is Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-12pm. We, too, would like to be in continuity with them and name the ministry **Mary's Closet**. As the ministry continues to grow throughout our diocese, we hope that people will be able to recognize the important work of this unique outreach. Mary's Closet will, of course serve, not just moms, but also dads! And as our own parish bears a title of 'Our Lady' we know that our mother Mary will continue to keep us and all those who come to find encouragement and support through the life of our parish, safe and loved in her embrace, drawing us to the heart of her Son.

This project will be ongoing and will evolve in many ways, so please know your continued support through your time, talent and treasure will be a tremendous blessing for us. We are also deeply grateful for your support in prayer at this time! Continue to follow the bulletin for future updates.

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Ash Wednesday

February 18th, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. The Church gives us Lent as a time to change, to become a better version of ourselves, and to become more like Jesus. The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us of our call to repent and believe in the Gospel. The disciplines of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—help us prepare for Christ's victory on Easter. When receiving ashes, we hear the words, "Remember that you are dust and dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel" to bring us into a penitential disposition.

Ash Wednesday, February 18th

The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

9:00am in Church Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
12:15pm at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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 Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday.

St. Therese Meeting

The next St. Therese Meeting is February 26th at 1:00pm. Fr. Foley will be our guest speaker. Father will be speaking about the exciting updates on our Walking with Moms Ministry, Mary's Closet. All are welcome to attend!

Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting is set for February 17th at 5:30pm in the parish office. The meeting will have overviews of Mary's Closet, Lenten activities, dates for Spring Parish Celebrations, etc.

Sound System Update

The Installation of the new Sound System will take place from Monday February 9-Friday February 13. We are grateful for your patience during that time!

Call Now

On February 14th our Vietnamese Community will celebrate their Lunar New Year in the Gym. The festivities begin at 6:00pm

There will be Traditional Vietnamese Food, Live Music, 50/50 and Lottery Boards, Fashion Show and so much more. There is no cost to come. You just pay for what you eat & drink and the Raffles.

Let us show our support to the Vietnamese Community as they support our fundraising efforts. Come for an hour or stay the whole night! We have tables reserved, so call the parish office, 315-422-7163, to reserve your seat!



Basket Bonanza/ Taste of Pompei Meeting FEB. 16th ...Join Us?

We are going to be holding an organizational meeting for these traditional fun (and delicious) fundraisers on Monday, February 16th at 4:00pm in the Parish Offices. If you are interested in joining the committee or have some input to share please join us!

We are looking at a possible new format for these great events, maybe combining them to create an incredible new kind of gathering? We anticipate some fun ideas as we look to initiate basket/auction ideas and donations, chefs, bakers, dates etc. Both of these events have been great traditions in our Parish. Evenings full of entertainment, fun, excitement, and of course great food and comradery.

We are certainly looking forward to sharing in on their continued enjoyment with our Parish Family tentatively in early spring.

We hope to see those interested in joining the committee on Feb 16th. If you are interested but cannot attend the meeting, please give us a call at the Parish Office 315 422 7163 or Lucy's cell 315 345 0562 and we will be sure to update you. As always, thanks so much for your wonderful support!

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have You Made Your Reservation Yet?

On February 14th
Our Vietnamese Community
will celebrate their
Lunar New Year
in the Gym.

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