



A Mother's Day Blessing

*Blessed is the
Mother
who lets the
Lord
be her
guiding hand,
whose faith
brings her
family courage,
whose wisdom
comes from
GOD
and whose
children stand
and honor
Her.*



Fourth Sunday of Easter

A Message from the Pastor

The fourth Sunday of Easter is celebrated each year as “Good Shepherd Sunday” and we can certainly hear in our readings this theme. We continue to ask the “Lord of the harvest to send more laborers,” especially for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, those called to imitate deeply for the world the heart of the Good Shepherd. Today we receive a small snippet from Jesus’ words in the tenth chapter of John’s Gospel. It’s worth opening your bible up to reflect with the full text. Either way, we receive a tremendously consoling reminder from Jesus in these words today: “I know [my sheep], and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.”

Amazing! If you have a moment, sit with those words and read and reread them. Because you belong to the Lord and to his flock, he *knows you*, it is his desire that you receive eternal life from him. Abiding in his flock, you will not perish, we come to experience the safety of his hand. What kind of shepherd do we have in Jesus? A **good** shepherd. Good especially if we continue the chapter from John’s Gospel. Jesus contrasts himself with a hired hand who merely is concerned in his pay, and not invested in the wellbeing of the flock entrusted to him. And Jesus, as shepherd demonstrates not just in word but in *bold action* his willingness to lay down his life for his sheep so that his sheep would stay safely in the embrace of his fold.

The words that he begins our Gospel with, though, are our important invitation. “My sheep hear my voice.” We must pause and ask ourselves, do I know the voice of the shepherd? Can I distinguish *his* voice from all the other voices I encounter? This is not something that happens by accident, it’s the contemplative muscle of our heart that the Lord desires to grow in us. Our seeking to hear his voice is the disposition that calls out to the Good Shepherd that we are willing to be led by him. This takes gentle but consistent discernment, it’s a muscle that can easily grow and also it can easily atrophy, which is why Jesus’ care for his flock most sincerely comes to us by way of relationship with him. Let’s continue asking for that grace to recognize the voice of the Good shepherd and have the courage to respond and abide in the confidence of his protection...

Also today, we of course are attentive to the blessing and gift of our mothers, living and those who have already gone home to the Lord—those women who have certainly worked to imitate for us the love, self-sacrifice, protection, and care of the Good Shepherd in a unique and unrepeatable way. We ask the Lord to bless them today, and to also bless those who may be hurting or desiring healing in their relationship with their mother, those who have had deep desire to know motherhood but have yet to receive that grace. We recognize with due reverence the special and privileged role that mothers play for each of us, and for our world. We ask our Mother Mary, who is always mother to us all and who looks at us with the same eyes that she looked at Jesus, to continue to intercede for us and keep us close to the refuge and heart of her Son!

May 11, 2025

The 62nd Annual World Day of Prayer

Vocations, which is coming up this year on Sunday, May 11th. The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.

Bishop Lucia cordially invites you to join him for a very special Holy Hour for Vocations the week of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This Holy Hour with Bishop Lucia will take place on **Monday, May 12th at 5:30pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse.**

The most recent CARA study on the class of 2023 ordinands suggests that over 72 percent of diocesan priests and over 80 percent of consecrated religious actively participated in Eucharistic Adoration before they entered formation. This is a staggering figure. It is clear that Eucharistic Adoration is the source and summit of all vocations. In a beautiful act of spiritual solidarity, let us gather together as a diocesan family on May 12th with our spiritual father at the mother church of our diocese in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord to beg "the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

It's not too late to join us in "The Wild Goose Series" with Fr. Foley

The Wild Goose Series is fourteen independent video segments dealing with different experiences of the **Holy Spirit**. If you allow him, the Wild Goose will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. The Spirit will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God. The Wild Goose video series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom. Like we did with the recent bible study, there will be adoration of the Eucharist available at 5:30pm, with the video beginning at 6pm, episodes are roughly 25 minutes.

The series is intended to run beginning Tuesday May 6th and every Tuesday thereafter. Please RSVP to either parish office if interested, there is no cost to participate. All are welcome!

Vocations

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me." Where is the Lord calling you to follow Him? If it could be to priesthood, diaconate, or religious life reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syedio.org.

Msgr. William L. Walsh Golf Tournament

Please mark your calendars for the 27th Annual Golf Tournament on July 21, 2025 at Tuscarora Golf Course. Lunch, Shotgun Start and Dinner. More information will follow!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday & The Role of the Pope

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we remember that **Jesus is the Good Shepherd**—He knows His sheep (that's us!) and lays down His life for them. In the Catholic Church, **the Pope is called to be a shepherd too**—he follows Jesus and helps lead the Church with love, wisdom, and care.

Who Is the Pope?

The **Pope** is the leader of the Catholic Church all around the world. He's also called:

- The **Bishop of Rome** - The pope is the local bishop of Rome and the universal leader of the Catholic Church.
- The **Vicar of Christ** - The Pope acts in the person of Christ on Earth, representing Him to the Church.
- The **Holy Father** - This title reflects the Pope's spiritual fatherhood over the Catholic faithful.

Just like a shepherd looks after sheep, the Pope helps care for the whole Church and keeps us united in faith. He prays for all of us and teaches us how to follow Jesus.

What the Pope Wears and Why

Here are some interesting things the Pope uses that show his role as a shepherd and a teacher:

The Crozier (Shepherd's Staff) Sometimes the Pope carries a staff called a crozier, shaped like a shepherd's crook. It reminds us that, like a shepherd, he guides and protects the people of God. The crozier symbolizes the Pope's pastoral role and his duty to guide and protect the faithful. Some popes have a cross at the top.

The Mitre (Pope's Hat) The tall pointed hat the Pope wears is called a mitre. It is worn during special Masses and shows he is a leader and teacher in the Church, symbolizing the Pope's authority and teaching role within the Church.

The Fisherman's Ring The Pope wears a special ring called the Fisherman's Ring, because Saint Peter (the first Pope) was a fisherman. This ring is a symbol of the Pope's connection to Saint Peter, whom Jesus called to "feed my sheep" and represents apostolic authority.

Add to Your Mary Garden

Last week's bulletin described how to create a Mary Garden with popular Marian Flowers. You can also build a Mary Garden with herbs.

Here are 12 Popular Marian Herbs:

Sage (Mary's Shawl)

Parsley (Our Lady's Little Vine)

Basil (Holy Communion Plant)

Rosemary (Mary's Bouquet) "Mary's Rose."

Legend says the flowers turned blue when Mary laid her cloak on the bush.

Lavender (Mary's Drying Plant)

Lavender (*Lavandula* spp.) –

Chamomile (*Matricaria chamomilla*) –

Sometimes called "Mary's flower" or "ground apple," connected with rest and peace.

Marjoram (*Origanum majorana*) – Symbol of joy and sometimes used in bridal wreaths in Marian devotion.

Thyme (*Thymus vulgaris*) – Symbolizes courage and humility, virtues seen in Mary.

Mint (*Mentha* spp.) – Freshness and hospitality; Legend says it lined the manger where Jesus lay.

Did You Know

Did you know that sheep are mentioned more than 200 times in the Bible, more than any other Animal!

Sheep were important as sources of wool, milk, and meat, and throughout the Bible, sheep served as symbols for God's people.

Sheep are followers. Following isn't something sheep have to think about—it's an instinct.

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May 11, 2025

This Week We Remember

Monday: May 12

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

Tuesday: May 13

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
In Honor of St. Michael /
Angelina & Giovanni Cappuccilli

Wednesday: May 14

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

Thursday: May 15

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Luigi Cannata / Lou Bottaga

Friday: May 16

9:00am No Daily Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Saturday: May 17

4:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family
Benny & Terry Cimino / Son, Joseph
Anthony & Joanne Merluzzi / Debra Wade
Al Petragnani / Dora Settineri & Family
Sister Elizabeth Lennon / Joanne Licitra

Sunday: May 18

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Sandra Colantone / Susan DeLapp

11:30am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Anthony James Cannizzaro & the deceased members
of the Mule` & Cannizzaro Families /

John & Margherita

Angelo Borreggine / Wife, Frances
Cosmo & Madia Medico / Frances
Guy Piraino / John Piraino
In Honor of Maria Santissime / Gilda
Pierre & Italia DiLorenzo / Sister, Gilda

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
The skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

Psalm 19:1



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week
In Loving Memory Of
Antoinette Silvaggio
Requested by Tony, Nick & Joe



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Connie Carioti
Requested by
Maria, Ronnie & Grandchildren



Sanctuary Lamps

Burning In Loving Memory of
Henry & Esther Pagano
Requested by Liz & Anthony

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

Last Call

The drawing for the Holy Name Raffle will be May 14th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria at their regular scheduled meeting. Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 or Joey Cimino at 315 430 0338 to reserve your tickets or for any questions. There were only 250 tickets available this year. Each ticket is \$50.00!

1st Prize-\$4000.00

2nd Prize-\$1,000.00

3rd Prize-\$500.00

4th Prize- \$500.00

5th Prize-\$500.00

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

April 27, 2025-\$5,115.00

Catholic Sun-\$183.00

Blue-\$317.00

Thank you for your commitment to our parish!

The Catholic Sun

Each year there is a Catholic Sun Envelope in your monthly envelope packet. This envelope is to help defray the cost to the parish for the home delivery of the Sun. If you receive the Catholic Sun at home, please prayerfully consider using this envelope. The parish pays \$176.00 monthly so that so many of you can enjoy the diocesan newspaper. Thanks for your support.



Stewardship

Time Talent Treasure

“As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.”

~U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

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.

Jim Albanese, Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, John & Leona Ciferni, Joe Cimino, Vic Coogan, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, 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, 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, Nicholas Silvaggio, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

St. Therese Society

The next St. Therese Society Meeting is May 22nd at 1:00pm in the Parish Offices. If you haven’t attended a meeting yet this year this is the perfect time! Hope To see you there.

Word of Life

“Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.”



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
D.J. Scarfino, Facilities Manager

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

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.