



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 Manger
Mary Beth Meade, Director of Religious Education
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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

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

A Message from the Pastor

The parable of the lost son that we are blessed to reflect with today reveals the deep beauty of the merciful heart of God the father. Our temptation in contemplating this story is certainly to identify as one of the two sons, to think back on our own journey of faith or life and be consumed by our mistakes or past wounds. Yet, the purpose of this parable is to fixate our lives on the mystery of the mercy of the Father. The parable is more aptly titled the Prodigal *Father*. “Prodigal” denotes recklessness, spending resources freely without concern, almost even in a sense with imprudence. If the father in Jesus’ parable is an icon of God the Father, then what are the implications? What is important to Him?

If we are inclined to identify ourselves with the two sons, we are quick to begin evaluating actions, dispositions, hearts—and seeing identity, dignity, or worth connected to where virtue is or has been (or where it hasn’t been). The reality of what matters **most** to the heart of the father is the identity of **belonging** to him as his son, as his child, having security in his home. Even the younger son who essentially wishes his father’s death so to have access to his inheritance then spends everything and finds himself utterly destitute and hopeless, equates his own value with his failures. When he’s at his lowest, he can’t even fathom belonging to someone who cares for him, he doesn’t even desire the identity of being “son” anymore. All he wants is to be treated as a slave or hired hand.

The beauty of the mercy of God is that it first needs just the smallest of windows into our hearts to be transformative. The younger son has this, and he is moved to return. Yet without ever even being able to voice his “plan” or speak the words he desires to offer in desperation to his father, he is embraced by his father who runs to meet him, and he is given **shoes**. Hired hands and slaves would not have shoes, would not have robes, would not have rings—but a son would. Belonging to the home of the father offers these comforts, not because of anything the son does or earns, but simply from the treasury of the father’s life are these gifts shared. The father doesn’t desire a hired hand or another slave, he desires the life of his son. The father even makes this abundantly clear when he speaks to his older son imploring him to come and share his joy at his brother’s coming back to life: “**everything** I have is yours”—the father tells him. Again, what does this reveal to us of the Father’s heart? He desires our communion with him, he doesn’t desire our death or separation from him.

No where does the father say that his young son’s actions were okay or not so bad. The father knows that his son chose the path that leads to spiritual and physical destitution. He also knows that the medicine of mercy is the path that leads us to conversion. Because mercy, from an earthly perspective, doesn’t make sense. It’s not a good investment. Yet the Father is reckless in offering it to us because he desires us to dwell forever with him in *His* house. The more we open ourselves up to receive the grace of repentance, to never desire our separation from communion with him, the more we will see, appreciate, and experience the unfathomable riches that is the treasury of the Father’s heart, the Father’s mercy. The Sacrament of Reconciliation brings us directly into contact with this embrace and access to new life. Why would we ever avoid it or think we have no use for it? St. Paul’s words to us today (2 Cor 5:17-21) should follow after we have meditated on this parable: we must be ambassadors for Christ. We must be ambassadors like the younger son who have been given life by the Father’s mercy, and desire others to come find life anew, too. And the sole reason we even have access to such a profoundly transformative gift, is because Jesus desired to offer his life to the Father on the Cross so that we might come to share eternal life.

March 30, 2025

Centennial Corner

As we moved into 2020, we faced a change like never before. As the world went into lockdown & the isolation hit us all in different ways. Father Dan shared "I think when Covid first started the only thing I can compare it to is what happened after the 9/11 attacks. People were desperate for God, for church, for community; difference being with the pandemic they were cut off from that. There was a great desire & you know here at Pompei/St. Peter we started sending that first week we reached out to them we started sending bulletins, we started reaching out through Facebook & phone calls. We start live streaming mass two weeks in. We found ways to connect & stay connected even though we couldn't be together in person. People were looking; they were hungry; they recognized this tremendous need for God."

Save the Dates for our 100th Year Happenings

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

April 6 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny sponsored by the Holy Name Society in the cafeteria from 9:00am to 11:30am.

April 26th a 4:00 Centennial Mass followed by the 6:00pm Centennial Gala. Tickets on sale NOW!!

May 10th is Basket Bonanza – Please start planning to donate a basket for this event. Our goal is 60 baskets!!

May 14th is the Holy Name Society Raffle!! So buy your tickets now.

CENTENNIAL GALA

We hope you have your calendars marked for the end of our 100 year celebration on Saturday, April 26th. It has been a year of spiritual and social activities for our Parish Family and we are looking forward to its culminating with our Parish Gala.

This wonderful event will be held on Saturday, April 26th at Barbagallo's Restaurant after the 4pm mass. The evening will feature a special program including a delicious sit down dinner, cash bar, live band, and a special remembrance souvenir. Tickets are \$60.00 a person (cash, checks and credit cards are accepted).

Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space after all Masses, you can also call the Parish Office at 315 422 7163 to make reservations or for more information. Get friends and family together for a table, or come and join others. It's going to be a beautiful and enjoyable evening celebrating the many years and wonderful people of our 100 years as a Parish Family. We truly hope you will be part of it!!!!

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter each Saturday during Lent at 3:15pm right before the Saturday Vigil Mass. St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity has Stations at 4:00pm on Fridays and at 8:15am Sunday mornings before the 9:00am Mass.

Fish Dinner

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity famous Lenten Fish Dinners will be held at the Pastime Club, 1314 North Salina Street on the Fridays of Lent.

Dinners will be \$15.00 each with offerings of our famous baked fish, NEW fried fish and other dinner choices.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

This Week We Remember

Monday: March 31

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

Tuesday: April 1

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Joseph, Maria & Ignatius / Andy Tran & Family

Wednesday: April 2

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Domenico & Lucia Cappuccilli / John & Angela

Thursday: April 3

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Frank Cutrone / Janet Petragrani

Friday: April 4

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

Saturday: March 5

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Sadie Fabrizi / M/M Anthony Lamanna
Nick Pallotta (B) / Anthony & Family
Benny & Terry Cimino / Son, Joseph
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family
Guy Blasi Sr.(B) / Children

Sunday: March 6

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Visente Vu Minh / Dao

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Frances Grenga (B) / Daughter, Michele
Esther Patello (B) / Antimo & Family
Vito Toia / Betty & Family
Jean Lostumbo Radley / Sister, Ginnie Lostumbo
Matteo & Antonietta Paduano / Family

A Family Perspective

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In
Loving Memory Of
Ben Celia Pisano
Requested By Anita & Family

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 Ciferri, 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, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

Our Mission Statement

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Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Foley if you have any questions about our parish finances.

March 23, 2025-TBA

We appreciated your support!

Friends Retreat

This year the Annual Friends Retreat will be April 9th in the Convent. The Retreat will start with 9:00 am Mass.

Cost \$15.00 which includes coffee and pastries and a light lunch.

Come take some intentional time for prayer as Holy Week draws ever closer! We will begin with our regularly scheduled daily Mass at 9am in the Convent Chapel and then have some light refreshments.

We will have 2 talks, time for prayerful reflection and eucharistic adoration, lunch, small group sharing, and more!

Our day will center around growing in the virtue of Trust. We all know we have a greater desire to be able to trust God more—but it's really not so much something we can do on our own, but rather a grace that God wants to grow in us! I know that the Lord will bless you through the time in prayer this day! Please join us!



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Survey

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter along with all the parishes of our diocese are partnering with Catholic Leadership Institute to do a survey in order to help us grow in discipleship and assess our parish family's greatest opportunities and strengths.

Bishop Lucia is asking all of us parishioners to complete a survey. There are printed out versions of the survey or those who would like to fill it out online there is a sheet with a QR code that gives you the link to complete the survey. It only takes 15 minutes! Please consider participating to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future. Surveys are in the Gathering Space.

Holy Name Raffle Tickets

In High Demand

Another 50 Raffle Tickets have been added to the Holy Name Raffle. So there will be 250 tickets instead of 200. The demand is high and the prizes are BIGGER!! The tickets are \$50.00 each.

1st Prize-\$4,000.00

2nd Prize-\$1,000.00

3rd Prize-\$500.00

4th Prize- \$500.00

5th Prize-\$500.00

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 at their regular scheduled meeting.

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

The Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

The Light Is On, April 14th

Noon to 1:30pm St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

4:00pm-6:00pm Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Chrism Mass, Tuesday April 15th

11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception

Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper-April 17th

5:00pm Mass at St. John the Baptist / Holy Trinity &
Adoration after Mass until 10:00pm

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/
St. Peter

7:00pm Mass at Assumption with Adoration until 10

Passion of the Lord, Friday, April 18th

3:00pm Service at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

3:00pm Stations of the Cross at Assumption

5:30pm Vietnamese Service at Our Lady of
Pompei/St. Peter

7:00pm The Lord's Passion at Assumption

Holy Saturday, April 19th-Easter Vigil

10:00am Blessing of the Food at Our Lady of
Pompei/St. Peter

11:00am Blessing of the Food at St. John the
Baptist/Holy Trinity

8:00pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Easter Sunday-April 20th-Resurrection of the Lord

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

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

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

10:00am Mass at Assumption

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



A word on Eucharistic Adoration

The Eucharist is the real presence of Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine, consecrated during the Mass. It is exposed during adoration to provide the faithful with the opportunity to worship and pray directly before Christ, acknowledging His true presence. This act of adoration deepens one's personal relationship with Jesus, allowing us to spend time in His presence, reflect on His love and sacrifice, and experience spiritual renewal.

In every Mass, the one sacrifice of Christ on Calvary is made present. The Eucharist allows us to stand at the foot of Calvary spiritually, experiencing the wellspring of the deepest act of love, the sacrifice that redeemed humanity. When we look at the host held in the monstrance during adoration, we're able to meditate on the reality that Christ made it possible to sacrifice himself for us, but never leave us, just like he promised. When he takes the form of the host, he is there with us physically in the room.

Understanding the Eucharist can transform our approach to adoration. Time in Eucharistic adoration can be simple: you can rest before Jesus, you can converse from your heart with him, you can read Scripture or the lives of the saints, you can sing—it essentially encapsulates divine contemplation: Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. **"I look at him and he looks at me"** (CCC 2715). Sometimes this is all we have to do during prayer. We simply need to **gaze at Jesus** and let **Jesus gaze back at us**.

Vocations

"So we are ambassadors for Christ." Paul writes to the Corinthians that God is appealing to the Corinthians through them. Is God asking you to be His ambassador to those who don't know Christ as a deacon, religious, or priest? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email:

vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).

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Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of March 29 & 30

Lectors:

4:00 pm Ro Scalzo
7:30 am Jim Magnarelli
11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team III
7:30 am Sam Spadaro
11:30 am Team I

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, April 6th from 9:00 to 11:30 am in the cafeteria. Please mark your calendars and consider joining us for this always delicious and fun event. The Easter Bunny will be attending and sure to delight young and old. So bring the family or come alone ...we would love to see you!

It's not pink - it's ROSE!!

In the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, there are two Sundays that are designated as "rose" Sundays. This Sunday is Laetare Sunday. The color rose is used to signify joy. Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent, marking the middle of Lent. We rejoice in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We also saw the color rose used on the third Sunday of Advent, marking again, the middle of a season of waiting. In the season of Advent, Gaudete Sunday celebrates joy and hope in anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

The use of rose on these Sundays serves as a reminder of the joy that accompanies the seasons of Advent and Lent, amidst the penitential themes that characterize these times.

Look for the color rose this week. The priest and deacons will don rose colored vestments. You may see rose colored cloths covering the altar. What items did you see that were rose?



BASKET BONANZA

Basket Bonanza is May 10th and is sure to be all the fun and excitement it always is! The baskets and raffle items are always spectacular from themed baskets to every imaginable item from fun to exquisite!!!

We hope you have mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, May 10th in the cafeteria. The fun starts at 5:00PM. Admission is \$10.00 and includes 2 free tickets to use on the basket raffles, the usual delicious food, great fun, door prizes and lots of opportunities to win awesome baskets and items! Get a table together or come solo...you will be glad you did!

Call at the Parish Office for more information, reservations/tickets, to donate baskets or raffle items, or to join the committee. 315 422 7163. Tickets are available in church after all Masses.

Blessing of the Food

The blessing of Easter food is a simple, cherished tradition in many Eastern European and Catholic communities that involves bringing a decorated basket of a household's foods to the church on Holy Saturday to be blessed that will be enjoyed Easter Sunday at the family meal. As the tradition goes, certain foods held special teaching connections to the significance of Easter for little children. Meats, chesses, eggs, bread, salt, butter—each in their own way would symbolize elements of passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. The blessing serves as a way of deepening the appreciation of why this day is foundational for our faith, and would customarily be a unifying activity for the whole family in preparing the meal that follows the long fast of Lent. All are welcome to come and have your food blessed!

