



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
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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.

Bulletin Deadline is Monday morning week of publication

November 30, 2025

A Message from the Pastor

"Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain...that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths" (Isaiah 2:3). It's difficult to believe, but it's here already: our beautiful season of Advent! ...Pope Benedict XVI: "Advent is concerned with that very connection between **memory** and **hope** which is so necessary for man. *We remember* the past full of grace, and *this* opens us to the future. Every year, Advent is a powerful reminder that life does not belong to us. We are waiting for **Someone**." So, of course, in Advent our readings help enact this supremely. We are attentive to Jesus' *first* coming (his coming in the flesh in Bethlehem). We are presented with the reality of his *final* coming (at the end of all things). And we are also attentive to how humbly the Lord also comes to us even in the mundane and the inbetween; he takes up residence within us, to sustain us moment by moment in the temple of our body.

What is the fruit of meditating on these arrivals of Christ? Well, it reveals to us that the Advent of our Lord is "like the dawn: little by little the darkness is scattered, and the light of salvation rises in the hearts of those who watch" (says St. Isaac the Syrian). This is to say, that as we journey **day by day** expecting this Light of Christ to *grow* with each passing moment, we can deeply sense why it is, then, that Advent fills us with **hope**. Advent nudges us to fix our mind toward God's intentional entrance into his creation—something that eventually can only be explained by generosity and selfless love. God, infinitely perfect in himself, was in need of nothing, and the more we contemplate this truth, the more we come to understand that in the midst of a seemingly perpetually dark world around us, the graciousness of God will never cease to accompany us through it all, to ultimately share his victory over suffering and death. His persistence reveals that the powers of sin, suffering, and death were not intended to have residence in his creation, a fact we must frequently be reminded of when we are overwhelmed by the violence, pain, and division throughout the world. In the end, the inevitable fruit of this kind of meditation is a **HOPE** that grows and sustains.

Hope as we know, is a theological virtue—meaning it is something that is purely gift, it can't be fabricated by ourselves, and if we try to force it on our own, it's not fully real; not freely given nor freely received. And this side of heaven, Hope is pivotally important for us. One who has this hope lives differently in the midst of this world. A favorite reflection of the spiritual author, Fr. Jacques Philippe, says that while St. Paul teaches that **love** is the "greatest" (1 Cor 13:13) of theological virtues, it can be said that **hope is the most important**, because "as long as hope remains, love develops. If hope is extinguished, love grows cold. A world without hope soon becomes a world without love."

So why is this important season of Advent worth your while? Simply put: so that your love doesn't grow cold, so that your hope isn't extinguished. Should we allow ourselves to be purified by grace during this season, should we offer ourselves more intentional times of silence, of prayer, of actual preparation, without a doubt we will experience the reception of a new, profound, and sincere hope that doesn't fade, disappoint, nor leave our love growing cold. With such a gift, we can't help but live and serve differently, nor can we doubt that the celebration of the birth of our savior will ever lose its power to uplift or cease to set us free.

First Sunday of Advent

Breakfast with Santa

The Holy Name Society will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on December 7th in the cafeteria from 9:00am to 11:30am. Bring your children/grandchildren to visit with Santa. Pancakes, eggs & sausage will be served. A free will offering is appreciated.

Please use our new address

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.

Holy Name Raffle

Tickets for the Holy Name Raffle are now available! The drawing will be at their May meeting on May 13th. This year 300 tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each. The prizes are as follows: 1st-\$5,000.00, 2nd-\$1,000.00, 3rd-\$1,000.00 and 4th-\$500.00.

If you want a special numbered ticket, it is on a first come- first served! Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 to reserve your tickets or for any questions. They thank you for your support!

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of December 6-7

Lectors:

4:00 pm Marc Parrillo

7:30 am Maurice Etheredge

11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team I

7:30 am Bob Battaglia

11:30 am Team III

Religious Education Classes

The weekend of December 7

Breakfast with Santa

Day of the Son (DOS) Class at 10:15am

First Penance at 10:15am

FFI Class at 10:15am

FFII Class at 10:15am

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.

Due to the early deadline for this bulletin, the parish finances are not available. They will be posted in the December 7th bulletin.

Please remember Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter in your Will.

Hope Appeal

It is very important for all of us to participate in some way. Remember that no gift is too large or small, just prayerfully consider it. For it is together we strengthen our church and serve others. Our goal is \$20,175.00 and we have received \$11,800.00. Thank you!

The "Light Is On" Campaign

Priest will be hearing Confessions in all Churches throughout the Diocese. Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church will be open for Confessions Monday, December 15th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm and Wednesday, December 17th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Father will also be hearing Confessions at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity from Noon to 2:00pm in the 15th as well as Thursday, December 18th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

Christmas Ornaments & Cookbooks

The Parish Christmas Ornaments are on sale after all Masses next weekend in the Gathering Space as well as the Parish Cookbooks. Ornaments are \$20.00 and so are the Cookbooks. Both of these will make great Christmas Gifts.

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This Week We Remember

Monday: December 1

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
William M. Merriett / Paul

Tuesday: December 2

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Hilario / Mai Tran

Wednesday: December 3

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Frank & Orsola Razzano / Family

Thursday: December 4

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Rosetta Sisera / Sister in law, Gilda

Friday: December 5

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

Saturday: December 6

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Santa & John Andalaro /

Patrick & Connie Rozyczko

Henry & Esther pagano / Family

Sandra Colantone / The Mastrogiovanni Family

Benny, Terry & Joseph Cimino / Family

Benny Campolo / Joanne Licitra

Nancy Duffy / Kat Procopio

Sunday: December 7

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Giuseppe Ruffolo, 1yr. Ann. /

John & Mary D'Amato

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Vito Toia / Betty & Family

Brian Demetrick / Sister

Nick Muraca / Mom, Dad, Alex & Sophie

Nicola Mastrogiovanni / Anthony & Anna Pavia

Nunziata Fichera (B) /

Grandchildren, Anthony & Dom

Holy Day

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass will be at Our Lady of Pompei / St.

Peter will be at 9:00am, St. John the

Baptist/Holy Trinity Mass will be at 12:15pm,

6:00pm at St. Anthony's Church in Spanish.



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of

S. Robert Bilotti

Requested by Wife, Mercedes & Family



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of

Josie Torrillo

Requested by Family

Bereavement



Remember in your prayers,

Harriett A. Nastri, whose Funeral Mass we celebrated last 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.

Let us pray as one family

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parishes.

Jim Albanese, 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, Gerry Vaccaro, 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.

First Sunday of Advent

Walking with Moms

We've been invited as a parish family to consider beginning a new outreach ministry to the Northside that coincides with an effort that began in dioceses around the country about 5 years ago. We know how important it is for us as the Church to continue pouring out mercy for all those who find themselves in need, and this opportunity allows us to help meet a unique need that will have a tremendously positive impact on our neighborhood and even within families in our parish. Certainly a vulnerable population in need are mothers or fathers striving to provide for their children, especially those facing unexpected pregnancies.

"Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian friendship and ongoing support." (Visit <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/> for more information)

It is our goal to begin this ministry in the coming weeks, and as part of our annual "Giving-Tree" we will invite the opportunity to stock this new ministry and begin meeting needs immediately! Volunteers will be needed to help organize donations in the parish office as well as offering different windows of time (TBD) to receive family referrals and distribute donations accordingly. Effectively this ministry operates as a way of providing necessities like diapers, wipes, clothing, bottles, etc--that would not normally be available at food pantries, to those who are in great need. We anticipate this as being another way that the parishes in the Northside can collaborate, as well as opportunities for student groups from our Catholic Schools to sponsor as well.

Our friends in Fulton with Fr. Scardella began this ministry and have titled their outreach as "Mary's Closet" and it has been a blessing for many, and also a way of entrusting Mary's motherly care to those in need of her tenderness. We may join them in sharing that name, but are still prayerfully discerning that! Until then, we are excited to begin this new work of mercy as a parish family.

If you haven't had an opportunity to visit the Giving Tree, the tags indicate what exactly we are looking for and the sizes.

Bibs, Pacifiers, Bottles, Baby Wipes
Infant & Toddler Socks,
Diapers sizes Newborn, 1,2,3 & 4

All of the following for Boys and/or Girls sizes:
3,6,9,12,18 & 24 month sizes as well as 2T, 3T, 4T & 5T

Infant and Toddler Pajamas
Infant & Toddler Onesies
Infant & Toddler Outfits

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Vienna Boys Choir *Less Than 2 Weeks Away*

It's hard to imagine that the Vienna Boys Choir Concert is just a couple weeks away! The committee has been working with great dedication to make this event all we hope for it to be for our beautiful Church and wonderful Parish Family. We just can't thank them enough for all they are already doing and for all that's ahead in the next couple weeks. We are so blessed with these incredible Parishioners! We also want to thank everyone that have already sponsored, placed ads, will be volunteering and baking and of course those joining us for this enchanted evening.

There are a few seats remaining if you haven't yet purchased seats for yourself or as the perfect gift for the special people on your list. We can't mention enough that it promises to be a memorable and treasured evening and certainly one you and your loved ones will never forget. We have been listening to some of their music here in the offices and the word angelic is certainly what comes to mind. It's truly an amazing way to usher in the magic of the season in celebration of Christ's Birth. Give us a call at the Parish Office 315 422 7163 if you are interested or for more information.

We certainly welcome anyone interested in helping the Monday and Tuesday evenings before the concert (Dec. 8 th and 9 th) to help prepare the church and/or package cookies for the attendees. Speaking of cookies (lol)...if any more of our amazing bakers (and we know there are lots of you out there) would be willing to bake a batch or two for the cookies that we will be packaging, please let us know. Each box will contain 5 special Italian Cookies for our guests to enjoy after the show in the gathering space or to bring home. This is just one more example of the warmth and hospitality (and deliciousness) that our Parish has been known for throughout generations. This loving tradition lives on thanks to our fantastic Parishioners. Thanks for considering...

And.. As always..A world of gratitude to our Presenting co sponsors..



The Thomas J Pirro Jr. Funeral Home and The Santaro Companies.



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Christmas Flowers

In your newest envelope packet, you will receive an envelope for Christmas Flowers. If you would like to donate toward the decorating of our Church this Christmas Season In Memory of or In Honor of a loved one, please do so by sending in this envelope. Each intention is \$10.00. A special booklet will be made listing all your intentions.

Hope for the Bereaved

The holiday season can feel especially heavy when you are newly bereaved. ***Coping with the Holidays*** is a supportive gathering designed to help you navigate this challenging time with understanding, connection, and compassion. Together, we will share stories of loved ones, explore meaningful ways to honor their memory, and hear insights from members of HOPE's support team.

This group offers a safe, welcoming space to find community with others who truly "get it." Participants are encouraged to share, ask questions, and engage at their own comfort level - but there is never any expectation to do so. We respect each person's right to simply listen, take in what feels helpful, and find comfort in the presence of others. This program is **free to attend, but registration is required**, 315-475-4673. Join us on December 15th from 5-7pm at the CNY Philanthropy Center, 431 East Fayette Street, as we create space for remembrance and gentle support throughout the season.

Christmas Availability

There will be sign up sheets in the Sacristy for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day for all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers, looking for your availability to serve and at what Mass. Thank You in advance for your service this Christmas Season.

Going South

If you will be going to a warmer climate this winter, please let the parish office know in advance. This way we can stop your envelopes while you are away. Then upon your return we can then reactivate the mailings. Thank you on this cost saving measure.

Prayer For Advent

Father Almighty,
as we prepare to celebrate the coming of
the Incarnate Word promised by the
prophets of long ago,
may we await him with the hope for a
world free from hatred and division, a
world replete with your love.

Father,
we pray that the light from the Advent
wreath will remind us of the Light of the
World who chases the darkness from our
hearts.

Help us to open our hearts, our homes
and our family to your peace. With such
peace, may we act as modern day
prophets, reminding ourselves and
encouraging other to "prepare the way of
the Lord!"
Amen

Day of Recollection

On December 17th we will be hosting an Advent Day of Recollection in the Covent. We will start with Mass at 9:00am in the Chapel, then a video and talk, Adoration and time for reflection. The day will conclude by 1:00pm. Coffee, Pastries and light lunch will be provided. Cost \$10.00

Friar Jude

Condolences for Friar Jude . . . Let us pray for him, his family and his brother Friars. We were blessed at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter at the 11:30am Mass by him sharing his ministry with us even while he was quietly and courageously battling cancer. Friar Jude passed away on November 18th.

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

