



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
Mary Beth Meade, Director of Religious Education
James Stanley, Director of Music
D.J. Scarfino, Facilities Manager

Parish Office

P.O.Box 11082, Syracuse, NY 13218
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

Contact Information

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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

February 1, 2026

A Message from the Pastor

Let's recall where we were last Sunday, namely, increasing our attentiveness and our response to the Word of God. When the Lord speaks, a response is called forth, at the power of the Lord's words, there is always an effect. No word returns to the Lord void, but rather it always achieves the effect that it set out to accomplish (cf. Isaiah 55:10-11), meaning that every time we have the Sacred Word before us, the Lord is accomplishing a transformation within us that is drawing us deeper into His life. I hope you have had an opportunity to follow up on your own desires to nourish the hunger of your own soul by receiving more from the Word of the Lord—if you need help, consider Fr. Mike Schmitz' *Bible in a Year Podcast* (on all platforms where podcasts can be found) or Ascension Presents *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* (which we offered our parishes last year!). I highly recommend them!

Today we see a beautiful continuity across our readings that culminates in the proclamation of the Beatitudes. As Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), we hear words that maybe now at this point in our lives strike us with a sentimentality, but maybe they fail to grab our hearts on a deeper level. What happens in you when you hear them proclaimed? (Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the peacemakers, those who hunger for righteousness, etc) I, myself, used to hear them and think of these varying different groups of people, even wondering which beatitude I would see myself belonging to. It wasn't until relatively recently that I experienced this passage and these words of Jesus come to life and matter much more to me than ever before.

Rather than reflecting on these characteristics of heart or the potentially different groups of individuals, its first worth stating that the beatitudes are not just nice sayings, or paths to a "happy life" as we might expect. If that's what they are, they're a little confusing, especially reading them at their surface level. Being poor, suffering in the working for peace and justice, mourning, striving for purity of heart—at their appearance, these don't lend themselves to showcasing an abundance of joy but rather struggle. So what should we *actually* make of them? Start with beautiful wisdom from Pope Benedict XVI who tells us who the "blessed one" really is:

*"In truth, the blessed par excellence is only Jesus. He is, in fact, the true poor in spirit, the one afflicted, the meek one, the one hungering and thirsting for justice, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemaker. He is the one persecuted for the sake of justice. The Beatitudes show us **the spiritual features of Jesus** and thus express his mystery, the mystery of his death and Resurrection, of his passion and of the joy of his Resurrection. This mystery, which is the mystery of true blessedness, invites us to follow Jesus and thus to walk toward it. To the extent that we accept his proposal and set out to follow him - each one in his own circumstances - **we too can participate in his blessedness**. With him, the impossible becomes possible and even a camel can pass through the eye of a needle (cf. Mk 10: 25); with his help, only with his help, can we become perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect (cf. Mt 5: 48)."*

So rather than hearing the Beatitudes as simple nice sayings or paths to a happiness they are, rather, 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 heart of God grows in us, 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. Thus, see now that 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. To share in such a transformation is what it truly means to be 'blessed' and to share the joy and life of the Lord.

Fourth 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: This week we received 2 envelopes, sent to the old address and postmarked December 24th. 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

Have you bought your Holy Name Raffle Ticket yet? 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 7th & 8th

Lectors:

4:00 pm Jackie Cimino

7:30 am Jim Magnarelli

11:30 am Ralph Torrillo

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team I

7:30 am Bob Battaglia

11:30 am Team III

Religious Education Classes

The weekend of February 7th & 8th

1st Penance in Church at 3:00pm & First
Sacrament Class Introduction to the Parish at
4:00pm on the 7th.

Classes are in session the 8th

Adjusted Office Hours

Starting February 2nd to February 16th, the parish office will be open from 9:00am to Noon, Monday through Friday. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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 25, 2026-\$3,388.00

Oh Boy, the snow really keep people away!

Hope Appeal

We are over 90% of our goal for the annual Hope Appeal, \$20,175.00. We are just \$1,705.00 away 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!

Fuel Collection Time!!!

Please be generous with your donations in the upcoming Fuel Collection Envelope. We only collect for fuel twice a year in anticipation of high heating and electrical costs this winter. We could really use your help! Thank you.

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

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!

February 1, 2026

This Week We Remember

Monday: February 2

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

Tuesday: February 3

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Sister Elizabeth Lennon / Patti Sacco

Wednesday: February 4

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

Thursday: February 5

9:00am Mass in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Angeline C. DeMascoli, Ann. / Son, Anthony

Friday: February 6

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

Saturday: February 7

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Rosemarie Barilla (B) / M&M Steve Shoen
Frank Giannontonia & Julio DeLorio/Frank
Antoinette Silvaggio, Ann. / Tony, Nick & Joe
Anthony & Joanne Merluzzi / Debra Wade

Sunday: February 8

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Joseph Nguyen Thanh VII / Wife, & Children

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Anne Falvo (B) / Daughters, Marietta & Annie
Salvatore Princi / Ariana Trease
Mary Brice / Son, Frank
Francis "Fritz" Galvagno / Melissa & Family
Cosmo & Grace Medico (B) /Frances Borreggine

Bereavement



Remember in your prayers, Jeanette Reale ,
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

James Albanese

Requested by Noreen & Zeke



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In
Loving Memory Of

Antoinette Silvaggio, Ann.

Requested By Tony, Nick & Joe

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, Dick Mancini, 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.

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday February 17 5:30pm at the Parish
Offices. The meeting will have overviews of
Mary's Closet, Lenten activities, dates for
Spring parish celebrations, etc.

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.

The festivities begin at 6:00pm

There will be
food, music, raffles and so much more.

There is no cost to come.
You just pay for what you
Eat & Drink
and if you want to participate in the Raffle.

Let us show our support to the
Vietnamese Community
as they support our fundraising efforts.

We have tables reserved, so call the parish
office, 315-422-7163, to reserve your seat!

