

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, Pastor
Reverend John Nguyen Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community
Lauri Gildemeyer, Office Manager
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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
Call the parish office to schedule with Fr. Foley.

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from the Pastor

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him! (Psalm 145)…a deep consolation that we should be reminded of daily. It's worth keeping Psalm 145 (in its fullness/all verses) visibly in front of us somewhere, whether it's on the fridge, in your room getting ready for the day, wherever you will see it regularly. It boldly reminds us of the fidelity of the Lord, *and* the generosity with which he extends his care and mercy toward us. Again, in our readings this Sunday we are given a familiar parable, one that compares the Kingdom of Heaven to *the landowner* who is radically generous, irrationally so by our standards. But this seems to be quite consistent with the message that we receive from the Prophet Isaiah in our first reading about God himself: "*…my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts".*

Let's pause for a second and piece together some of the themes we've encountered in recent Sundays since we have an important progression through Matthew's Gospel. Last Sunday: *Lord must I forgive my brother or sister? How many times??* The Sunday before: *Lord, how am I supposed to handle conflict with my brother or sister*? The Sunday before that: Jesus boldly stated the prediction of his Passion and death, his anticipated rejection by all and that all disciples called to *follow after him will need to take up the cross*, too?

With these in mind, consider the height of imitation of God that we are constantly being invited to? If we are called to share in the life of Christ *this* radically, then there will inevitably be the participation that looks like a familiar line from the Gospel of John: *unless* a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, *but* if it dies, it produces much fruit (cf. John 12). While on the surface we might be deterred because of the difficulty or apparent suffering at stake, we should be comforted or assured that the Lord accompanies us through such times to bring us to the fullness of life, in ways that we could never imagine. We should probably anticipate that this journey won't look like what we expect it to—and this is a good thing. Because as the Lord said through Isaiah *so high above your ways are my ways*.

And maybe taking our lead from Jesus' parable…it doesn't matter what time of day (or what time or phase in our life, wherever we are, etc.) that we enter into the Lord's vineyard to labor for him…the Lord desires ***all*** to receive eternal reward. What would make someone stay in the marketplace all day waiting to be hired? Why not give up and go home? They likely remain because the human heart can only be fulfilled by serving someone beyond the self. At the end of the day, these laborers will not be able to accomplish much in terms of productive work. But they can, however, give the landowner what he *most* desires: **an assent to his invitation.** For us, this must also be true. When it comes to the end of our lives, we are quick to sum up things that we have done or accomplished, but something deeper in importance should draw our attention based on this parable. God is most interested in generously gifting his grace (or his own life) to all those who respond. All we have and all we are comes from the Lord, and humbly recognizing this cannot help but grow authentic gratitude in us. The reward of eternal life is not something quantifiable, it's not simply a payment for a life of virtue, the reward is God himself, he created us for eternal communion with himself, and we should desire all to come to know this and to courageously respond to this incredible gift and relationship, because not only will we then be drawn by and anchored toward heaven, but even now we will come to know the indescribable joy that comes from being transformed by divine life. Nothing can compare to this gift, and once we have discovered it, 'laboring' for Him is no longer a 'job,' but rather his call for us becomes our source of life.

September 20, 2026



Wedding Banns
2. Gabriella Corasanti & Logan Persse

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of September 26th & 27th
4:00 pm Toni Paglia
7:30 am Jim Magnarelli
11:30 am Frank Brice

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team III
7:30 am Anne Marie Abt
11:30 am Team II

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Class Registration is now live! The first week of class is set to launch for Sunday September 27, so please mark your calendars. Registration is newly available online, too! Visit our parish website to complete the digital form. Paper forms are still available in the gathering space for those who need.

Religious Education & Faith Formation

Saturday, October 3rd at the 4pm Mass will be a kick off Mass for Faith Formation/ Religious Ed. All families and youth in all grades, for a Bilingual-English/Vietnamese Mass. We will bless our students and families and their catechists! It will be a beautiful celebration for our parish family! You won't want to miss it!

The Annual Hope Appeal

We are in full swing for this years Hope Appeal The theme is “We Are The Body of Christ”! This year our goal is $20,982.00. Let us try to reach our goal as soon as we can, so please prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge now.

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.

September 13, 2026-$4,432.00
Blue/Parking Lot-$183.00
Catholic University-$441.00

As always,thank you for your continued support to Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter !!

Online Giving

Want to use online giving for your Sunday Offering? You can set up your recurring donations by scanning the QR Code provided. Vanco is the company that processes your donations. They will provide you with a financial statement at the end of the fiscal year.

Coming Soon:

A member of our Finance Council will give an update on a number of things relevant to our parish life at the end of Mass. Updates on the various projects our parish is taking on, as well as the year-end financials from the past year. Thank you as always for your care and attention to these important matters. Fr. Foley is deeply grateful for the counsel received from our Trustees and councils serving our parish family.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week We Remember….

Monday: September 21
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
Louise & Frank Buda / Family

Tuesday: September 22
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
Richard & Maureen Wright / Family

Wednesday: September 23
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Thursday: September 24
9:00 am Mass in the Chapel
For the People of Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Friday: September 25
No Daily Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Saturday: September 26
4:00 pm Mass in the Church
Frank Yaizzo, Ann. / Rose & Family
Anthony & Joanne Merluzzi / Debra Wade
Pasqualina Pallotta, Ann. / Anthony
James Albanese / Family
Palma Rose Trinca / Julia Dibello
Helen & Rocky Barbato, W. Ann. /
Niece , Henrietta

Sunday: September 27
7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Vincent & Rose Aquilino / Son, Dan

11:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter
Santina Sindoni / Family
Jean Cerio / Marty Nave
Palma Rose Trinca / Anna Giannantonio
Carmine & Concetta DiLorenzo /
Daughter, Gilda

Bread and Wine



For Masses Celebrated During
The Week In
Loving Memory Of
Mary Anne Scarfino & Francis Scarfino III
Requested by Family

Let us pray as one family

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parishes. Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Arlene Bukowski, Dominick Brancato, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, John & Leona Ciferni, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Hank Donohue, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Audrey Emmi, Marilyn Ferretti, Ruth Fabrizi, Ellen Gangemi,Gladys Graham, 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, Rita Nicoletti, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Emily Rosenthal, Francesca Santoro, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Fran Ward, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

Pews-to-Pizza!
Calling Young Adult Catholics!

Young adults! (Age 21-39) Come join Fr. Foley after the 4pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter on Saturday September 26th over at the Convent for Pizza after Mass, and just enjoy a simple time to connect the other young adults of our parish family! Father would like regularly to do this each month, to grow in faith and friendship. You hear it said by many of our parishioners in the northside--so many have been blessed to find lifelong friends just by journeying together with our parish community. Contact Fr. Foley (bfoley@syrdio.org) or the parish office if interested. No formal program, just come hang after Mass!

Parish Council Meeting

Father Foley would like to hold the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6pm. Please call if you are unable to attend.

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Calling all CBA Students!

Fr. Foley will be visiting the Campus Ministry Office on a Thursday each month during lunch periods. Free pizza and drinks provided or just come with your lunch! Just an informal time coming together to break up the day/week. This month's day is Thursday September 24! Hope your students can make it!

Clergy Convocation

Just a reminder coming up, the Annual Clergy Convocation is September 28-30, the priests of the diocese will be away on retreat with Bishop Lucia from the afternoon of Monday the 28th to Wednesday the 30th. Masses (likely) as normal at Assumption/The Franciscan Place. No daily Mass Tuesday or Wednesday at Pompei that week, (but Monday yes!)

Mary's Closet Updates

Items are still coming in from the Blessing Tree. This week we received 101 pairs of socks as well as 4 PJ's, 3 outfits and 8 bibs!

Also, a representative from the Holy Name Society will be coming to help volunteer once a week at Mary's Closet. Would you like to join in. Please let us know.

St. Therese Society

The next meeting for the Society of St. Therese will be Thursday, September 24th at 1:00pm in the Parish Office.

A guest speaker from the Sheriff's Department will present information about the "Yellow Dot Program". They will also review information about how to protect yourself from scams and financial crimes. All are welcome to join us, member or not!!

Safe Environment Training

For **all** those who help at Mass, Ushers, Lectors, those assisting with Communion, Choir Members, anyone helping in the Sacristy--are to be Safe Environment trained. This is to ensure the safety of all our young people or vulnerable adults, and also to protect our volunteers, too.

Pre-Registration required online (https://syracusediocese.org/initial-safe-environment-training-for-adults) These are upcoming dates and locations: at St. Augustine's Bville, Thurs 9/24 10am at Catholic Charities (HOP), Thurs 9/24 5:30pm at Most Holy Rosary School, Tues 10/6 5:30pm at Holy Cross, DeWitt. Please take advantage of these local classes!

Mass Book IS Open

The 2027 Mass Book is open!! Cost for each Mass Intention is $15.00.

*The Bread & Wine for the week is $25.00.
*Eucharistic Angels are $10.00 each. There are two candles. You may purchase one or two.
*The Sanctuary Lamps are also $10.00 each with the option to purchase one or two.
*The Padre Pio Candle is $10.00 for the week.

Please remember that we are only allowed to have one Mass Intention for Daily Masses and the 7:30am Mass on Sunday. At the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass as well as the 11:30am Mass we are allowed to have 5 Intentions.

Word of the Lord

"When we have lost our way and find ourselves brought low by sin and suffering, we can know with confidence that the Lord will never abandon us. No matter what sins we have committed or how many times we have chosen to separate ourselves from the flock, we can know that Christ's mercy and kindness await us. There is nothing we can do, no sin so great, that cannot be overcome with the infinite mercy of Christ."