

December 15, 2024

Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church

Christmas Vigil- Tuesday, December 24th

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

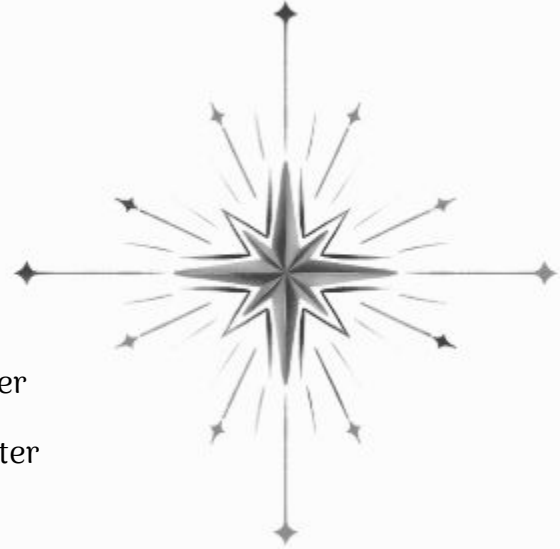
4:00pm- Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

7:00pm- Vietnamese Carols at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

8:00pm-Mass in Vietnamese at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

11:30pm-Service of Carols at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Midnight Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter



Christmas Day- Wednesday, December 25th

7:30am-Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter. There will not be official music but all in attendance will be expected to help Father sing carols! :)

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

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

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



New Year's Eve Mass-Tuesday, December 31st

4:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

New Year's Day Mass-Wednesday, January 1st

9:00am Mass in Vietnamese at OLPi/St. Peter

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

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

Third Sunday in Advent

A Message from the Pastor

As I'm sure you know, the Rose Candle in the Advent wreath is lit today! It corresponds to the rose vestment that is the option for the day's liturgical celebrations. The change in color reflects the **joy** expressed in the Entrance Antiphon for the day's Mass, **and serves as a special reminder of the joyful event that awaits us at the close of the Advent season.**

The name "Gaudete" which gives this Sunday its name, is taken from the Entrance Antiphon of Mass, which typically we don't hear on Sunday because we usually sing a hymn together in its place. The verse that gives this Sunday its name is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, which also happens to be our second reading today, and, in Latin, it reads: "**Gaudete** in Domino semper; iterum dico, gaudete. Dominus enim prope est." In English, the text commands us, "**Rejoice** in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. For indeed, the Lord is near."

Our first reading today also gives us a rich insight into why it is that we have cause for rejoicing: *The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, **the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.** On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; **he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love. (Zephaniah 3:15ff)***—An amazing message of hope! When we live with a sincere receptivity to this truth, our lives are renewed with purpose and freedom, regardless of all the reasons we may have to not rejoice, or to live in doubt, grief, or despair, we must be reminded again of our call, of the One who has made us for relationship with Him. Strengthened by this invitation, we will **always** have cause for joy and eternal gladness. Only the Lord has the possibility to bring about the reconciliation and peace of all things, only the Lord has power over sin and death, and by his initiative he comes to us to bear this gift of hope.

How are we responding to this love shown to us by the Lord? How are you changing the routine of your daily schedule to give greater access to the Lord so that he can remind you of his love/of this hope? He meets us in prayer with the gift of his life to strengthen us, and upon receiving grace, we are **always** uplifted, regardless of whatever may weigh us down. Sometimes we need to ask, too, for an increase of faith—we hear very often that Jesus says to those whom he heals, "your faith has saved you" or "let it be done for you according to your faith"—it can happen that we don't believe the Lord has enough power to give us what we need to free us for such rejoicing, or that he can heal after much time has passed or that our wounds are incurable.

Jesus offers all of us profound access to his transformative life in the Sacraments, in them he quite literally touches us with divine power—but are we awake to it? The Sacraments are always efficacious, they always accomplish what they intend—yet the variable is our participation, our readiness to receive from them. If we expect little from them, well then, I suppose we shouldn't be surprised to see little fruit! If we prepare ourselves and participate in them with great faith, the fruitfulness of the Sacraments for us will become infinite...Jesus doesn't force this out of us, but to those who ask, he will bestow abundance. There's still time this Advent season to be renewed by the Lord and granted a greater receptivity to his grace that is ceaselessly at work. Consider the healing the Lord desires for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation—the Light is On event is a great way to prepare! Let the Lord surprise you with his love and mercy!

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This Week We Remember

Monday: December 16

7:15 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Carmelita Nave / Marty Nave

Tuesday: December 17

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Alex J. Cimino, Sr. 10yr. Ann. / Wife & Children

Wednesday: December 18

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Henry Pagano, 2yr. Ann. / Vinny & Denise

Thursday: December 19

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Patty Schramm (B) / Karen & Max

Friday: December 20

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

Saturday: December 21

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Rita & Phil Capozzi Sr. / Son, Philip
Anthony "Midnight" Silvaggio / Nick & Joe
John Dippold Sr. (B) / Carol & Family
Pat Saile (B) / Dippold & Cimino Families
Larry DeSantis (B) / Sandy, Dan & Danny
Richard A. Tortora, Sr. / Rita & Family
Grace Ianno, Ann. / Family
Joseph Cantello (B) / Daughter
Stephen "Jerry" Vislosky, Ann. / Anne
Anthony "Tony" Nuzzo / Wife Patricia, Anthony,
Aaron, Angela, Aaron Michael & Jack
Benny & Terry Cimino / Son, Joseph
Henry Pagano, 2yr. Ann. / Family
Alfonso Carfagno Ann. / Jack & Melanie

Sunday: December 22

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Dolores DiBello (B) / Family
Cathy C. DiBello (B) / Family
Rose Duchessi / Children
Luke, Joseph & Rose Oscuro / Estate

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Santina Sindoni / Family
The Caracci Family / Family
Frank & Nancy Fugale / Family
Jacqueline Farone Price / Family



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
Larry DeSantis (B)
Requested by Sandy, Dan & Danny



Sanctuary Lamps

Burning In Loving Memory of
Yolanda Rosati, Ann.
&
Aida Scipione, Ann.
Requested by Margaret & Steve Zogg



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Tom Sacco
Requested By Family



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In
Loving Memory Of
Anthony "Midnite" Silvaggio
Requested By Nick & Joe

Sunday: December 22, Con't

Nick Muraca / Mom, Dad, Alex & Sophie
Caracci, Roffo & Notcher Family / Joanne
Curly Paris / Family
Deceased Members of the Paduano Family /
Cnora Cooper



Third Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of December 21 & 22

Lectors:

4:00 pm

7:30 am Jim Magnarelli

11:30 am Frank Brice

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team I

7:30 am Anne Marie Abt

11:30 am Team II

100th Year Ornament Sale

Bring home some of the beauty of our parish as we offer you the opportunity to purchase an incredible Christmas ornament that preserves our very own Crucifix stained-glass window. Ornaments will be available this weekend after all Masses! **Cost is \$20!** You know there are many friends and families around that would love to have this adorn their Christmas tree, so please share! Supply is limited. See a picture of the ornament, visit our website or facebook page.

Fall Fundraiser Wrap Up

On Saturday, December 7th the drawing was held after the 4:00pm Mass for the Lottery Ticket & Gift Card Baskets! We are happy to announce that Dianne Procopio was the winner of the Lottery Basket and Yvonne Cusimano was the winner of the Gift Card Basket. Congratulations!!!

We would once again like to thank everyone who donated a gift card or lottery tickets, who purchased a chance or two and those who said a prayer for our success! Thanks to everyone who joined us for cheese, crackers and veggies which added to the excitement when drawing the winning tickets. The Fall Fundraiser made a profit just over \$6000.00!!

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.

December 8, 2024 - \$6,818.00

Thanksgiving Collection-\$768.00

Your support of our parish is appreciated!

Office Hours

On December 16th & 17th the office will open at 8:30am and will close at Noon both days.

On Monday December 23rd, the office will close at Noon and reopen on December 27th at 8:30am. We will closed close at Noon on Tuesday, December 31st and reopen on January 2nd at 8:30am.

Centennial Corner

Annette Simiele was kind enough to share her family's experience at the Our Lady of Pompei School during the late 60s. Her mother was a contributor to the Mother's Club, which helped to cover some of the children's tuition. Additionally, the Mother's Club hosted fashion shows for the neighborhood in an effort to gather money for school uniforms for newly immigrated families. Throughout her childhood, the fashion show in particular was brought on the road for the school & they even played at the Italian Fest at the fairgrounds.

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Hope Appeal

Firm in Faith,
Active in Charity,
Together in Hope

We are so close!!! Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter has already raised **\$15,603.33** towards our Hope Appeal goal of \$20,175.00. Fr. Foley is asking every family in our parish to consider participating to help us meet our goal. To date we have over 30% participation. Please give what you can. Every gift makes a difference as you can see.

If you haven't had an opportunity to donate to the Annual Hope Appeal, won't you prayerfully consider doing so soon. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend and drop it in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.surdio.org.

Raffle Tickets

Tickets for the Holy Name Raffle are now available. The drawing will be May 14th.

This year only 200 tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each. If you want a special numbered ticket, it is first come- first served! Call Larry Cimino at 315 430 5645 or Joey Cimino at 315 430 0338 to reserve your tickets or for any questions.

Holy Name thanks you for your support with the raffle and to support our Church!

It's not too late ..

If you would like to donate towards the decorating of the Church this Christmas season and haven't done so yet, it's not too late. Please send in \$10.00 per intention in memory of a loved one. A special booklet will be made listing all your intentions. Please send in these envelopes as soon as possible. Thank You!

100th Year Happenings

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

*January will be the **Taste of Pompei**. The date is not set yet but we will keep you posted.

***The Lunar New Year** will be held in the Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Gym on Saturday, February 1st. Let us all support the Vietnamese Community on one of their biggest celebrations!

*Basket Bonanza will take place in March. The date is TBA.

*Our Centennial Celebration will wrap up with the "**Centennial Gala**" on April 26th after the Centennial Mass at 4:00PM. The Gala will take place at Barbagallo's Restaurant.

The "Light Is On" Campaign

Again this year, the Diocese of Syracuse participating in the "Light is On For You Campaign". Priests will be hearing confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation) in all Churches throughout the Diocese. This years Confessions will be heard Monday, December 16th at St. John the Baptist from Noon to 2:00pm & 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter will have Confessions from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Assumption will have their Confessions at the Franciscan Place, Destiny Mall, from 2:00pm to 6:00pm and at the Church from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Fr. Foley will be at Holy Cross Church from 5:15pm to 7:00pm.



Let us all take time to be reconciled to the Lord and to each other as we prepare to celebrate the dawn of our Salvation. This is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and draw closer to our Lord.

Third Sunday in Advent

Pastor / Shepherd

A pastor refers to a priest or minister who is responsible for the spiritual care and guidance of the congregation or community of believers. The role of the pastor is deeply rooted in the biblical imagery of a shepherd, who tends to and protects their flock. Like the Good Shepherd, Jesus a Pastor leads the community with love, guidance, protection and mercy.

This Sunday is especially significant for the Pastor as the shepherd of the people. He will wear rose vestments and celebrate the joy of the shepherds with the community in anticipation of the birth of Christ.

Prayer Intentions

Do you have a special intention you'd like lifted in prayer? The Diocese of Syracuse invites you to submit your prayer intentions online. The email address is [syrddio.org/prayer-intention](mailto:info@syrddio.org/prayer-intention). Our Diocesan Prayer Warriors, together with Bishop Lucia, will be praying for all intentions we receive.

We'd love to hear how God is working in your life? If your prayers have been answered, please share your testimony with us by emailing info@syrddio.org.

Let us join together in faith and prayer as a community of hope and love. Submit your intentions today!

Sign Up

There are sign-up sheets posted in the Sacristy for all those wanting to Lector or be a Eucharistic Minister for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please indicate your availability for the 4:00pm Mass, Midnight Mass, 7:30am Mass and 11:30am Mass. Thank you for helping to make our celebration of the Eucharist so meaningful!

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 Ciferni, Vic Coogan, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Audrey Emmi, Jon English, 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, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler and Maureen White.

Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients. 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.

Office of Vocations

Today's Gospel has St. John the Baptist guiding people in how to live and prepare their hearts to receive the Lord when He comes. He says the Lord will "gather the wheat into His barn." John was called to help with the harvest. How are you being called to help in God's harvest? Maybe as a priest, deacon, maybe as a religious sister or brother? If you think this maybe for you, reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrddio.org.

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Advent Wreath

On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls “Gaudete Sunday”, meaning rejoice. The third rose colored candle is called the “Shepherd’s Candle.” It reminds us of the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem.

+Light the first and second purple candles and the pink.

+Proclaim the Scripture:

“And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them.”

Luke 2:20

+Pause for reflection. A moment of silence.

+Advent Wreath Prayer:

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Order Your Advent Candles

There are three options:

4 piece boxed set-\$10.00 (for advent wreath)
4 candles-\$20.00 (3 purple/1 pink, 5 day glass)
Single candles-\$5.00 (purple or pink, 5 day glass)

To order, please call Mary Scarfino at 315-437-9634. Payment and pick up is at Church before each weekend Mass. Thank you for your participation, prayers and generosity.



Unlocking the Mystery

of the Bible!

This program is something so transformative and something everyone can participate in and benefit from. We've always wanted to read the bible but never know where to start or even how to begin. You will love this opportunity!

It will be Tuesday nights for 8 weeks that will start Tuesday, February 4. Adoration in the Chapel from 5:30-6:00, Video starts at 6, dismissal by 7pm! (If there is enough interest to do a second group during the day or at a different time, I am open to it, but just simply need to let me know.) We understand people aren't comfortable driving at night in the winter!

There is a workbook companion to this program, which is \$20 which includes a workbook, helpful bible timeline chart, bookmark, and access to videos online. **You can participate in this group even without paying for the materials if you just simply want to enjoy the group, the content and the prayer time** But it would be helpful for planning purposes if you would still let us know your interest! Thank you!

A Special Thank you

Thank you so much to all who attended Breakfast with Santa this weekend - it was a wonderful time to visit and enjoy time with family and friends before the holiday! And Thank you to the Holy Name Society for all of the work you did to make it a wonderful event!