



# 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  
James Stanley, Director of Music  
D.J. Scarfino, Facilities Manager

### Parish Office

920 North McBride Street, Syracuse, NY 13208  
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.

# Third Sunday of Lent

## A Message from the Pastor

Exodus Chapter 3 (our first reading today) offers us a remarkable gift. While we are usually familiar with this story, we can easily take for granted its implications. Moses encounters the Lord who speaks to him through the burning bush—a bush out in the wilderness that is engulfed in flames, yet the bush remains unharmed, unburned, not scorched. It is from this encounter that the Lord sends Moses to be his instrument of liberation for His enslaved and oppressed people in Egypt. Moses also asks the Lord for his name—and the Lord responds! God allows himself to be known by name!

“By revealing his Name,” Pope Benedict XVI says, “God establishes a relationship between himself and us. He enables us to invoke him, he enters into relations with us and gives us the possibility of being in a relationship with him. This means that God gives himself, in a certain way, to our human world, becoming accessible, as if he were one of us. He faces the risk of the relationship, of being with us. What began in the burning bush in the desert is accomplished in the burning bush of the Cross where God, having become accessible in his Son made man, really became one of us, is put into our hands and, in this way, realizes the liberation of humanity. On Golgotha, God, who during the night of the flight from Egypt revealed himself as the One who frees us from slavery, revealed himself as the One who embraces every human being with the saving power of the Cross and the Resurrection and liberates him from sin and death, accepts him in the embrace of his love.”

Ultimately what we gain from the Pope’s thoughtful reflection is that God—who is all powerful—chose to humbly enter into our existence in a way that doesn’t crush or destroy us, but rather comes within us and among us. He illumines us and as a result his light can shine through us. Like the burning bush, God sets us aflame in a manner that doesn’t leave us burned but rather makes us fully alive! He willingly takes on the risk of being connected to us knowing full well of our ability to let him down. Yet, the question before us remains, do we still see the Lord somehow as being in competition with us? That in order for us to give of ourselves to Him, that we somehow have to lose? Or *rather*, are you able to be a burning bush at his service that results in you becoming more alive than ever because of his life radiating in you?

In this holy season of Lent one of the best ways to allow the presence of God to be rekindled within us is to be healed, cleansed, and made whole again through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is there, hearing Jesus utter the words of absolution after having confessed our sins, that he sets us aflame with the radiance of his mercy for us to then boldly bear his light into the dark wilderness of our world.

# March 23, 2025

## ***Centennial Corner***

December 19th, 2014 we merged with St. John's/Holy Trinity, we maintain both churches & Father Caruso serves as Pastor of both. During these years we maintained a balance of blended parishes & schools becoming even closer as a community.

## ***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.

## ***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.

## ***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.

# Third Sunday of Lent

## *This Week We Remember*

### **Monday: March 24**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Leonardo Colavita (B) / Family

### **Tuesday: March 25**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Francis Galimi, 1 year Ann. / Twin Brother

### **Wednesday: March 26**

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

### **Thursday: March 27**

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Rocky Barbato / Clara Camille

### **Friday: March 28**

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

### **Saturday: March 29**

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Helen Corbett (B) / Dan, Sandy & Danny  
Sandra Colantone, 3 month. Ann. /

The Mastrogiovanni Family

Rosemary Nastri / Donna Barnell  
Benny & Terry Cimino / Son, Joseph  
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family

### **Sunday: March 30**

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

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter  
Pasquale Sisera / Wife, Gilda  
Ben & Celia Pisano / Anita & Family  
Edward & Michael Swanka / Grace  
Vito Toia / Betty & Family  
Theresa Adiano / John & Rozlisa Marsh

## *Bereavement*

Remember in your prayers, Nichole Greco, Maureen White & Sandra Samora, whose Funeral Mass we celebrated this week. Our deepest sympathy to their families.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*



## *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.

*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.*

## *Pilgrims of Hope -*

### *Holy Ground Under Your Feet*

Take a walk as a family and notice the beauty of creation around you—the towering trees, the gentle breeze, the birdsong in the air. In Exodus 3, Moses stood before the burning bush and realized he was on holy ground, a place where God revealed Himself. Holy ground is not just in grand moments but in the simple wonders of creation that remind us of God's presence. As we journey through life, we are Pilgrims of Hope, walking toward God's promises with trust and joy. Let this time in nature be a reminder that God is with us, guiding our steps and filling our hearts with hope. Where do you see signs of His presence today?

# March 23, 2025

## ***Do You Want to Fast this Lent?***

### ***In the words of Pope Francis***

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

## ***A Family Perspective***

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

## ***Vocations***

"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work." God provides everything needed to those who do His will. Do not be afraid to consider religious life, the priesthood, or the diaconate. If the Lord is calling you to any of them, He will provide everything you need. Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: [vocations@syrдио.org](mailto:vocations@syrдио.org) and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

## ***Sacrificial Giving***

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

March 16, 2025-\$5,491.00

Blue Envelope-\$160.00

Eastern Europe-\$50.00

Fuel-\$275.00

Lenten Sacrifice-\$414.00

*Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.*

## ***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.

## ***Theology on Tap***

Theology on Tap is a gathering for young adults (ages 18-39) looking to connect and learn more about the Catholic faith." Fr. Brendan is the speaker on Thursday, March 27 at Abbiocco by A Mano from 7-9pm. Preregistering secures you a free drink! Hope to see you there! There's more info <https://syracusediocese.org/theology-on-tap> if you'd like, and you can also register there, too.

# Third 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

11:00am 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



## *Tabernacle*

One of the primary and most distinctive fixtures of any Catholic church is the tabernacle, a cabinet or box, often made of precious materials, placed prominently within the church. The word "tabernacle" means "dwelling place." As Catholics, we refer to this sacred space as the tabernacle, which contains the "holy of holies," where Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. In today's First Reading, Moses encountered God on holy ground, where God revealed Himself with the words, "I AM WHO I AM." This moment signifies God's presence with His people as they journeyed through the wilderness. Similarly, during Lent, we embark on our own spiritual journey, reflecting on our relationship with God and preparing our hearts to encounter Him more deeply in the Eucharist. Just as God's presence guided the Israelites, He continues to be present through, with and in Jesus.

Watch for when the priest or deacon opens the tabernacle. This is a moment of great reverence as previously consecrated hosts are brought out for communion. The priest or deacon brings the consecrated host, the true Presence of Christ, to the altar, in preparation for the community to share in receiving Christ. After communion, the remaining hosts are placed again in the tabernacle.

The tabernacle is the "holy of holies" which is why we show great reverence for this holy dwelling place.

## *Friends Retreat*

This year the Annual Friends Retreat will be April 9th in the Convent. The Retreat will start with 9:00am Mass. We will have more info next week, so mark your calendars. Cost \$15.00 which includes coffee and pastries and a light lunch.

## *Religious Education News*

Reminders:

Confirmation is at St. Daniels on April 5th at the 4:00pm Mass

First Holy Communion is May 3rd at the 4:00pm Mass.



# March 23, 2025

## ***HOPE APPEAL***

**Firm in Faith, Active in Charity, Together in Hope**  
We are currently over our Hope Appeal Goal by \$1,279.33. The Hope Appeal Office will be reimbursing Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter with a check for that amount. So, if you didn't have an opportunity to give and would like to, please do so.

Once again we thank everyone who has given and who continue to give to the Annual Hope Appeal.

## ***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!

## ***Congratulations***

Cynthia & Joseph Giannuzzi will celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary this weekend!! Congratulations and many more!

## ***Golf League***

Golf season will be here before you know it! Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Golf League is calling all golfers. If you are interested, please call Jamie Lanza at 315-256-4540 after 2 pm.

## ***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.

## ***St. Therese Meeting***

The next St. Therese Meeting is on March 27th at 1:00pm in the Parish Office. Hope to see you there!!

## ***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!

# March 23, 2025

## ***Companions on the Journey***

This Sunday begins the Scrutinies for those coming into the Catholic Faith. There are two sets of readings, one for the Year C, and one for this week's Scrutiny Reading. The Scrutiny Readings are always read from Year A Lectionary in parishes where there are catechumens preparing to be initiated into the Catholic Church. We have one candidate this year, ***Cameron Halby***. Pray for those preparing to be initiated into the Catholic Church. Each week, the gospel focuses on ways the catechumen reflects on their faith journey: First Scrutiny: Women at the Well - thirsting for the living water. Second Scrutiny: Healing the Blind Man - opening our eyes and hearts to God's revelation. Third Scrutiny: Raising of Lazarus - new life in Christ. Pray for the catechumens throughout the diocese.

## ***The Jubilee Prayer***

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of  
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from  
within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and  
a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil  
vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in  
us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the  
treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory  
and praise for ever.

Amen

## ***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**.

## ***Catholic Relief***

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.



March 23, 2025

# 1924-2024

C E L E B R A T I N G 1 0 0 Y E A R S

Please join us for our 100 year Gala  
Saturday, April 26th, 2025

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Barbagallo's Hotel and Event Center  
6344 East Molloy Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

\$60 per person

Appetizers

Cheese, crackers, pepperoni

Dinner Choice of Entrees

NY Strip Steak

Chicken Francaise

Filet of Sole

*Entrees served with Baked Potato and mixed vegetables  
Salad, pasta and bread served family style*

Tables of 8

Cash bar available

*Deadline to get dinner choice and payment in is April 10, 2025.*

*If you have any questions or would like to make reservations,  
call the office 315.422.7163 or Michelle Cimino 315-882-1131*

*SEE BULLETIN FOR MORE DETAILS!*