



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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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.

March 15, 2026

A Message from the Pastor

The fourth Sunday in Lent—*Laetare Sunday*—gives us again a glimpse of the joy that awaits us who strive to confidently accompany Jesus through the Cross to share his Resurrection. As his disciples, it is possible for us even now to have imprinted on our hearts and souls a character of rejoicing, regardless of the suffering we may confront. We are offered the gift of life through the Lord who is persevering to offer us his healing touch.

We see at work in our readings today how exactly the Lord desires to communicate with us. With His **anointing**, the gift of the Holy Spirit is poured out, there is a calling and a belonging, there is healing, and there is transformation and bold restoration of life. *Again, our bold invitation to rejoice.* Our continued response of faith to the Lord's grace is constantly accomplishing in us a movement from blindness and darkness to sight and light.

I continue to be struck by Jesus' tranquility and his offer of secure refuge in him both in last Sunday's Gospel with the encounter of the Woman at the Well, and again today, for the man "born blind". What is Jesus' continued desire? To embody the fulfillment of the Lord's promises to his people: *to bring liberty to captives, to bring sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.* Jesus declares that the man in today's gospel is able to serve as an instrument for the glory of the Lord to be made visible through him, meaning that his healing and freedom from his infirmity is not just good for himself, but also all to see.

What went wrong in the original sin of Adam and Eve? Well as a result of their disobedience, there was a fracturing in the harmony of creation. The darkness of sin, suffering, and death enter, and now we are tasked to live in the aftermath, we carry the weight of concupiscence—or our inclination to fail on doing the good we ought, and choosing often the bad we know we are to avoid. It's interesting that as a result of this we experience the absence of light. Darkness in the world around us. Blindness now can plague us.

The anointing Jesus offers to the man is evocative of the original moment of creation of man. The long Hebrew tradition of God's creation of Adam is that, in order for God to have created him from 'the dust of the earth' God would have had to spit and make clay from the earth. What Jesus does in doing this same thing to then anoint the eyes of the blind man, is an act of *re-creation*. Evidence of the healing and restorative power that belongs to Jesus, that belongs to the Lord's divinity. Not only is the physical sight of the man restored, but so are the eyes of his faith. Given to his sight is the very identity of Jesus who is Christ, Messiah, and Lord, and immediately the once blind man responds accordingly: **he worships.**

So for us, yes we must navigate and confront our own realities of blindness in our lives, yes we must navigate our own various infirmities. We rejoice this day because we know with confidence that Jesus himself **always** has the ability to create anew in us. He has the ability to create faith in us that is to become a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Jesus desires to heal and restore our broken sight to be able to recognize him and to receive ever more from him. Through the graces of the Sacraments—(which were instituted by Christ himself as the *promised* accompaniment of his restorative divine life so that we might not live under the reign of darkness and sin!!)—the Lord is yearning to pour out on us a gift that we cannot create for ourselves. When he transforms us with the power of his life, he does so that the glory of God might then be made boldly visible through us.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Less than 75 Tickets

The Holy Name Raffle Tickets are on sale and hopefully you will be purchasing your ticket soon. There are ONLY 75 tickets left. 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 March 21st & 22nd

Lectors:

4:00 pm Sandy Laurenti
7:30 am Nick Lore
11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team I
7:30 am Maryanne Iannettone
11:30 am Team III

Religious Education Classes

The weekend of March 22nd
All classes are in Session
Confirmation date is May 16th at 5:15pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.
First Communion will be Saturday, May 2nd at the 4:00pm Mass.
The **May Crowning** is Sunday, May 3rd at the 11:30am Mass.

St. Therese Meeting

The next St. Therese Meeting is March 26th at 1:00pm in the Convent. Join us right after the Friends Retreat! All are welcome!

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

The Annual St. Therese Palm Sunday Bake Sale is the weekend of March 28th & 29th in the Gathering Space after all Masses.

All members of the parish are welcome to contribute bake goods to sell at the sale as well! Please bring your baked goods before Mass.

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.

March 8, 2026-\$4,586.00

Thank you in for your continued generosity to our parish. Church Envelopes should be on their way!

Envelope News

There has been a delay in the production of our weekly church envelopes. For the month of March and first week of April, we the parish office, are putting together an envelope packet that will be mailed out to you with the appropriate envelopes.

Please be sure to indicate your name and the dollar amount enclosed in your envelope. We will track these to insure you get the proper credit for your donation.

We will keep you posted with any updates that we receive. Thank you for your patience!

RSVP By March 18th

All parishioners are warmly invited to a Synod Listening Session after the 4pm Mass on Saturday March 21 to share your insights, reflections, and hopes for our parish and the Church. Fr. Foley is very interested in hearing from our parish family.

Your voice matters! **A St. Joseph's Day, Poor Man's Supper** will be provided at no cost. In order to prepare it would be greatly appreciated if you could please RSVP to the office by March 18. Location will either be the Convent/Office or the cafeteria depending on RSVPs!

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This Week We Remember

Monday: March 16

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

Tuesday: March 17

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Robert Kalska / Son, Paul

Wednesday: March 18

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Giuseppe & Giuseppina DiLorenzo / Sister, Gilda

Thursday: March 19

9:00am Mass in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Paul Fichera, Ann./Grandchildren Anthony & Dom
Rosa & Antonio Piraino / Son, John

Friday: March 20

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

Saturday: March 21

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Felice & Nancy Belvito / Sandy & Dan
Joey Cimino / Lynn Martz
Michael & Edda Iacampo / Daughter, Caterina
Pauline Renna Zaccanelli / Melisa & Family
Anthony & Joanne Merluzzi / Debra Wade
Palma Rose Trinca/
Dan Corbett &, Sandy Laurenti

Sunday: March 22

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Domenico & Lucia Cappuccilli /
Veronica & Henry Pagano

Sunday: March 22

Nicola Mastrogiovanni / Alfia Pappalardo
Jane Lostumbo, Ann. / Ginnie Lostumbo
Vincent & Anthony Caracci / Sister, Joanne
Rosemarie Emmi / Mark Schiano
Giuseppi Mondo / Family

Bereavement

Remember in your prayers, Judith Murphy ,
whose Funeral Masses 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.***



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Anthony & Joanne Merluzzi
Requested by Debra Wade

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, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael &
Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Joe Nicoletti, Rita
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.

Come One, Come All

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of
Pompei/St. Peter will host Breakfast with the
Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 22nd from
9:00 to 11:30 am in the cafeteria. Pancakes,
egg, sausage and so much more. Please join 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!

Mary's Closet Update

"Mary's Closet" is set and ready to go! Now we
wait for word to spread on what Mary's Closet
has to offer. Our hours of operation are
Tuesdays and Thursday from 10:00am to
Noon. So spread the word! Also, there are still
volunteer opportunities available. Please call
the parish office, so we can get your name and
availability on the schedule.

Fourth Sunday of Lent



The Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

The Light Is On, March 30th

Noon to 1:30pm St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

4:00pm-6:00pm Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper-April 2nd

5:00pm Mass at St. John the Baptist / Holy Trinity &
Adoration after Mass until 9:00pm

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

7:00pm Mass at Assumption with Adoration until 10:00pm

Passion of the Lord, Friday, April 3rd

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 4th-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 5th-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

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Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be offered during the regularly scheduled hour of confession at both OLP/St.P (Wednesday's 4-5pm) and St. JtB/HT (Thursday's 4-5pm). We hope to continue this even after Lent! Please come and rest with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at St. John the Baptist at 4:00pm and Sunday mornings led by volunteers prior to the 9:00am Sunday Mass.

Fasting During Lent

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast (eat only one full meal; two smaller meals may be taken but may not be equal to the one full meal) on all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics on all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday.

Pastime Club

Have you tried St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lenten Fish Dinners? You don't want to miss them. They are held at the Pastime Club, 1314 North Salina Street on the Fridays of Lent. Cost \$15.00. Let's support our friends at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity!

Friends Retreat

This year the Annual Friends Retreat will be March 26th in the Convent. The Retreat will start with 9:00 am Mass.

Cost \$15.00 which includes coffee and pastries and a light lunch.

Come take some intentional time for prayer as Holy Week draws ever closer! We will have talks, time for prayerful reflection and eucharistic adoration, lunch, and small group sharing!



Join Us For Holy Hour

Tuesdays evenings at 5:30pm join us at the Convent at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter for Holy Hour, Eucharistic Adoration, Fr. Foley will also lead some quiet praise and worship music as has been the case when we do this!

After the time of prayer, 6:30/6:45pm, a program is offered journeying through the book, now spiritual classic, "He Leadeth Me" by Fr. Walter Ciszek. Books will be available through Fr. Foley, or you can obtain yourself, but also you are welcome to **participate even if you don't want to read the book!**

Each week a few chapters will be covered, and together we will be transformed by Fr. Walter's amazing and powerful testimony. Please feel welcome to join even if you can't make it every week.

Penance Service

On March 22nd from 4:00pm -5:00pm at Sacred Heart in Cicero, Father Foley will be there hearing Confessions along with 10 or so other Priests. So it's a great opportunity especially if someone would rather a Priest they don't know!

Chrism Mass

Fr. Foley would also be very grateful if you are available to attend the Chrism Mass--the Tuesday of Holy Week (March 31 at 11am at Cathedral). It is a beautiful Mass for the whole diocese where Bishop Lucia blesses and consecrates the holy oils used throughout the diocese for all anointings for the next year (so all Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations, Anointing of the Sick).

During this Mass the priests also renew their ordination promises so as to again be dedicated to their vocation in service of the Lord called to live always in persona Christi for all entrusted to their care. Typically there are about 70-80 priests in attendance, so it's just not something you see every day!

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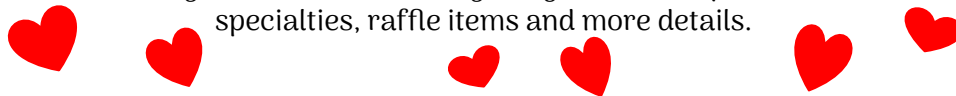
APRIL 25th IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

We hope you have marked your calendars' and plan on being part of this great event, combining two of our parish's traditional favorites.. Taste of Pompei and Basket Bonanza...hence Baskets and Bites!!

Tickets are now on sale after all masses and at the Parish Offices.

Some of our incredible Pompei/St Peter parishioners have already signed on to make their wonderful specialty dishes. (If you are willing to cook or bake, please let us know. We would be so appreciative)!! At the same event we will be holding our fun and exciting Basket Bonanza. Displaying around 50 incredible donated themed baskets and items. Our attendees will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to take a chance on winning the items of their choice and enjoy the incredible foods prepared by our awesome chefs.

The date is Saturday, April 25 th at 5:00 in the school cafeteria. How awesome that we will all get to enjoy the best of both events?! We are keeping the tickets at \$10.00 each this year and will include the usual 2 free raffle tickets to use as attendees choose for the raffle items/baskets. WOW...all this deliciousness and fun with our Parish Family for only \$10.00!!! We hope you will join us and be part of this fun, exciting and delicious evening. Stay tuned for updates on the cuisine specialties, raffle items and more details.



On Thursday, April 9 th we will be hosting a Gift Gathering Party in the Parish Offices from 5:00 to 7:00pm. This is a great way to help support the event by donating a basket or raffle item to be raffled the evening of the event. We will have cocktails and appetizers to enjoy for those dropping off their items. (Or expressing their intention of doing so). We are so appreciative to all those willing to support in this way. Our parishioners always donate such awesome items that so many want to win!! Thank you in advance for whatever way you can help.

Come solo or get a fun table together...it's going to be a great event and we really hope you will join in!!!



If you can't make the Gift Gathering Party but want to donate a basket or item, if you're interested in cooking or baking, or would like to reserve/purchase tickets...you can visit us after all masses, call the Parish Office 315 422 7163, Lucy (315 345 0562) or Colleen (315 427 6474)..and let us know!!!! Thank you so much for your continued and always wonderful support!!!!

