

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

11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper-April 17th

5:00 pm Mass at St. John the Baptist / Holy Trinity & Adoration until 10:00pm

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

7:00 pm 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

8:00 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Easter Sunday-April 20th-Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

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

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

10:00 am Mass at Assumption

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

Sixth Sunday of Lent

A Message from the Pastor

And so begins our most solemn week of the year! I've always been intrigued by our entrance to Mass today. With the Sacred Triduum just days away we of course know what's coming...and so because of the looming passion and death of the Lord, it just feels superficial or maybe even forced when we sing 'hosanna' and praise to Jesus the Messiah and King. We know and experience in today's Mass that this momentary joy is fleeting.

St. John Henry Newman says not even Jesus could enjoy or receive the "Hosannas" in this moment, because he himself knew he had not yet suffered, which is what he came to do:

*"This [entrance into Jerusalem] was but a vain and hollow pageant, nor did our Lord take pleasure in it. It was a shadow which stayed not, but flitted away. It could not be more than a shadow, for the Passion had not been undergone by which **His true triumph** was wrought out. He could not enter into His glory before He had first suffered. He could not take pleasure in this semblance of it, knowing that it was unreal."*

Newman goes on to remind us that before our very eyes this week we see Jesus when he is **most powerful**, and specifically it comes when he allows himself to be **powerless** (so-to-speak). Power is stripped away from him, he is anointed with the spit of passersby, hailed with shouts to crucify him, and the attendants at his 'throne' of the cross are thieves...all unthinkable.

Yet, if this is where we see Jesus' greatest power on display, especially in his power to suffer, why do we feel such defeat when we experience the reality of the cross in our lives? In our experience of the cross, we inevitably confront a powerlessness in not having the 'control' that we'd like—e.g., a change in health, the loss of a job, fractured trust in relationships, frustration or bitterness toward children or families—these things and more often bring us to a place of desperation. When at one point we might have had it all together, in another, we're humbled and hopelessly in need.

St. Paul's beautiful hymn captured in his letter to the Philippians is one that should be visible in an icon of our lives, because it teaches us how we experience the wisdom of God alive and accompanying us when we feel powerless and defeated while striving to live our discipleship. Jesus, though he was in the form of God (though he had it all), he emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and became obedient to the point of death on a cross. Yet because of this, God greatly exalted him (cf. Phil 2).

So for us, we must keep our heart and our mind fixed on Jesus, who knew the suffering, rejection, and desperation that we experience. While our temptation might be to turn inward or toward helpless discouragement, there is power for us when we allow Jesus to conform our hearts to his in the midst of our powerlessness. Jesus' complete surrender, trust, and communion with the Father is what brought him through the Cross and grave to the glory of the Resurrection. So will be the case for you and me, if we allow ourselves to be carried by Christ. This is not something to be feared, but rather this is how he fills us with life.

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Centennial Corner

For the parish, community & Pompei family that has been built & cherished over the years, Tino Porrino describes the pull that keeps him at Pompei and in the community. Marty Nave spoke on the love that is found in our parish. "When my father was tragically killed by a drunk driver, the next day I went to Sunday mass, & Sister Elizabeth said to me, you came to mass, & Father Caruso was stunned because he knew my father for a long time. Other parishioners, they heard, they didn't know, & they embraced me.. they embraced their love for me. I have to say about our parish, there's a lot of love they showed that for me in my darkest hours." Marty described, our parishioners have been there for one another, not as an obligation, but for our care for one another, & that continues today.

Save the Dates for our 100th Year Happenings

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

April 23rd 5-7 Gift Gathering Party

Please start planning to donate a basket for this event. Our goal is 60 baskets!! Come drop off your basket items and enjoy light refreshments with the committee!

April 26th a 4:00 Centennial Mass followed by the 6:00pm Centennial Gala. Tickets on sale NOW!!

May 10th is Basket Bonanza – Always a fun spring event - we hope to see you there! Tickets are on sale after all masses \$10 includes 2 free basket tickets at the door!

May 14th is the Holy Name Society Raffle!! So buy your tickets now.

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.

April 13, 2025

This Week We Remember

Monday: April 14th

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

Tuesday: April 15th

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Nicolangelo & Pasqualina Pallotta / John & Angela

Wednesday: April 16th

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Luke DiBello / Sister, Julia

Thursday: April 17th

5:00pm Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity &
Adoration until 10:00pm
5:30pm Vietnamese Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/
St. Peter
7:00pm Mass at Assumption & Adoration until
10:00pm

Friday: April 18th

3:00pm Service at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
3:00pm Stations at Assumption
5:30pm Vietnamese Service at Our Lady of Pompei/
St. Peter
7:00pm Service at Assumption

Saturday: April 19th

8:00 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
(No 4:00pm Mass)

Sunday: April 20th-EASTER

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
9:00am Vietnamese Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/
St. Peter
9:00am Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity
10:00am Mass at Assumption
11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter



Padre Pio Devotional

Burning In Loving Memory of
Sharon Wade Merluzzi
Requested By Debra Wade



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week
In Loving Memory Of ***Francis Sacco***
Requested By Grace Frontale



Sanctuary Lamps

Burning in Loving Memory of
Angelo Borreggine
Requested By Wife, Frances

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.

Jim Albanese, 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, 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.

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Sacrificial Giving

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

April 6, 2025-\$5,222.00

Blue-\$382.00

Lenten-\$545.00

Catholic Relief-\$198.00

Mail in from 3/23 & 3/30-\$2,681.00

We appreciate your support!

Local Food Pantries

The donations from the Holy Thursday Envelope will go directly to All Faiths Food Pantry as well as Assumptions Food Pantry. With the rising cost of food the need is rapidly growing. Please be generous.

Religious Education Program Year End Wrap Up

Our Religious education program is coming to a close. Below are events we are looking forward to:

- There will be **NO CLASSES ON SUNDAY APRIL 13** (Palm Sunday) **and APRIL 20** (Easter). **CLASSES WILL RESUME APRIL 27**
- First Communion will be held Saturday May 3rd at the 4:00 mass in the Church. There will be seventeen children receiving First Holy Communion.
- Sunday **May 4th will be the final class** for the Religious Education Program in the 2024-2025 school year. May Crowning will be celebrated at the 11:30 Mass. Hoping to see you there.

I want to say a special thank you to all the teachers, parents and parishioners who have helped to make this school year a successful one. See you in September.

Mary Beth Meade, DRE

Last week to submit your 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.

Did you purchase your Holy Name Raffle Ticket Yet?

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.

Happy Birthday

Fred Wheeler will be celebrating his 103rd Birthday on April 13th! Enjoy your Day!! Cheers to 103 Years!!!

St Therese Meeting April 24th

The next St Therese meeting will be held on Thursday April 24th at 1:00 PM in the Parish Office. We hope to see you then!

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Basket Bonanza Gift Gathering Party



Wed. April 23rd in the Parish Office 5 to 7!

Many of you will remember the gift Gathering Parties of years past. We are planning a similar one for those willing to donate a basket or item for our upcoming Basket Bonanza being held on May 10th in our school cafeteria. The items are of course a very important part of the success of this great event and your support in this way is always beyond appreciated. We will be holding a refreshment hour on Wednesday, April 23rd from 5 to 7 in the Parish Office as an opportunity to drop off your basket/item. Stop by for some refreshments...we would love to see you. If this doesn't work for you but you are kind enough to donate, we would appreciate if you could do so before, or soon after the April 23rd party as possible. You can drop off your gifts anytime in the back of church after masses, to the Parish Offices, or if you need it to be picked up, give a call to the Parish Office (315 422 7163) and we will arrange to get it from you. Many thanks to all those that have already contributed to the event. We have gotten in some awesome baskets/items that we are certain will attract and please our attendees. If the thought of a whole basket seems a lot to you - gift cards to various local stores and restaurants are always welcome and can be pooled together to form baskets. We look forward to seeing everyone on May 10th and sharing in the excitement of what is always a fun and successful event. Thank you in advance for helping out and supporting in this very important way, we are so very appreciative!!!

A Family Perspective

Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

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.

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!



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reverence for Blessed Palms

Because the palms are blessed, they are now sacramentals, which "are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare us to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life" (Catechism of Catholic Church, 1667). Sacramentals should be treated with respect and never be thrown away. Palms may only be burned or buried.

Pilgrimage of Seven Churches

Dating back centuries, The tradition of Visiting Churches on the evening of Holy Thursday following the Mass of the Lord's Supper invites the faithful to journey from church to church, symbolizing the disciples' vigil with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. We invite you to partake in this meaningful pilgrimage across the Diocese of Syracuse. Plan your own pilgrimage of churches for the evening. Immersing yourself in prayer, contemplation, and reverence as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Join us at the Chrism Mass

This year's Chrism Mass is this Tuesday April 15th, at 11am at the Cathedral. During the Mass the priests are called to renew their promises of ordination and also Bishop Lucia blesses and consecrates all the sacramental oils that are used throughout the diocese for the until next Easter.

Vocations

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." Following the call of God isn't always easy, and even our Lord had to resign Himself to the will of His Father. Take courage in that, and follow where the Lord is leading you. If He is leading you to consider the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrдио.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

What is the Significance of Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Christ is a very important day for Christians because it marks the beginning of Holy Week, which leads up to Easter. On this day, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, while people waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna!" This moment is significant because it shows that many people recognized Jesus as a special leader and king. However, the way he entered the city was different from what people expected; instead of a powerful warrior, he came in peace, teaching us that true strength comes from love and humility. After the celebration of this joyful and triumphant entrance, we also hear the Passion narrative, which reveals the profound sacrifice that Jesus was willing to offer for humanity. This part of the story recounts Jesus' suffering, betrayal, and crucifixion, reminding us that while he was welcomed into Jerusalem with great enthusiasm, his true mission was not about earthly power or glory. Instead, Jesus chose to endure great challenges and pain out of love for us, demonstrating that his kingdom is one of love, humility, and service. This teaches us about the incredible depth of Jesus' love, as he willingly laid down his life to save us, and emphasizes the importance of love, sacrifice, and forgiveness in our own lives.

During the reading of the Gospel this week, we are all invited to actively engage with the story, from waving our palms to being the voices in the crowd. This emphasizes that everyone, throughout time and place, is part of the story. Though it is a more engaged participation in the liturgy, the Catholic Church emphasizes the importance of active participation in the liturgy of the Word, "The Church encourages the faithful to participate actively in the liturgy, which is the source and summit of the Christian life. The participation of the faithful in the liturgy is a sign of their unity with Christ and with one another." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1161

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

Fun Fact

Did you know that "It was a universal custom (and still is in many Catholic countries and in family traditions) to mark a new loaf of bread with the sign of the cross before cutting it, in order to bless it and thank God for it. On Good Friday, loaves bearing an imprinted cross are eaten in Austria. In England, from the end of the fourteenth century, buns were baked with a cross marked on them. Whatever their origin, "hot cross buns" became a famous Good Friday feature in England and Ireland, and later in this country. Enjoy making and eating hot cross buns this week!

OLP/St. P 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.

Msgr. William L. Walsh Golf Tournament

This year the Golf Tournament will be on July 21st at Tuscarora Golf Course with a lunch, shotgun start, and dinner! Mark your calendars !!

Our Beautiful Statues!

The Church in her wisdom and tradition invites us to veil or cover our sacred images from this 5th Sunday of Lent up to the point of the start of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. This would even include crucifixes, too, not just the saints! Sometimes this can be a little difficult practically, but the symbolism is helpful for a number of reasons. First and foremost, it heightens our attention to this being a solemn time—quite literally it is just different from all other times of the church year, we are preparing to journey with Jesus through the suffering of the cross, to his death, to the darkness of the tomb, to the ultimate glory of his Resurrection. What we see, how we interact with others or go about our daily tasks should have a greater awareness or sensitivity to these particularly solemn days. The rhythm of our lives needs to change to better participate in the mysteries of our redemption. By covering them we are actually intentionally depriving ourselves of their beauty! What for? It creates a hunger within us, a longing for their beauty again. And we know well that the reason for their beauty comes from the source of life that is Jesus' victory over the grave. Think about how, too, the unveiling of the cross in the liturgy for Good Friday. As we've covered these other images, the unveiling of the source of our salvation takes on greater beauty as we truly focus our eyes and hearts on the altar of the Cross, where Christ offered his life out of love for you and me. Let's recommit ourselves to the sacredness of this time, increase our time for silence, maybe even deprive ourselves of other 'sources of beauty' in our lives so that we can enter into the passion of our Lord differently this year, so that we can also receive anew from the treasury of the Lord's Resurrection.



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

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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.