



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
Reverend John Nguyen Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community
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Parish Office

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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.

October 12, 2025

A Message from the Pastor

Gratitude's Healing Embrace: Returning to the Source. As we celebrate the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our readings draw us into stories of profound healing and the call to respond with heartfelt gratitude. In first reading from the second book of Kings, Naaman the Syrian, a leader once burdened by the terrible disease of leprosy (and pride), eventually obeys the prophet Elisha and immerses himself seven times in the Jordan, an unusual, yet simple task. Emerging with skin "like the flesh of a little child" (2 Kgs 5:14), Naaman doesn't merely depart healed; he returns, offering gifts and proclaiming, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel" (2 Kgs 5:15). His gratitude transforms isolation into faith-filled witness--probably good for us to recall, whenever we see 'leprosy' in scripture, we should also think: leprosy is not just a physical ailment, but potentially also it could be indicative of a hardness of heart. Sin, to this day even for us, has a leprosy-like effect on us, and sin is very often the fruit of ingratitude. It would be courageous, but a nonetheless very worthy point for self-reflection, "what leprosy is plaguing *me* most?" Could it also be ingratitude?

The Gospel parallels this in Luke's account of the ten lepers. Crying out for mercy, they obey Jesus' directive to show themselves to the priests and are cleansed en route. Yet only the Samaritan returns, glorifying God at Jesus' feet (Lk 17:15-16). "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you," Jesus declares (Lk 17:19). St. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, urges endurance: "If we endure, we will also reign with him" (2 Tm 2:12), reminding us that God's faithfulness persists even when ours falters.

In this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary and to Respect for Life, we gently turn to Mary, the Queen of Heaven, whose life exemplifies perfect gratitude. In her Magnificat, she sings, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Lk 1:46-47), responding to God's healing grace poured out on humanity through her fiat. I encourage you to take the invitation to meditate on the life of Christ, and our mother Mary in the mysteries of the Rosary, Mary invites us to ponder the Gospel with the lens of her memory, and view our own healings—physical, emotional, spiritual—and to return thanks, much like the Samaritan. Healing and being made whole again is always the initiative of the Lord who is faithful, and continually we are asked to patiently trust his fidelity. Pope Benedict XVI in *Deus Caritas Est*: "Mary's greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself." Her humility teaches us that true healing blooms in grateful surrender to the incredible providence of God.

Today, let these readings stir your spiritual life. In a world of hurried distractions, pause to recognize God's healing mercies. Ask yourself: How has God healed me or how might he be actively healing—from wounds of the past, addictions, or broken relationships? What was my response to His healing power—did I return in praise, or press on forgetting? Have I invited Mary to intercede, and to allow her to be Mother to me? When has gratitude shifted my perspective from complaint to joy? In endurance and gratitude, we find salvation's fullness. Like Naaman and the Samaritan leper, **return to Jesus in praise**. Through the witness of your life, the healing mercies that have been made known *to you* will lead others to join you in giving glory to God.

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sound System Update. . .

We are excited that one of the projects we are undertaking is renovation to the sound system in the church. Our attention to the audio needs will have an immediate impact on everyone coming through our doors, which is why this is where we are beginning.

To date we have received a total of **\$36,767.00** in donations. You too, can make a donation through the Parish Office, or through the use of your "Blue Envelope" marked Sound System. Any overage in contributions once we've reached our goal will immediately contribute to the next improvements to our building and are restricted for that use.

We know the pride we take in our parish church and our stewardship to provide for her future, Please know that the contribution you offer, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal.

Please Use This Mailing Address

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church
P.O. Box 11082
Syracuse, New York 13218

We ask that you send all correspondence to our new mailing address ***Also, please note the zip code, 13218.***

Family Perspective

Everyone needs "A Round Tuit." The lepers in today's gospel probably meant to thank Jesus. Excited about being cured they didn't get 'around-to-it.' We get caught up in our own interests and fail to appreciate what we have or to say what is in our hearts. This week get yourself "A Round Tuit."

Respect Life

October is Respect Life Month. The Catholic Church recognizes the dignity and value of all human life, created in the image and likeness of God, from conception to natural death. In the words of Pope Leo XIV, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today." Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel of Life, proclaiming in word and deed the innate goodness and dignity of every human person.

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.

October 5, 2025-\$5,192.00

Respect Life-\$312.00

Sound System-\$542.00

Fuel-\$315.00

We will continue to take Fuel envelopes throughout the month of October.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity! Please remember Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter in your Will. You may call the parish office for more information.

Hope Appeal

The 2025 Hope Appeal is underway. We have collected **\$4,870.00** from 44 families. We are off to a great start! We look forward to sharing this year's message "Rooted in Faith, Growing in Hope". For it is together we strengthen our church and serve others.

As you know, last year we met our Hope Appeal Goal and even had an overage to which the Diocese reimbursed us that dollar amount to which we are using towards our new sound system. Our goal is the same as last year, **\$20,175.00.**

Ministers Schedules

The new Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedules are ready for pick up in the sacristy. Please review carefully for there are several changes. As always, thank you for your gift to serve!

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This Week We Remember

Monday: October 13

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
There will be NO Daily Mass Today

Tuesday: October 14

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Camilla DiBella / Daughter, Julia

Wednesday: October 15

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
In Honor of St. Michael / Angela & Giovanni

Thursday: October 16

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Alex J. Cimino Sr. / Michelle & Children

Friday: October 17

9:00 am No Daily Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter

Saturday: October 18

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Henry & Esther Pagano / Family
Frank Giannantonio & Julio DiLorio / Anna
Benny, Terry & Joseph Cimino / Family
Richard A. Tortora Sr. / Rita & Family
Robert Antonacci, Ann. / Grace & Jeff Niland

Sunday: October 19

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Mary Ellen Sunser / Family
Joe Cimino / John Minozzi
Aikiko Magnarelli / Tom & Carol Fletcher

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
John Blasi, 8yr. Ann. / Marietta & Family
Angelo Borreggine / Wife, Frances
Nicola Mastrogiovanni / James & Colleen Giovanni
Jose F. Legra Garcia / Sister, Nancy
Hilda Rosa Garcia Reyes / Granddaughter, Nancy
Jesus Garcia Reyes / Niece, Nancy

Meetings

There will be a Finance Meeting on Thursday, October 16th at 5:30pm in the Parish Office.

The Society of St. Therese will be meeting on Thursday, October 23rd at 1:00pm in the Parish Office.



Bread and Wine

For Masses Celebrated During The Week In
Loving Memory Of
Mary Ellen Sunser
Requested By Family



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
Susan Sawmiller, Ann.
Requested by Mom, Toni & Bob

Let us pray as one family

Please remember in your prayers the
sick of our parishes.

Jim Albanese, 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, Peggy
Palerino, The Pavia Children, Emily Rosenthal,
Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, John Sobon,
Patricia Soule, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara
Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew
Watkins, Fred Wheeler.

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.



The Twenty -Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

International Food Festival

St., John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Parish invites you to attend our 15th Annual International Food Festival on Saturday, October 25th from Noon to 4:30pm. It will be held in the parish center of the old school. Parishioners will be providing their favorite family foods and sharing them as samples. Samples are \$2.00 each, 6/\$10.00, or 12/\$20.00. Foods served are Italian, Polish, German, Mexican, Russian and American Cuisine. We will also have raffles from various restaurants, stores and city fun packages. We will also have a baked goods table. Call the rectory office, 315-478-0916 if you have any questions. Please join us!!

Last Week To Sign Up

Calling all adventurous high schoolers! Fr. Foley is a part of a weekend retreat for teens from our area that takes place in the Catskills. The retreat runs from November 7-9. Teens from various parishes in our area participate, and it is sure to be a weekend of fun, faith, and friendship! It's a powerful opportunity for retreat that lets teens and chaperones unplug from the stresses of life to go into the mountains and draw closer to the Lord! If you are interested, please contact Father. Registration is open now until October 16! There is a cost to attend, but scholarships are available.

Word of Life

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: uscbb.org/end-of-life-care."



Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of October 18 & 19

Lectors:

4:00 pm Jackie Cimino

7:30 am Jim Magnarelli

11:30 am Cindee Musumeci

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team III

7:30 am Tino Porrino

11:30 am Team II

Vienna Boys Choir Purchased Tickets

If you received a temporary ticket (upon purchase) for the Vienna Boys Choir Concert and/or have not received your permanent ones in the mail yet, please visit us in the back of church after all Masses the weekend of Oct 18 and 19 th . Or give us a call at the Parish Office 315 422 7163/Lucy's cell...315 345 0562.Thanks so much!

Vocations

In the second reading we hear Paul say he bears everything so those who are chosen may obtain salvation. How much are we willing to bear in ministry for the salvation of those around us, and how are we called to bear it? If it might be as a priest, deacon, or religious, reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrдио.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.

St. Anthony's Parish

Here is an invitation to visit St. Anthony of Padua--Sunday October 19th, 11:00 am Mass in Spanish with Fr. Foley. Following the Mass there, there is a cultural celebration in the basement in honor of the conclusion of Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month--all are invited, feel free to come even if you are unable to come for Mass. No cost! Come learn about various countries and their cultures, there will be food to try as well!

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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Do you know someone who is desiring to respond to the presence of God in life, who has an openness and curiosity of heart to know Jesus and his Church? If you or someone you know is interested in Baptism as an adult, please reach out to Fr. Foley (easiest way is via email bfoley@syrdio.org) or call the office. He would love to meet with you and simply converse with you to accompany you along this journey of faith

If you were baptized Catholic and have sacraments of initiation still to receive, please reach out! If you are married civilly but not married in the Church, please reach out! If you were baptized outside of the Catholic Church and would like to become Catholic, please reach out! Remember that the Sacraments of the Church were initiated by Christ to offer us the *ordinary* means of grace that we need for our lives and our journey to heaven. If the Lord is nudging your heart to any of these things, or if you have questions, Fr. Foley wants to connect.

The Women's Commission

Saturday, October 25th, Oncenter, Syracuse. Women from across Central New York are invited to gather for a day of faith, inspiration, and renewal. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Lucia and continues with grace filled opportunities, including a rosary procession, inspiring Catholic speakers, confessions, adoration and benediction and a chance for Brown Scapular enrollment. Register at syracusecatholicwomen.org. Fr. Foley will be there for Mass in the morning!

Religious Education Classes

The week of October 18th
Day of the Son (DOS) Class at 10:15am
First Penance at 10:15am
FFI Class at 10:15am
FFII Class at 10:15am



Wedding Banns



2. *Emma Madonna & Cameron Halby*

All Souls Day--November 2, 2025!

The day in the liturgical calendar when we pause with solemnity with the Catholic Church throughout the world for heightened remembrance of the faithful departed. This year, November 2nd is a Sunday. When this feast falls on a Sunday it is observed as our primary Sunday celebration. To do this with greater solemnity this year, we will have our usual remembrance of those who have gone home to the Lord since November 2nd, 2024, but we would also like to invite you to remember the other deceased members of your families and friends as well.

We plan to offer you the opportunity to obtain a candle, which we will label with the names of your deceased loved ones, and line our side altars (with our Saints), with these candles.

Our faith is founded on our confidence in the Resurrection, and while we grieve the loss of our loved ones, we are encouraged to remember them and intercede for them that they may now enjoy the fullness of life in heaven.

Candles will be \$5 each--and when submitting this, if you would like to have names listed specifically or simply read "Deceased Members of the 'Foley Family' you may. Names of deceased loved ones are due by Tuesday October 28. You can place your requests in a plain envelope marked deceased members. We will do the rest!

The All Souls Mass for the Holy Name Society and the Society of St. Therese will take place in Church on November 12th at 6:00pm. At this Mass all deceased members names of both societies will be announced. Hope you can attend this tribute!

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Vienna Boy Choir Concert December 10th at 7:00PM In our beautiful Our Lady of Pompei/St Peter Church.

The Vienna Boys Choir concert is now less than 2 months away!!! If you haven't purchased seats for this incredible concert we hope you will soon and join us for what is sure to be an enchanted evening of spectacular music, voice and warmth. "These angelic-voiced musicians will be celebrating the magic of the holiday season with Christmas in Vienna...a delightful program of Austrian folk songs, classical masterpieces, Christmas hymns, and holiday carols. For six centuries, these young cultural ambassadors have been adored the world over for their wide range of repertoire, purity of tone, and generosity of musical spirit. We just can't think of a more beautiful and meaningful way to usher in the season of Christ's birth than with this wonderful event. We are so blessed to be hosting them. People are still in awe when calling to inquire "the REAL Vienna Boys Choir"? From Vienna, Austria?". It's a very exciting time for our Parish Family; we hope you will be part of it!

There are just 3 \$100.00 seats still available, but there are great \$75.00 seats still remaining. We will be in the back of church after all masses the weekend of October 18th and November 1st for seating, sponsorship and ad opportunities or for more information. You can also call or visit the Parish Offices (315 422 7163) or call Lucy's cell at 315 345 0562. As always, Cash, Checks and Credit Cards are accepted. If you have purchased tickets and have not yet received your tickets for the concert you can pick them up after these masses as well.

We can't say it enough... that whether you are joining us for the concert, sponsoring, placing ads, spreading the word, volunteering to help, or simply saying a prayer for the concerts success...we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

With much gratitude to our Presenting co-sponsors...
The Thomas J Pirro Jr. Funeral Home and The Santaro Companies.



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2026 Mass Book

The 2026 Mass Book is open!! The Saturday Vigil Masses are filling quickly, 15 Saturdays are full, so please don't wait to schedule your Masses.

- *Masses are \$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.

CBA Campus Ministry

Fr. Foley would like to extend an invitation to our students who attend Christian Brothers Academy.

Each month of the school year Fr. Foley and a couple regional youth ministers will be visiting CBA Campus Ministry Office during the lunch periods for pizza and to hang out! It's a simple opportunity to check-in with each other, especially across parishes, learn about fun activities coming up, and pray together!

Parents--if you have a student at CBA encourage your child to come visit! No cost! The next Mass is Wednesday at 3:00pm in Spanish with the Spanish Club and then Thursday is the Pizza Lunch and we meet in the Campus Ministry Office (not the cafeteria). Parents--if you think your student would like to join, please shoot Fr. Foley an email ahead of time, just so that it's possible to estimate for pizza needs!

A Prayer For Hope

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and the dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Open House

Thank you to all parishioners who attend our recent Open House in the Parish Office Courtyard. Those that were there appreciated all the work that was done to enhance our parish life! If you were unable to attend, please stop by and take a tour of the space!!

Northside Neighborhood Group

The Northside Neighbor Meeting is on Monday, October 20th at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Pompei Cafeteria, North McBride Street. Marty Nave will be in attendance.

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend there will be a special collection for World Mission Sunday. Please be generous.

"As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him."

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***The 76TH Annual Election Day Spaghetti Supper. . .
Mark Your Calendars. . .Tuesday, November 4th
Eat In Or Take Out. . . Hope You Will Join Us!!!***



The 76th Annual Election Day Spaghetti Supper Will be here before we know it!! We hope your calendars are marked for our Parish's long standing tradition of great food, wonderful people, and incredible comradery. The big day is Election Day November 4th, we start serving in house at 11:30am and serve right through to 7:00pm. Join us in house or order take out (curbside also available)... we know you will be glad you did!!!

We are now taking takeout orders by visiting us after Masses the weekends of October 18, 26th and November 1st or by calling the Parish offices at 315 422 7163. Prices remain the same..

- Individual meal..\$12.00 (generous, delicious helping of pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert.
- Half Tray...\$60.00 (generous, delicious helpings of pasta, salad, bread and dessert for 6 and 12 meatballs). (Take Out only)
- Full tray ... \$120.00 (generous and delicious helpings of pasta, salad, bread and dessert for 15, and 30 meatballs). (Take Out Only).

CAN YOU HELP??

Whether you can offer an hour or a few hours throughout these important days, please know that any amount of time is appreciated!!! Thank you so much in advance!

- **MEATBALL ROLLING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST starting at 8:00am**
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD PREPPING FOR THE NEXT DAY starting at 5:00pm**
- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, SPAGHETTI SUPPER DAY, MANY JOBS, MANY SHIFTS starting at 8:00am**

If you are interested in helping to prepare for this all important Parish event/fundraiser we hope you will check the schedule and help if you are able. No need to sign up for meatball rolling and Monday evening set up...just come if and when you are able. However, if you are able to help on Election Day, please let us know the times you would be available to we can prepare a schedule to cover all tasks/shifts. (Parish Office 315 422 7163/Lucy's cell 315 345 0562).

We will begin with Meatball Saturday, November 1st, starting at 8:00am when we will be rolling, baking, counting and packing 6,000 meatballs in the school cafeteria. It will also be the first day of sauce making so it will be a very busy day in and out of the kitchen!! Whether you can offer an hour or a few ...all is appreciated!!!

This eventful, fun, productive day will be followed with more sauce making on Sunday, November 2nd. And then Monday (November 3rd), we hope you will be able to help out with setting up the cafeteria, prepping the garlic breads, preparing the nonperishable items for take out and every other job needed to prepare for the next day!!...And then the next day..."the day of"...Our Election Day Spaghetti Supper, Tuesday, November 4th Many jobs, many shifts starting at 8:00 am.

We hope you will be able help out in whatever ways you are able this year. And if this year you aren't able to help us physically, we hope that that you will support by coming in to break bread with us or by ordering take out. And as always, whether you are able to help, join us, order or not...please pray for another successful, very important and special event for our Parish!!!

