

December 1, 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

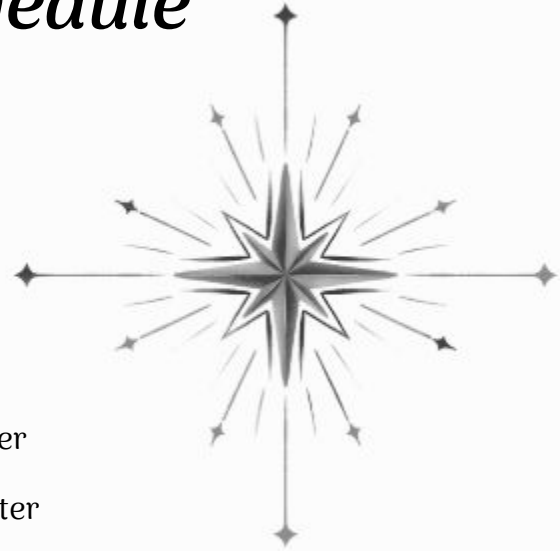
4:00pm- Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

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



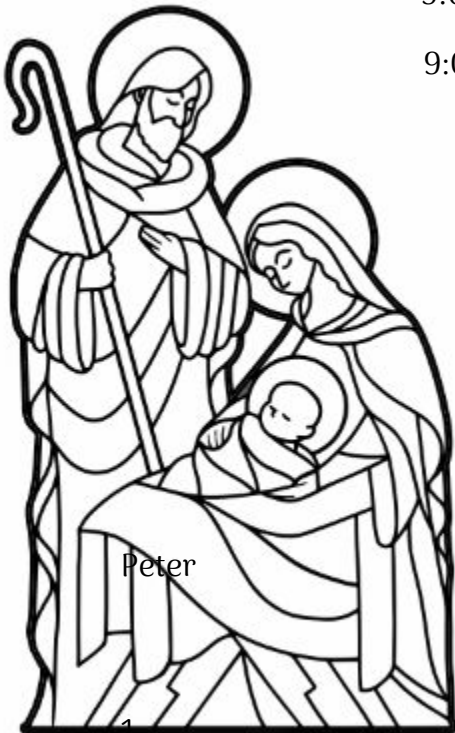
Christmas Day- Wednesday, December 25th

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

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.

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

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

Second Sunday in Advent

A Message from the Pastor

How beautiful and how needed is St. Paul's prayer for us today, I join my prayers to his for all of us: "I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. **I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it** until the day of Christ Jesus...And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, **to discern what is of value**, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ" — such a timely prayer, too, with a full week of Advent under our belts.

No matter how long each of us have been on our journeys of faith or living as disciples, we all should trust that the Lord is accomplishing a "good work" in each of us. This side of heaven we are always incomplete, still a work in progress, still being transformed by grace, and in the process of being made perfect. Maybe this seems hard to believe or too good to be true. Baptism bestowed upon us an identity to share and receive the divine life of God within our broken humanity, to heal us, to restore, and to make whole again. This is incredibly good news. We are not left on our own but rather the closeness of God's life is offered to us in real intimacy. God's grace is tangibly and powerfully offered to us in the Sacraments, and additionally God is not restricted in how he bestows his grace—meaning every time he moves us to prayer, we are able to receive transformative grace to continue the "good work" in us that the Lord is accomplishing. The catch is that God doesn't force this transformation on us. In his mercy he invites our free participation in this work, and our response to his love and his grace matters. If we want healing, if we want strength, if we want renewed virtue, we must freely choose to respond and show up in prayer each day.

What are the implications of our preparedness or attentiveness to this call? Again the "good work" the Lord began for us in Baptism was not merely good for us in ourselves. The fruit of the life of grace alive in us is always more so intended to bless others around us more than just ourselves. In a sense, we can easily say that the world is significantly poorer when you and I turn in on ourselves and neglect our own striving for holiness because our participation with the Lord's grace is stunted and no longer serves to build up his body around us. Remember his freely given graces and blessings to us as individuals are intended to uplift his Body the Church in the world.

Another way we might say this, is our personal taking the journey of Advent seriously has a great effect on those around us. The prayerfulness and silence that I cultivate produces charity for those around me. Going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings not only forgiveness for my sins and healing for me, but also breeds mercy to be extended through my life to others. St John the Baptist is such a pivotal figure that exemplifies this truth. The Lord called him to an important good work: that of preparing the arrival of the Lord and pointing out that he is the Messiah not only to those around him, but the Lord's grace upon him has now produced tremendous fruit that blesses us who also now behold the Lamb of God having known and recognized his arrival. May we be disposed to receive newness of grace to respond to the good work that the Lord is accomplishing in each of us this Advent, and by doing so may the Lord's work of holiness in us be a gift to those around us.

December 8, 2024

This Week We Remember

Monday: December 9

7:15 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei/
St. Peter

Tuesday: December 10

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Joseph, Maria & Ignatius / Andy Tran & Family

Wednesday: December 11

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

Thursday: December 12

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
For Special Intentions / Karen O'Connell

Friday: December 13

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

Saturday: December 14

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Guy P. Blasi, Sr. / Children
Alpha Allbright / The Procopio Family
Virginia Lanza / Family
Frank Procopio / Family
Tom Sacco / Family
Benny & Terry Cimino / Son, Joseph
Lucille Dwyer Ann. / Denise, Vinnie & Family
Marianna D'Ambrosio / Frank & Sue
Henry & Esther Pagano / Sue

Sunday: December 15

7:30 am Mass Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Sal Scro / Marty Nave
Eugene Penizotto / Family
Tony Scro / Tina & Brian Scro & Family

11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter
Santina Sindoni / Family
Tom Sacco / Family
Frances Vigliotti Vick (B) / Antimo & Family
Michael & Rose Russo / Family
Carmen, Mary & Melanie Surace/Surace Family
Anthony James Cannizzaro /

John & Margherita

Deceased of the Mule` & Cannizzaro Families /
John & Margherita



Eucharistic Angels

Burning In Loving Memory of
Tom Sacco

Requested by Family



Sanctuary Lamps

Burning In Loving Memory of
Angelo Borreggine

Requested by Wife, Frances



Padre Pio Devotional

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

Office of Vocations

John the Baptist cried out with the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths," He announced Christ's presence among men and prepared the way of their hearts to receive Him. Is God calling you to make Jesus known to others, through a call like John's? Is God calling you to religious life, the priesthood or the diaconate? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrديو.org.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

December 9th we will celebrate the Feast of The Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Here at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter there will be a 7:15am Mass in Church. Assumption Church will have a 9:00am Mass. St. John the Baptist / Holy Trinity will have a 12:15pm Mass.

Second Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of December 14 & 15

Lectors:

4:00 pm Pat Turkett
7:30 am Maurice Etheredge
11:30 am Ginnie Lostumbo

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 pm Team IV
7:30 am Sam Spadaro
11:30 am Team I

Lessons and Carols

On December 15th at 2:00pm in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church please join us for Lessons & Carols. This prayer service consists of Advent Scripture Readings and Hymns which are sung by our wonderful choirs.

It is very reflective and peaceful service. I encourage you to take the time and find the strength, beauty and peace of this joyful season of anticipation. Come hear the scripture message of the season and sing the Lord's Advent praises!

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.

Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers

A new schedule will be made in the next couple of weeks. The schedule will go from January to April. If for any reason you would like to be removed for a short time, please let the parish office know so that we can make the changes. Thank you.

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 1, 2024 - \$4,723.00

Your support of our parish is appreciated!

Confirmation Date Is Set

This year's Confirmation will be hosted by St. Daniel's Church on April 5th at the 4:00pm Mass. Bishop Cunningham will be officiating.

Centennial Corner

Tino Porrino shared his experience when he attended school at Pompei in the late 60s. "Our Lady of Pompei instilled the importance of education within the students. They helped the students know that it was hard on the families financially to send them to that school." You better make the most of it were a few things Tino expressed that the sisters would try to instill in the students. "The sisters commanded respect from the students, they were strict & it was believed that if they were like this it would mold the students into good people, that would serve their parish & communities."



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Hope Appeal

Firm in Faith,
Active in Charity,
Together in Hope

We are happy to share that Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter has already raised **\$14,818.33** 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. Please give what you can. Every gift makes a difference.

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.syrdio.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!

Christmas Flowers

In your envelope packets there is an envelope for Christmas Flowers. If you would like to donate towards the decorating of the Church this Christmas season, please do so by sending 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!

* On December 15th, part of our centennial celebration we will have **Lessons and Carols** at 2:00pm in Church.

*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 will be 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 year's 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.

Second Sunday in Advent

Christmas Gifts

Thank you to all those who have already taken a tag or two off the Giving Tree. The tags indicate the items needed to be purchased.

When returning the gifts we ask that the tag is attached to the item purchased, not the bag. For easier distribution, please only use gift bags, no boxes or wrapped gifts, and place your gifts under the Christmas Tree.

It is important that all gifts be returned no later than **December 14th & 15th** . Let's have 100% participation in making this a truly special time for those who are less fortunate.

Holy Name Christmas Party

The Holy Name Society will be hosting their Annual Christmas Gathering on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Please call Marc Parillo at 315-427-0617 to make a reservation for this event by December 4th. If any men of the parish are interested in joining the Holy Name Society and would like to network with the men of the parish, you are invited to attend this event by calling Marc at the number above to make your reservation.

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

According to custom, the Christmas Tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessings.

Family Member: Loving God, we stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus. (All extend a hand blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water on the tree while praying the following prayer.)

Family Member: Bless this tree, this sign of life, freshness and perseverance. It stands as a reminder that you are both born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

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.

A New Look

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, Bishop Lucia has implemented a policy for the entire Syracuse Diocese that all its deacons will wear grey clerical shirts with collars when acting in their official capacity as a deacon for his parish or for the larger diocesan community.

Thank You, Thank You

Our friends at All Faiths Food Pantry at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity sent a Thank You Note for the 50 bags of non-perishable food items from our Thanksgiving Bags! We also sent to Assumption's Food Pantry another 24 bags!

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Advent Wreath

The second purple candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. This candle is called the “Bethlehem Candle”, reminding us of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus.

+Light the first and second purple candles...

+Proclaim the Scripture:

“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the Inn.”

Luke 2:4-7

+Pause for reflection. A moment of silence.

+Advent Wreath Prayer:

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. 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.



2024 Immaculata Award

The “Immaculata Award” in our diocese points us to our Mother Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception, and under this particular title of Mary, our Diocese is entrusted to her constant patronage and care. Part of our diocesan observance of this solemnity each year is to recognize expressions of the life of grace active in the Laity who, inspired by the example of Mary, exercise pastoral ministry in ways that continually build up our parish communities.

This year, it is a sincere blessing to recognize God’s grace--alive and fruitful--in the heart and soul of Marc Parrillo! Marc has been a great gift to our parish family for many years, and since I have been with you, I’ve seen many ways in which Mary’s virtues of humility and docility before the Lord also govern Marc’s life. His generosity to be, as Mary was, an instrument of the Lord for the good of others is a blessing we are very grateful for. Marc, don’t stop living the faith, and please know of our prayers and gratitude for you and the many ways you give of your life to build up our parish family! And of course, Marc, we know well that this recognition is not something you would have ever looked for or needed, but please receive it as a way of us saying “thank you” to God for the good work he is accomplishing in you.



First Sunday of Advent