

Month of May 2026

LE DECINE DEL ROSARIO

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII

The Oldest Continuing Italian-American Roman Catholic Church
in the Archdiocese of Chicago, located in the heart of historic "Little Italy."

CELEBRATE

THE REOPENING OF
THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII



OPENING EUCHARISTIC
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
RECEPTIONS TO FOLLOW

MONDAY, MAY 18
7:00 P.M.

AN EVENING OF
THANKSGIVING TO CHRIST

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION,
MEDITATIONS AND MUSIC

TUESDAY, MAY 19
7:00 P.M.

AN EVENING OF
PRAISE FOR OUR MOTHER MARY
AND OUR ANCESTORS
WHO BUILT THIS SHRINE

SUNG ROSARY AND
THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

DEVOTION TO MARY
THROUGH MUSIC

Shining On... & consecrated to Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, **The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii** is a place to pray for peace that embraces all people of faith. A center of hospitality and spiritual growth, the Shrine's ministry is one of spiritual assistance and service where all might experience inspirational moments of prayer, comfort and contemplation. Located on Chicago's Near West Side, the Shrine is a gift of the Italian-American community to the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our mission is to dedicate our resources to healing, prayer and pilgrimage.



The term **shrine** signifies a church or other sacred place to which the faithful make pilgrimages for a particular pious reason with the approval of the local ordinary. At shrines, more abundant means of salvation are to be provided for the faithful; the Word of God is to be carefully proclaimed; liturgical life is to be appropriately fostered especially through the celebration of the Eucharist and penance; and approved forms of popular piety are to be cultivated.

Code of Canon Law, 1230 and 1234

Le Decine del Rosario is the Italian phrase for decades of the rosary, representing the twenty decades of the rosary, for which our bulletin is named.

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All Deceased Chicago Police Officers
 All Deceased Chicago Fire Fighters
 All Deceased Members from the Old
 Neighborhood
 All Deceased Members of the Pompeii
 Auxiliary
 Angel & Amalia Alpasan
 Eduardo & Eulalia Alpasan
 Ignacio Ambubuyog
 Kathleen A. Arbor
 Pietro & Gemma Argondizzo
 Mary Bartucci
 Gilda Bartuch
 James V. Battaglia
 Louis & William Biegler & Family
 Fran Breece
 Jolly Brown
 Italia Nella Calabria
 Italo & Isabella Calabria
 Calabria Family
 Rose Castelli
 Francesco & Anna Cesario
 Giovanni & Francesca Cesario
 Vittoria Cesario
 Cesario Family
 Celestino & Saletta Chiordi
 Stella Cini
 Robert S. Clementi
 Phyllis Coleman
 Robert J. Colosimo
 Magdalena Concepcion
 Robert Cullen
 Marian & Robert Cunov
 Paul D' Andrea
 Joseph J. Dalesandro
 Suzanne Dalesandro
 Dalesandro & Inendino Families
 Rose D'Alexander
 Caroline & Dr. Maurice D'Andrea
 Kathleen "Kathy" D'Andrea
 Oscar O. D'Angelo
 Danza & Messina Family
 Giovanna D'Arrigo
 Marie Davino
 Ralph Davino
 Robert Anthony Davino
 Carmen "Shoes" De Laurentis
 Sam & Vincent Desio
 Joseph & Theresa Di Buono
 Anna Marie DiBuono
 Anna Marie DiBuono
 James & Antoinette DiFiore
 Dominic DiFrisco
 Joey DiGiorgio
 Mario DiGiorgio
 La Verne Dondlinger
 Elizabeth Josephine "Liz" Druss
 Jill Ann Epsteen
 Lori Ann Epsteen
 Josie Falbo
 Nicole M. Falbo
 Nello & Marilyn Ferrara
 Salvatore Ferrara

Beverly Ann Flynn
 Alex & Mary Fosco
 Mary Aragosa Fragomeni
 Joseph Gambino
 Lucien Gambino
 Vivian Gambino
 Joseph L. Gambino, Jr.
 Jo & Tom Gatto
 Elisa & David Gaytan
 Vincent Gemino
 Guadalupe & Andres Gonzales
 Angela & Mario Grespan
 Edward Grieco
 Maryann Grieco
 Michael Grieco
 Edmund Gronkiewicz
 Mary Ann Hurley
 Pasquale "Pat" Ianino
 Mary Impasto
 Peter B. Impasto
 Anna Marie Jenero
 Joe "Little Joe" Labellarte
 Clara Laino
 Dominic "Lee" Laino
 Leonard Laino
 Louis & Josephine Laino
 Anthony & Antonette "Babe" Lanzito
 Joseph & Tomasina Lanzito & Family
 Robert J. Lentz
 John LoGiudice
 Louis & Edith Luciani
 Fannie Lynch
 Grace Macaluso
 Rocco Mallardi
 Kenneth M. Maslak
 Annette Mategrano
 Dave Mc Carty
 Vincenzzo Morici
 Mosillami Family
 Nocerino Family
 Thomas Sexton O'Brien
 Peter Palumbo
 Luigina Gervasio Paparo
 Anthony & Veronica Pascente
 Francesca Perillo Camelo
 Rose Periziani
 Joseph Petullo
 John Joseph "Tim" Phelan
 Francesco Luigi Pisello
 Rose Pitzaferro Lauria
 Marilyn "Mimi" Priley
 Tom Priley
 Maria Josephine Puzzo
 Balthasar & Sarafina Rappa
 Frank Rappa
 Saverio L. Raspa
 Louis & Phyllis Reda
 Salvatore & Carmella Restivo
 Angela Rinaldi
 Rinella & Capone Families
 Michael & Lucille Rizzo
 Denise Rodriguez
 Ben & Dorcas Roman

Laura Roman
 Lawrence & Angie Rosone
 Joseph Russo
 Ed Scannicchio
 Lena & Louis Scannicchio
 Barbara Schifler
 James Severino
 Daniel Sirridge
 Vernyle Steele
 Jennie Mae & Edward Strama
 Anne & Albert Taliani
 Tancredi Family
 Angela & Rudy Tarantino
 James Tavolino, Jr
 Rudolph & Gloria Tonelli
 Donald & Frances Van Camp
 Irene Wardach
 Albert Thomas Willardo
 Agnes Zaker

Mother's Day

Margaret Erickson Bunt
 Esther Corpuz
 Marie Davino
 Alicia Escalante
 Elisa Gaytan
 Guadalupe Gonzales
 Joann Hirtzig
 Nicole Hirtzig
 Dorothy Erickson Kemmaw
 Monica Pascente
 Camila Perez
 Antoinette Shortino
 Patricia Selak Steen
 Cruz Suarez
 Dolores Theros
 Blanca White
 Mary Jo Staren Winters

Please Pray for our Deployed Service Members

GM Katrina Lisowski
Pvt. Jordyn McNichols
Pvt. Donald A. Perry
Cpt. David Weir

MASS IN REMEMBRANCE FOR MAY:

Deceased members of all Chicago
Police & Fire Department
Ida
Minnie Ammendola
Philip & Esther Bartolotta
Gilda & Tommy Bartuch
Angelo & Betty Biagetti
David F. Cahill
Francesca Perillo Camelo
Romana & Angelo Caputo
Dr. Frank Catrambone, DDS
Lisa Ciampi
Phyllis Marnell Coleman
Colucci-Sronskoski Family
Guy & Vivian Crimaldi
Milan Curkovic
Suzanne Dalesandro
Oscar O. D'Angelo
Marie Davino
Theresa Davis
Carmie (Shoes) De Laurentis
Domenico DeMaria
Joseph & Theresa Di Buono
Salvatore & Marie Di Buono

Anna Marie DiBuono
Josie Falbo
Nello, Marilyn & Salvatore Ferrara
Maria Fiordiroso
Josephine Fiore
Vincent Gemino
The Hejza Family
Lois DiPompeo Hince
Dennis India
Emma LaBellarte
Joe "Little Joe" LaBellarte
Clara Laino
Anthony & Antonette "Babe"
Lanzito
Anthony "Tony" Lupo
Grace Macaluso
Rocco Mallardi
Filomea Manna
Susan McKowen
Liturri & Mirabelli Families
Anthony Mugnolo
Jeanine Navigato
Christa Oliveri

Dan Overstreet
John Pacino
Pasquale Petinato
Ernesto & Maddalena Ponticiello
Provenzano Family
Frank Rappa
Florence Reda
Angela Rinaldi
Bernard & Dorcas Roman
Laura Roman
Felicisimo & Corazon Ronquillo
Edward Scannicchio
Barbara Schifler
Vincenza Stramaglia
Rudolph "Rudy" Tarantino
Jimmy Tavalino Jr.
Donald, Frances & Michael Jesse
Van Camp
Anselmo & Francisca Zuno

PRAYERFUL INTENTIONS FOR MAY:

Valerie Barnes
Peachie Basile
Rachel Bishop
Kathy Camtrabone
Diane Cantore
Capitanini Family / Italian Village
Capuano Family
GiGi Casale
Catherine Crumpton
Dawn Dahlin
Barry Dalesandro
Michael D'Alexander
Mary Jo Davidson
Judith Day
Marino Demeo
Charlie DeMory
Anthony C. DeMory, M.D.
Sister Virginia Gapsis
Sergio Gaytan
Father Jim Halstead
Larry Infante Lanquin
Sister Eleace King HH

Eileen Knight
Denna Laing
Cathy Lentz
Elizabeth Litzinder
Heather Malloy
Paul Marnell
Joshua Mascorro
Tim McGrath
Sister Margaret McTaggart
George Melchiorre
Lori Monelli
Mase & Laverne Narcissi
Albertina Novotny
Bernice O'Neill
Helen Pascucciello
Frank Reda, Jr
Gloriann Rinella
Sister Deborah Romanuski
Mia Savino
Allan Schaefer
Cecile Slinkman
Alexandra Szafran

EASTER FLOWERS

Capone Family
Anna Scuato Edmonds
Pat Fatigato
Vincent Gemino
Dr. & Mrs. John Grieco
Inendino Family
Albina Karamitsos
Alex Karamitsos
Ceglia Micheletti
Monaco Family
Josephine Mosillami
Murr Family
Nicastro Family
Anna & Carl Novotny
Joe Novotny
Susan Ponticiello
Larry Raeetz
Esther Reyes
Luis Reyes
Lydia Reyes
Riccio Family
Rinella Family
Ignazio & Mila Saccone
Michele Saccone
Felicia Sucato
Richard Sucato
Ron Sucato
Sam Sucato
Michael & Julie Tracy
Trombetta Family

Prayer for the Sick

THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO GATHERS IN PRAYER TO
LAY BEFORE THE LORD THE HOPES AND THE SUFFERINGS
OF THE TIRED, EXHAUSTED CROWDS OF WHICH THE
GOSPEL SPEAKS.



**Saturday, May 16th
6:30 PM**

The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii
1224 West Lexington, Chicago 60607

Prayer is never in vain; it rises ceaselessly to the Lord so that anguish is
turned into hope, tears into joy, despair into happiness, and solitude
into communion. May the Kingdom of God come soon among people!



To the community of The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii,
It is with gratitude and reverence that I introduce myself as Program
Director of Pilgrimage and Retreat. The Shrine is a sacred place of
healing, peace, and welcome, rooted in rich Italian-American faith
traditions and open to all pilgrims.

My vocation is grounded in accompaniment—walking with individuals
as they encounter God through prayer and lived experience. As a
member of the Community of Sant'Egidio, I minister alongside the poor
and isolated, with the Gospel shaping my commitment to mercy, dignity,
and peace. I hold a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies and am completing
certification in Spiritual Direction.

My hope is to steward pilgrimages and retreats where faith is renewed
and hearts find a home.

With gratitude and prayer,

Krysten McOske

Program Director of Pilgrimage and Retreat



2026 Festa della Repubblica

The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii

- Sunday May 31st, 2026 at 11 A.M.
- 1224 W. Lexington Street • Chicago, IL
- Festivities begin with 11 A.M. Mass followed with a
- Street procession with the Sicilian Band of Chicago to Garibaldi Park for a wreath laying ceremony.
- DJ and exhibit of Italian Auto Design.
- Food can be purchased. Please bring your children.
- Bring banners & flags to show our Italian pride at this important event!

For more information please call Carlo (708) 217-1004



80th ANNIVERSARY ITALY --- 250th ANNIVERSARY U.S.A



Hope Starts Here



Support Catholic Charities Today!

Over 60,000 moms in need come to us each year. At Catholic Charities we provide vital services like food, housing, and diapers for families throughout Cook and Lake counties. Offering support at a critical moment often changes the course of a mom's life. Your gift this Mother's Day gives hope to moms who need it most.

Read about Brianna*, a mother who found support through Catholic Charities:

Brianna, a 25-year-old single mom, spent the first two years of her daughter's life staying with friends, worrying every day they would be put out on the streets. Her two jobs could not cover all their expenses. Within a month of connecting with Catholic Charities, Brianna and her daughter had an apartment of their own, with the program paying a portion of her rent so she could start saving money, earn her GED, and get a better-paying job.

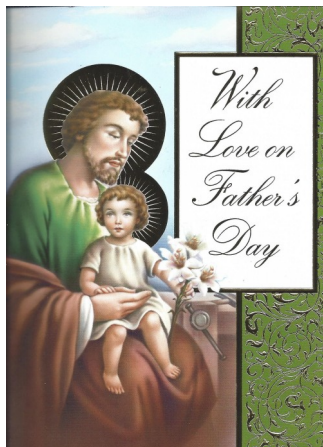
"For the first time, I could stop worrying about where we would sleep and start hoping for my daughter's future."

Please support the Second Collection on Mother's Day, May 10 or anytime at catholiccharities.net/mothers

**Names have been changed to protect privacy*

catholiccharities.net/mothers





FATHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards and mass remembrance envelopes for living or deceased fathers, grandfathers or any man who has been as a father to you are available at the back of the Shrine Chapel.

Please submit your spiritual bouquet or remembrance envelope by Sunday, May 24 to be listed in the June bulletin.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE SHRINE?

The Shrine Auxiliary supports hospitality, pilgrimages, fundraisers and other needs at the Shrine. Additionally, the volunteers plan and host their own fundraising events.

If you would like more information, there will be a meeting in the church assembly hall on SUNDAY, JUNE 7, after the 8:30 a.m. mass.

All are welcome to attend!

The Annual Bake Sale will resume on Sunday, November 22.

Bakers of all skill levels are needed!



Wednesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

6:00 p.m. Mass

(No 12:00 p.m. Mass)

Thank you for the many ways you support our Shrine, not only through your Sunday donations but by attending our fundraisers as well as volunteering your time and talent.

If you wish, you can donate to the Shrine by visiting our website, www.ourladyofpompeii.org, via credit card by texting "Sunday" to 877-493-0127, or by using the QR code.



Garden of Remembrance: PHASE 9!

A Unique, One-of-a-Kind Gift to Commemorate Weddings, Baptisms, Anniversaries and Remembrance of Loved Ones



Each 4"x8" brick costs \$250.00, customizable with up to 3 lines with 20 spaces each.

Order Information:

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Address:	
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Email:	

Brick Size 4"x8" – PLEASE ENTER YOUR TEXT IN THE TABLE BELOW:

Please PRINT Clearly and Legibly to avoid errors...

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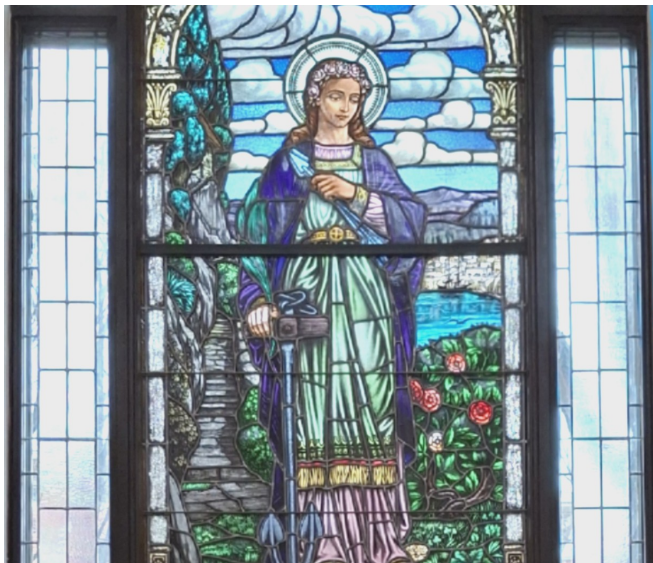
Each 4" x 8" paver costs \$250.00. Please use the form above and proof your information, as inaccurate or unreadable info provided by you, will result in an **additional \$100.00 charge** to replace the paver.

Please complete One Form per Brick.

Make checks payable to **"The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii"** and submit forms and checks to Marcia Piemonte.

Questions? mlp@ourladyofpompeii.org or 312.421.3757, x310

Shrine Renovation March 2026



**WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
JOIN ON SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT THE 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. MASS
TO CELEBRATE THE RENOVATION OF THE SHRINE.
RECEPTIONS TO FOLLOW.**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.



Has your Contact Information (Address, Email, Phone) Changed?

Please let us know! 312.421.3757
or cgrant@ourladyofpompeii.org.

**FOR EMAIL INFORMATION ABOUT
SHRINE NEWS AND EVENTS, PLEASE
GO TO
WWW.OURLADYOFPOMPEII.ORG/SIGN-UP-FOR-ENEWS/**

**Shrine Auxiliary
Meeting Date
SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

The Shrine Auxiliary men and women volunteer for multiple events throughout the year, and our fundraisers purchase needed items for the Shrine. You are welcome to join our meetings for more information.



Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our churches;
that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people;



**Feeding God's "Holy Family"
Sundays, May 10 and June 14**

**PLEASE CHECK ALL EXPIRATION DATES
ON YOUR DONATIONS.
WE CANNOT ACCEPT EXPIRED ITEMS**

Low sugar and regular cereal
Low salt and regular canned vegetables
Canned soup
Crackers
Rice
Pasta and pasta sauce
Canned tomatoes and tomato paste
Canned fruit
Instant potatoes
Canned chicken, turkey, tuna
Juice (small cans or individual boxes)
Chocolate
Hard candy (sugar free and regular)
Oatmeal (instant and regular)
Dried milk
Applesauce
Peanut butter, chunky or creamy
Jello
Cookies
Trail mix
Chips, nuts, granola bars

Shrine Logistics:

- ✱ **DAILY MASS:** around the corner at **Our Lady of the Holy Family**, 1335 W. Harrison St., Chicago. 312.243.7400.
OLHFParish@archchicago.org for weekly schedule and updates.
- ✱ **DAILY MASS & CONFESSION TIMES:** **St. John Paul II Newman Center at UIC**, 700 S. Morgan Street, Chicago, 312.226.1880.
Mass Times: Su 11 a.m.; M - F: 12:05 p.m.;
Confessions: By Appointment: **JP2NEWMAN@GMAIL.COM**
- ✱ **PLEASE REMEMBER** The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in your will. Contact **Mary Beth Howard** 312.421.3757, ext. 319 or mbhoward@ourladyofpompeii.org. **Thank you!**

Shrine Directory

Schedule of Services, Programs and Groups

Stewardship Report

Weekday Masses:

6:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings

7:30 a.m. Saturday mornings

Sunday Eucharistic Liturgies:

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Padre Pio Prayer Cenacle

6 p.m. 1st & 3rd Wed. of month

Anointing of the Sick: TBD

OLP Alumni & Friends:

Join us!! gracedv@aol.com

Volunteers always welcome at the Shrine, call 312.421.3757.

Shrine LITURGICAL MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER Forms are located on tables at the back of the church.

Our Lady of Pompeii Shrine



FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR (2025-2026)

Budget \$136,442

Actual \$136,622

Difference \$ 180

Source of Gifts

Mass Collection \$102,354

Online \$ 34,268

Thank you for your thoughtful generosity
& ALL you do to keep us going!

The Shrine is **not subsidized** by the
Archdiocese of Chicago and relies solely
on your continued generosity.

We know that you cannot always worship
with us. Your *Sunday Giving* underwrites
every annual operating expense and we
appreciate your kindness in this regard.

Shrine Staff:

Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni, PhD
Rector

Mary Beth Howard

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Schedule of Presiders through Sunday, June 7

6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 6	Fr. Tverdek
7:30 a.m.	Saturday, May 9	Fr. Tverdek
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, May 10	Fr. Pizzo
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 13	Fr. Fragomeni
7:30 a.m.	Saturday, May 16	Fr. Fragomeni
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, May 17	Fr. Fragomeni
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 20	Fr. Fragomeni
7:30 a.m.	Saturday, May 23	Fr. Tverdek
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, May 24	Fr. Bracco
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 27	Fr. Fragomeni
7:30 a.m.	Saturday, May 30	Fr. Fragomeni
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, May 31	Fr. Pizzo
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, June 3	Fr. Tverdek
7:30 a.m.	Saturday, June 6	Fr. Tverdek
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, June 7	Fr. Fragomeni

Please check the website for updated presider information.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
May 24	Pentecost Sunday
May 25	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
May 25	Memorial Day
May 31	Holy Trinity
June 4	St. Charles Lwanga And Companions
June 7	Corpus Christi

Executive Board

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