

Month of August 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."

THE SHRINE PROUDLY PRESENTS

MANGIA e MAESTRO

**AN ELEGANT CELEBRATION OF ITALIAN HERITAGE,
CUISINE, AND MUSIC**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**EXPERIENCE AN EXTRAORDINARY AFTERNOON
INSPIRED BY THE
TRADITIONS OF ITALY, WHERE EXCEPTIONAL CUISINE
AND WORLD-CLASS
OPERA COME TOGETHER IN ONE UNFORGETTABLE
CELEBRATION.**

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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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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.

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
 Pietro & Gemma Argondizzo
 Mary Bartucci
 Gilda Bartuch
 James V. Battaglia
 Louis & William Biegler & Family
 Italo & Isabella Calabria
 Rose Castelli
 Francesco & Anna Cesario
 Giovanni & Francesca Cesario
 Vittoria Cesario
 Celestino & Saletta Chiordi
 Robert S. Clementi
 Phyllis Coleman
 Robert J. Colosimo
 Magdalena Concepcion
 Marian & Robert Cunov
 Joseph J. Dalesandro
 Suzanne Dalesandro
 Dalesandro & Inendino Families
 Rose D'Alexander
 Oscar O. D'Angelo
 Giovanna D'Arrigo
 Marie Davino
 Ralph Davino
 Robert Anthony Davino
 Carmen "Shoes" De Laurentis
 Joseph & Theresa DiBuono
 Anna Marie DiBuono
 James & Antoinette DiFiore
 Dominic DiFrisco
 Maro 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
 Mary Aragosa Fragomeni
 Joseph Gambino
 Lucien Gambino
 Vivian Gambino
 Joseph L. Gambino, Jr.
 Elisa & David Gaytan
 Vincent Gemino
 Guadalupe & Andres Gonzales
 Angela & Mario Grespan
 Edward Grieco
 Maryann Grieco

Robert Hamm
 Susan Mary Hamm
 Pasquale "Pat" Ianino
 Mary Impasto
 Peter B. Impasto
 Anna Marie Jenero
 Richard Kirchberg
 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
 Grace Macaluso
 Rocco Mallardi
 Kenneth M. Maslak
 Annette Mategrano
 Vincenzzo Morici
 Mosillami Family
 Nocerino Family
 Peter Palumbo
 Luigina Gervasio Paparo
 Anthony & Veronica Pascente
 Francesca Perillo Camelo
 Joseph Petullo
 John Joseph "Tim" Phelan
 Rose Pitzafferro 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
 Tancredi Family
 Angela & Rudy Tarantino
 James Tavolino, Jr
 Donald & Frances Van Camp

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

*Please Pray for Our
 Enlisted Service Members*

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

Lord,

Thank you for the men and women who have stepped up to serve and protect our country. May they know the blessing of serving well. Thank you for your promise to never leave or forsake your people. We pray for the protection of our Armed Forces serving our country at home or abroad, whether in drills or in deployment. Keep from harm all those in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

MASS IN REMEMBRANCE FOR AUGUST:

Deceased members of all Chicago
Police & Fire Department
Philip & Esther Bartolotta
Christopher Browne
Francesca Perillo Camelo
Romana & Angelo Caputo
Michele Celia
Alan P. Coates
Phyllis Marnell Coleman
Guy & Vivian Crimaldi
Suzanne Dalesandro
Edda & Carlo D'Amico
Oscar O. D'Angelo
Marie Davino
Theresa Davis
Joseph & Theresa DiBuono
Salvatore & Marie DiBuono
Anna Marie DiBuono
Thomas R. Donovan
Elizabeth Druss
Virginia Lennon Eck
Lee Sam Esposito
Josie Falbo
Nello, Marilyn & Salvatore Ferrara

Vincent Gemino
Guillermo Hidalgo
Sr. Eleace King, IHM
Joe "Little Joe" LaBellarte
Clara Laino
Anthony & Antonette "Babe"
Lanzito
Grace Macaluso
Gemma Magnani
Zafar Padamsee Mawani
Lou Mirabelli
Liturri & Mirabelli Families
Jeanine Navigato
Roselynn Nicoletti
Dan Overstreet
William Paulis
Ernesto & Maddalena Ponticiello
Elena & Luici Priami & Family
Provenzano Family
Frank Rappa
Angela Rinaldi
Bernard & Dorcas Roman
Laura Roman
Felicisimo & Corazon Ronquillo

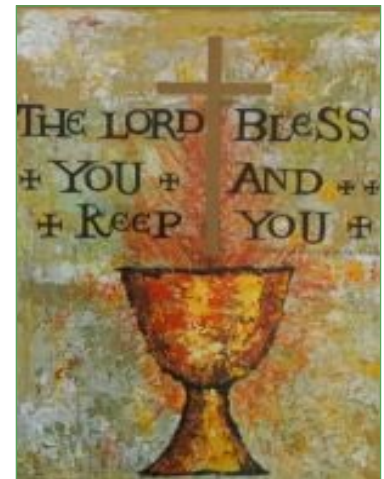
James Russo
Edward Scannicchio
Barbara Schifler
Carlo & Teresa Scissura
Vincenza Stramaglia
Rudolph "Rudy" Tarantino
Jimmy Tavolino Jr.
Christine Tumillo
Donald, Frances & Michael Jesse
Van Camp
Martha Wroncinski
Robert Zaker
Anselmo & Francisca Zuno

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Lord, help them to surrender their worries to You, knowing that Your peace transcends all understanding.
Amen.

PRAYERFUL INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:

Kathy Altman
Valerie Barnes
Peachie Basile
Rachel Bishop
Diane Cantore
Capitanini Family / Italian Village
Capuano Family
GiGi Casale
Marian Chomicz
Dawn Dahlin
Barry Dalesandro
Michael D'Alexander
Mary Jo Davidson
Charlie DeMory
Anthony C. DeMory, M.D.
Natalie Francis
Sister Virginia Gapsis, SSC
Sergio Gaytan
Fr. Jim Halstead
Frank Harmon
Trish Inguagiato

Sister Eleace King, IHM
Eileen Knight
Denna Laing
Cathy Lentz
Deborah Liefer
Jack Lisowski
Elizabeth Litzinder
Paul Marnell
Joshua Mascorro
Tim McGrath
Sister Margaret McTaggart
George Melchiorre
Josephine Mossilami
Albertina Novotny
Bernice O'Neill
William O'Neill
Carole Gordon Rinaldi
Gloriann Rinella
Mia Savino
Allan Schaefer
Cecile Slinkman
Alexandra Szafran



The Shrine offers Mass cards for remembrance and special intentions. Please call Laura at the Shrine at 312.421.3757 for more Information or visit the website, www.ourladyofpompeii.org

THE SECOND PILGRIMAGE IN OUR SUMMER SERIES

August 15, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Mary, Mother of the Lord - Justice and Mercy

"He has lifted up the lowly." (Luke 1:52)

Walk with Mary from annunciation to the cross - where faith, courage and justice are lived through quiet strength.

Pray with the Magnificat as a song of justice

Reflect on accompaniment in suffering

Name the needs of the world and your call within it

Commit to living justice in daily life

Light breakfast included

Pilgrimage Leader: Julie Berggren, MA

Julie is a Chaplain at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Associate of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, spiritual director, and retreat leader. She enjoys weaving Franciscan and Ignatian spirituality in life and work.



Registration: <https://ourladyofpompeii.org/>

Good will donation appreciated

VIGIL FOR PEACE
THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE NUCLEAR BOMBING
OF HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI



SATURDAY AUGUST 8th, 2026
6:30p

THE VIGIL FOR PEACE GATHERS TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN
COMMUNION WITH SISTERS AND BROTHERS AROUND THE WORLD,
AND TO REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF ALL CURRENT CONFLICTS.


SANT'EGIDIO

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII
1224 WEST LEXINGTON, CHICAGO

Sant'Egidio is a Christian community born in 1968, right after the second Vatican Council. An initiative of Andrea Riccardi, it was born in a secondary school in the center of Rome. Within years, it has become a network of communities in more than 70 countries of the world. The Community pays attention to the periphery and peripheral people, gathering men and women of all ages and conditions, united by a fraternal tie through the listening of the Gospel and the voluntary and free commitment for the poor and peace.



COME TO PRAY

At the newly renovated Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii,
located in the heart of Chicago's historic Little Italy.

Open for visitation

Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The only neighborhood church open for weekday prayer.

OUR REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

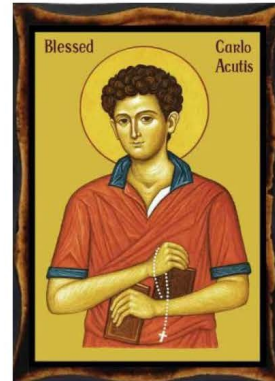
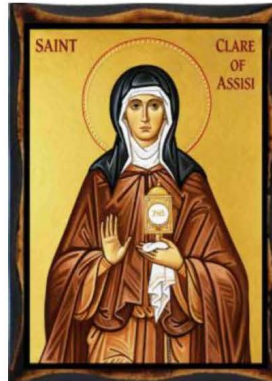
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

What You Can Do On The Shrine Website!

www.ourladyofpompeii.org

- ♦ **Enroll a loved one in the Perpetual Light Society**
 - ♦ **Request mass intentions**
 - ♦ **Candle intentions**
 - ♦ **Purchase a mass memorial card**
 - ♦ **Purchase a mass memorial book**
- ♦ **Purchase pavers in our Garden of Remembrance**
 - ♦ **Register for Pilgrimages**
 - ♦ **Purchase tickets for events**
- ♦ **Donate to the Shrine's appeals or make a general donation**
- ♦ **Get in touch with the Shrine to update your information - address, telephone, email address**



Fall Pilgrimage: Three Saints from Assisi Welcome Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino

The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii and the St. John Paul II Newman Center at UIC are honored to welcome **Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi, Italy**, on **Wednesday, September 2, 2026**.

Join us for a grace-filled day as the spiritual treasures of Pompeii and Assisi come together in Little Italy. We will encounter the witness of three beloved saints: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare of Assisi, St. Carlo Acutis

12:00 PM Mass

Followed by the Veneration of Relics
St. John Paul II Newman Center – UIC
700 S. Morgan Street, Chicago
Free parking in lot

For more information email: jp2newman@gmail.com

6:00 PM Mass

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Veneration of Relics
The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii
1224 W. Lexington Street, Chicago
Reception with light refreshments following Mass in Shrine Hall until 8:15 PM
For more information call 312-421-3757

Come and be inspired by the lives of these remarkable saints. Through their witness, discover anew the call to holiness, deepen your love for the Eucharist, and draw closer to Christ through the maternal intercession of Our Lady.



THE SHRINE OF OUR
LADY OF POMPEII





Father Joshua Richter will preside at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, September 6. Please join us for a reception following each mass.

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, AUGUST 2**, after the 8:30 a.m. mass.



SAVE THE DATE

Come to Mary's House, all hearts that hold a child who has died.

**Saturday, October 17, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The loss of a child, at any age and in any circumstance, is a grief beyond words. Whether you mourn an infant, child, adolescent or adult child, you are invited to a day of prayer, reflection, remembrance and hope in the compassionate company of others who understand this sacred sorrow.

This pilgrimage will include a Liturgy of Lamentation, inspiring keynote speakers, small-group sharing and reflection, fellowship and shared lunch.

Here, you are not alone. Enter this sacred space and may the peace of Christ be with you always, holding you in love and hope.

Registration information will be available soon.

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.



MANGIA e MAESTRO

An Elegant Celebration of Italian Heritage, Cuisine, and Music

Sunday, September 13

Experience an extraordinary afternoon inspired by the traditions of Italy, where exceptional cuisine and world-class opera come together in one unforgettable celebration. Gather with family and friends to honor the rich cultural heritage of the Italian-American community at Chicago's historic Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii.

3:00 p.m.

An Italian Sunday Supper

A signature dining experience featuring the renowned cuisine of Rosebud Taylor Street, served in the Shrine Center.

4:30 p.m.

An Outdoor Opera Experience

Enjoy a captivating performance by the acclaimed Lyric Opera Stage Artists, presented on the front steps of the Shrine. In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be held inside the church.

Celebrate the traditions. Savor the flavors. Experience the music.

Join us for an afternoon that honors the enduring spirit, culture, and artistry of Italy in one of Chicago's most treasured Italian landmarks.

Tickets may be purchased at the Shrine's website,
www.ourladyofpompeii.org

We've been given word that the food pantry at Our Lady of the Holy Family has been suspended for a few months due to outside renovation of the church.

During this time, we will still be collecting items which will be sent to the Community of Sant'Edigio.

Like many modern cities, Chicago is home to a huge number of homeless people. Weekly, members of Sant'Edigio, following the example of the Good Samaritan, visit the homeless outside in tent encampments and wherever they take shelter. While they offer food, warm drinks, and items to meet basic needs, the most important element is an openness and desire for relationship and friendship. These are exceptional in the rush of the city, which often erases the most vulnerable.

During the visit meal bags are distributed to tend to people's hunger. The following items would be greatly appreciated to be included in the meal bags.

All items – individually wrapped and non-perishable

- Peanut butter or cheese crackers
- Trail mix
- Jerky or meat sticks
- Granola or protein bars
- Crackers/pretzels/chips and Lunch to Go Kits
- Cookies
- Fruit snacks

Thank you for contributing to this program.

We will update information on the food pantry at Our Lady of the Holy Family as we receive it.



The Shrine's 11:00 mass on Sunday, August 16 will be held at the Festa's main stage (weather permitting).



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 ON AUGUST 12, 9:45 A.M.
In the Assembly Hall**

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 August love and care for your people;



**SUSPENDED DUE TO
CONSTRUCTION AT THE FOOD
PANTRY - PLEASE DO NOT BRING
ITEMS TO THE SHRINE**

PLEASE CHECK ALL EXPIRATION DATES

**SEE PAGE 9 FOR
INFORMATION
REGARDING CHANGES TO
THE FOOD PANTRY AT
OUR LADY OF THE HOLY
FAMILY**

Shrine Logistics:

✱ **DAILY MASS:** around the corner at **Our Lady of the Holy Family**, 1335 W. Harrison St., Chicago. 312.243.7400.

OLHFPParish@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

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.

OLP Alumni & Friends:

Join us!! gracedv@aol.com

Our Lady of Pompeii Shrine



FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR (2025-2026)

Report through June 2026

Budget	\$165,000
Actual	\$166,564
Difference	\$ 1,564

Source of Gifts

Mass Collection	\$122,796
Online	\$ 43,768

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.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

August 2	St. John Vianney
August 5	Transfiguration of the Lord
August 11	St. Clare
August 14	St. Maximilian Kolbe
August 15	Assumption
August 22	Queenship of Mary
August 27	St. Monica
August 28	St. Augustine
August 29	Passion of St. John the Baptist

Shrine Staff:

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Schedule of Presiders through Sunday, September 6

6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, August 5	Fr. Fragomeni
7:30 a.m.	Saturday, August 8	Fr. Fragomeni
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, August 9	Fr. Fragomeni
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, August 12	Fr. Tverdek
7:30 a.m.	Saturday, August 15	Fr. Fragomeni
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, August 16 (11:00 mass at Festa)	Fr. Del Bracco
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, August 19	Fr. Tverdek
7:30 a.m.	Saturday, August 22	Fr. Fragomeni
8:30 a.m.	Sunday, August 23	Fr. Pizzo
11:00 a.m.	Sunday, August 23	Fr. Fraomeni
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, August 26	Fr. Tverdek
7:30 a.m.	Saturday, August 29	Fr. Fragomeni
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, August 30	Fr. Hurley
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, Sept. 2	Fr. Fragomeni
7:30 a.m.	Saturday, Sept. 5	Fr. Tverdek
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, Sept. 6	Fr. Fragomeni

Executive Board

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Tracey DiBuono
Mario Leggero
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Tomasina Perry
Brian Roman
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