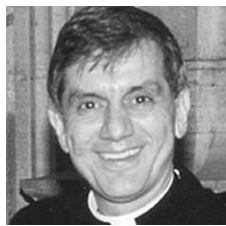


# THE POMPEIIAN

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## Rector's Reflection



*Dear Friends  
of Our Lady  
of Pompeii,*

For 100 years, the Catholic Italian Community in the "Old Neighborhood" has prayed together, under the patronage of Our Lady of Pompeii. In various Italian dialects, and later in English, praise, prayers and petitions have been raised to God. At Christmas and Easter, for weddings and funerals, raised at baptisms and confirmations, the Italian community, led by their priests and nuns, professed their faith together and prayed.

Now, celebrating a faith centenary, we still gather to pray here. We pray in a church building built in 1923 by the early settlers of this neighborhood. Their spirits still are joined to ours in a great communion of Saints. Together with them we continue to raise our voices to God, and with Our Lady of Pompeii, surrender our hearts to the one who loved us to death, Jesus the Lord.

At the conclusion of all this praying, for these 100 years, the community has said a word that is the same in both Italian and English: "Amen."

The word comes from Hebrew. It means, "So may it be! So may it happen!" It seals a promise. In prayer and praise, it asserts a people's unflinching commitment to a vision offered by God. "Amen" ratifies the sentiments and hopes that have gone before it. It is an acclamation of assent, inherited by Christians and Muslims from Jewish believers.

At this centenary celebration, our "Amen" is the song of great gratitude for the wonders that God has done in this little church building, still without air-conditioning, and still filled with the tears and hopes of many people of faith.

For a few months, the Shrine Board, led by one of our most dedicated affiliates, baptized here as an infant, Rich Panico, completed a strategic plan to be accomplished in the next four years. Part of this process of planning was to create a vision statement, projecting out for the next 100 years, what we envision ourselves to be in the year 2111.



## Summer 2011



Here is what we came up with:

### *Shrine Vision 2111*

Grounded in the love, mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ, in the year 2111, it will be said of The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii that it is known nationwide as a holy place of pilgrimage and prayer, celebrating and preserving the best of Italian-American Faith and Culture. It will be renowned as a model of effective shrine ministry; is an innovative center for spirituality and the arts integrating body and soul; is a recognized leader of creative engagement for returning Catholics and all people of faith; and that it is a major influence in promoting the dignity of the human person, organizing against injustices. It will continue to be honored as a place to pray for peace, *where the heart always has a home.*

Can we put an "Amen" at the end of this vision? I am ready to, but I can't do it alone. This is a vision that we are all asked to be a part of, by living the "Amen" of our lives well, and by allowing the grace of God and the Spirit of Christ to flood our hearts with the necessary courage, conviction and good old fashioned work that will make this vision a reality... Amen, Amen!

So as we honor the past 100 years of faith and prayer, here in the neighborhood, let us continue what those of the past 100 years have left us. Let us give thanks and praise for what has been. Let us give thanks and praise for what will be. Let us give thanks and praise to God and to our Dear Lady of Pompeii, who make this all possible in us. And to this we say:

Amen!

*Fr. Richard Fragomeni*

**Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni, Ph.D.**  
Rector

### *Your Summer Giving*

*I warmly invite you to visit the Shrine this Summer Season and consider celebrating the sacraments with us. Be assured of my gratitude for your generosity and of a prayerful place in my heart. An envelope is enclosed for your Giving consideration.*


*Save the Date!*  
**Saturday, October 29**  
**100th Year Anniversary**  
**Celebration**  
*Porretta's in Chicago*



*Save the Date!*  
**Sunday, October 30**  
**100th Year Anniversary**  
**Celebration Mass**  
11:00 a.m.

## “Century of Memories”


Class of 1960



Thanks for the  
Memories!


Jim (Wrong Way)  
Stompanato

In Memory of



Louis & Lena Scannicchio

Grandpa & Grandma  
I love you  
Regina



The Taylor Street  
Latch Key Kids  
**BFF!**

Love U GFs  
Josie Falbo

Come help us celebrate 100 years of worship and Italian culture. Share your memories and a photo by purchasing a page in our “*Century of Memories*” book, which will be presented at our 100th Year Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, October 29, 2011.

Whether you went to school, were baptized or married at Our Lady of Pompeii or would like to acknowledge a loved one, this is a wonderful way to celebrate our heritage.

Call **312.421.3757** to be on the mailing list or email Marcia Piemonte at [marcia@ourladyofpompeii.org](mailto:marcia@ourladyofpompeii.org).

# Exploring the Sacred Journey

Pilgrimage Ministry  
at The Shrine of  
Our Lady of Pompeii

## Indulge in Mystery

Just make a plan! Think. Strategize. Decide on your action steps. Make a list! Get all your ducks in a row and set sail! Figure it out. Just DO it!

If only it were that easy.

Don't we always want to think we can figure it all out? How to get what we want or what we think we need? Which way to turn today or tomorrow? Popular culture tells us that we can do anything we want to do if we just work hard enough. We desperately want to believe that's true. Sometimes it is. Many times it isn't. We want to think that we're in charge of our lives but then life changes in the blink of an eye. Jobs are lost, loved ones die, illness develops, relationships change. It wasn't supposed to work out this way.

Where is God in all of this?

We try so hard to name the Divine, to fit God into our limited understanding. We assign to God

motives that are really our own. We forget that above all, God is Mystery, more than we can ever hope or imagine, so far beyond us. Our thoughts are not God's thoughts. What does it really mean to place our lives into the 'hands' of God? How do we make room for the Holy Spirit, for pure grace, to transform our lives and our plans?

We can learn to recognize the movement of God in our everyday lives. By paying attention, by listening to inner wisdom that guides us, sometimes even where we do not wish to go, by joining with others in opportunities for prayer and reflection. We can learn to see the face of God in each other and within. Come to the Shrine. Indulge in Mystery! Take advantage of the many ways we explore the sacred journey. Allow yourself to be transformed. Don't you just love a good Mystery?

Blessings!

**Susan M. Pudelek, M.Div.**

Director of Pilgrimage Ministry



## Enriching Body and Soul

### Summer Spirituality at the Shrine

Are you looking for a way to deepen your spirituality this summer? Would you like to be a part of joyful community celebrations indoors and out? Come and join us at the Shrine for wonderful, prayerful encounters with two women who are central to our faith in Jesus Christ – Mary, his mother, and Mary Magdalene.

### Friday, July 22 - Mary Magdalene

### and the Saints Among Us

### Celebration of the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene



7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Who are the saints in your life? Come and join a lively discussion and inspiring prayer on the life of Mary of Magdala, 'Apostle to the Apostles' and 'First Witness to the Resurrected Jesus.'

### Saturday, August 13 - Prayer Walk with Mary

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Connecting with the sacredness of all God's creation, we'll gather in Arrigo Park, across from the Shrine, for a prayerful walk with Mary, Mother of God.

### Saturday, October 22, 2011 - 11th Annual Lost Child Pilgrimage

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



**Speaker: Carol Regina Winter**  
Bereavement Support, Archdiocese of Chicago, Licensed Professional Counselor, State of Illinois.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii stands with and for those who carry the burden of the Lost Child. We of Mary's House open our

doors and our hearts to you, standing with you, for Mary's Bethlehem joy was Mary's Calvary vigil of sorrow as well. We have faith in the power of prayer to heal the soul and faith in the comfort and support of a community coming together in solidarity. Please join us for this very special time of reflection, healing and hope. We welcome you in the peace of Christ Jesus.

### Facilitated Breakout Sessions:

**One:** Precious Babies, Regaining Life and Hope for those who have experienced miscarriage or the death of an infant

**Two:** Milestones Celebrated and Mourned: The Death of a Child or Adolescent

**Three:** When Your Adult Child Predeceases You  
**\$25 Registration** appreciated by Tuesday, October 18; lunch included.

**SHRINE SCHEDULE & SERVICES**

**Visitation & Office Hours:**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

**Weekday Masses:**

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Saturday

**Sunday Masses:** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Shrine Auxiliary:**

7:00 p.m. every 1st Tuesday of month

**Padre Pio Prayer Cenacle:**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wed. of month

**Mother Cabrini Devotions:**

6:00 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wed. of month

**Rosary Devotion:**

8:00 a.m. every Sunday

**Available by Appointment:**

Confessions

Sacrament of the Anointing

Spiritual Direction

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Sunday, August 15 -  
54 Day Rosary Novena begins**



**Sunday,  
September 11 -  
Filipino  
Community  
Pilgrimage**

**September 13 - 27 -  
Retreat in Daily Life**

*Are you being summoned from deep within?*  
This is an opportunity to become more aware of God's presence in your every-day life, work and relationships.

**Sunday, September 18 -  
Anointing of the Sick  
at the 8:30 a.m. Mass**



**Sunday, October 2 -  
Feast of St.  
Francis of Assisi  
& Blessing of  
the Animals**

**Tuesday, October 7 -  
Feast of Our Lady of Pompeii  
& 54-Day Rosary Novena ends**

**Monday, October 10 -  
Columbus Day Mass & Parade  
9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, October 22 -  
Lost Child Pilgrimage**

**Coming in November -  
Annual Mass of Remembrance  
5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 6 -  
The Compassionate Heart**

**Saturday, November 12 -  
Veteran's Day Mass  
9:00 a.m.**



**Sunday, November 13 -  
St. Barbara Pilgrimage**

**Sunday, November 20 -  
Auxiliary Bake Sale**

**Sunday, November 27 -  
Auxiliary Lunch with Santa**

**Saturday, December 3 -  
Mary and Christmas  
elegant buffet & concert**



**Saturday, December 10 -  
Advent Day  
of Reflection and  
Reconciliation**



9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
\$25 Registration  
appreciated by  
Tues., Dec. 6;  
lunch included.

Call 312.421.3757 for details

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**Restoration – Progress keeps happening...**

Many thanks to all who contribute to the Capital Campaign, as we continue to bring the Shrine interior back to its original glory. Please consider a pledge by filling out this coupon and returning it to the Shrine as we move forward in this important journey.

**Support the interior restoration** of the Shrine back to its original condition as a beautiful worship space.

**YES! I / We** support the ongoing restoration with a 1-time annual donation of \$520.00.     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**YES! I / We** choose to support restoration with:

\$ 250/Month for 1 Year (\$3,000.00/Year)

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For monthly MC / V pledges, please post on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the month.

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Foods & flavors from Taylor Street and surrounding areas. \$14.00 each + \$3.50 per book shipping & handling. Also available for pick-up.



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