

St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
July 28, 2024



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, July 27, 2024 BVM**

8:00am **THE IZZO FAMILY** by Their Estate
 5:00pm **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim

Sunday, July 28, 2024 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **FRAN ROSE** (For Healing) by The Altar Rosary Society
 10:00am **NANCY MINER MAHAN** by SAA Class of 1958 * **SCOTT TYGETT** by The Boek Family
 6:00pm **MARK OPPER** (For Healing) by Jack Opper * **MARK H. JACKSON** by Kate Stephan

Monday, July 29, 2024 Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7:00am **BRUCE BEACH** by A.L.B.

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00am **DONALD (BUTCH) JONES** by A.L.B.

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00am **MARION NILES** by A.L.B. * **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim

Thursday, August 1, 2024 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00am **JOHN A. ROBERTS II** (B'day) by Family
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BROCKWAY FAMILY

Friday, August 2, 2024 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

7:00am **MARK OPPER** (For Healing) by Jack Opper

Saturday, August 3, 2024 BVM

8:00am **GAIL MAREE** (Anniv) by Ann and Roger Mellen
 5:00pm **DECEASED AND LIVING MEMBERS OF THE SULLIVAN FAMILY** by Family
KATHY (PALITTI) FOX by The Evanview and Palitti Families

Sunday, August 4, 2024 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **MARY JANE (HUEY) HEINZLMEIR** (14th Anniv) by Family
 10:00am **ANGELA L. DESTITO** (B'day) by RoAnn Destito and Family * **TOM REILLY** (B'day) by Family
 6:00pm **BUD SANZONE** by the Sprock Family

**Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation from St. Peter's Church
 are now live streamed & available on the parish website: www.stmarvsspeters.com.**

Please remember our families, friends and parishioners in your prayers.

Michelle A.	Melissa Dunning	Bill "Dobbie" Link	Roger Perkins	Freja Emily Simpson-
Barbara K. Acchino	Michael Eastup	Michael Loso	Carol Piatt	Spencer
Georgie Amodio	Paul Eisinger	Anne Lubecki	Datie Ponath	Robert Smith
Leonard Amodio	Beatrice Ferguson	Francis Lust	Nicoletta Powell	Sharon Sprague
Jayne Atwood	Judith Ann Fesner	Karen Martin	Patrick Quinn	Kelly Stevens
Carol B.	Diana Fowler	David, Liz, Mitzi	Kathleen Redden	Lillian Stutmann
Marietta Booton	Julianna Fusco	Marcelletta	Bill Reese	Blanche Sweatman
Robert Brady	Lauri Fusco	Geoff Marchione	Sally Reid	Joshua Tomassi
Jimmy Brognano	Joanne Gaffey	Russell Marchione	Francine Riolo	Anne Toepp
James Brooks	Nicole Gamble	Amelia Mastrangelo	John Ritchie	Lori Trifeletti
Carla Cacciatori	Augusta Ginsburg	Patti Mastrangelo	Kelly Homan Rodoski	Rylin Turley
Lorayne Calicchia	Scott Ginsburg	Nicole Mathe	Catherine Roman	Keith Utter
Mary Carmody	Amanda Gold	Marybeth Matyasik	Robert Roman	Larry Utter
Adam Carpenter	Josh Gold	Brian McQueen	Fran Rose	Fr. Corey VanBuren
Kathy Chase	Gail Greene	Sarah McQueen	Pat Rushford	Deborah Verminski
Annie Cimo	Denis Hartman	Carol Misiaszek	Lisa Ryder	Francis Rosario Vitale
Sara Cosnett	Christine Hayden	Ann Moster	Jacqueline Schachte	Vito Waterman
John Cordsen	Joshua Hedrington	Sonia Myers	John Schachte	Lois White
Alex D'Argenio	Billy Jo Hildenbrandt	Beverly Nasci	Brian Schilling	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Melody Darrow	Joan Jacobs	Terri Nichols	Naomi Schipano	Ellie Wood
Sr. Rosaire DeMare	Jesse Johnson	Mark Opper	Francis Schwartz	Kim Wood
Pat DeMatteo	Lena Johnston	Debbie Pacicca	Linda Schwartz	John Wright
George DeFabio	Megan Jones	Clair Papadametrius	Jean Sereno	Patricia Zeller
Denise Dunn	Ted Kehoe	Rachel Pawlikowski	Bradley Sharpstene	
Fr. Harold Dunn	Jennie Kemp	Barbara Pazdur	Emmalynn Sharrow	
Barry Dunning	Agnes Koster	Jim Pekarski	Alexander Simpson	



St. Peter's Parish

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Office Hours:

Monday * Thursday
 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm
 Tuesday
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 Wednesday * Friday
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Pastor: Very Rev. Seán P. O'Brien, VF
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Immanuel Agbulu
Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher
Deacon: Deacon John MacGaffick
Pastoral Associate: Laura Mack

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS 7:00 am
SATURDAYS 8:00 am * Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
SUNDAYS 8:00 am * 10:00 am * 6:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation: Laura Mack
First Sacraments Coordinator: Jean Bauer
Music Ministry: Barry Russo
Maintenance Director: Mark Lagasse
Cemetery Superintendent: Kate Stephan
Communications/Media: Joseph Stanton

PARISH COUNCIL

Pastor: Father Seán O'Brien
President: Larry Riolo
Trustees: Bernard Kaier,
 Timothy Sestito

PARISH ORGANIZATION and PARTICIPATION

Altar Rosary Society: Mary Wahl
Scripture Study: Betty Pettinelli
Funeral Preparations: Barbara Thomas
Hospital Ministry: Deacon John MacGaffick
St. Aloysius Catholic Center: Julie McCormick
ASL Interpreters: Gabby Griffin
 Mary Margaret VanDamme

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deacon Nick Rosher	Dale Rashford
Laura Evanciew	Pat Reilly
Nancy Janik	Barry Russo
Mark LaGasse	Joseph Stanton
Laura Mack	Kate Stephan

Please contact a council member with any questions or concerns you have regarding the upcoming merger.

Faith Formation Office 315-336-5066

Online at: www.smspfaith.com
 Email: spcdre@twcnny.rr.com

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or by Appointment

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM MATRIMONY/ MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory Office for information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

When a family member or friend may be in need of anointing, please call the Rectory Office.

A SPECIAL NOTE: For those who find it difficult to walk, etc. The front pews across the Church are reserved for you. Communion can be brought to your pew.

HEARING AIDS: Assistive hearing devices are available for loan at the altar rail and in the front vestibule before Mass.

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E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty Street, Rome 315-336-3110

St. Peter's Weekly Collection July 21, 2024

Cash and Envelopes	\$8,646.00
Electronic/Online	\$1,615.60
Total	\$10,261.60

St. Peter's Special Collections July 21, 2024

Mission of the Christ Child	\$300.00
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AUGUST 2024 BAPTISMS

**Cole Vincent Sullivan
Isla Mae Urtz**



Congratulations and Welcome

Altar Rosary Society

There will be NO MEETINGS in July & August and we will resume our meetings in September.

ARS IS ACTIVELY RECRUITING MALE MEMBERS

Your time & talent would benefit activities that require male members!!!

If you are interested in being an important part of a "WORKING" organization please call

**Mary Wahl @ 315-617-3478 or
Tina Brognano @ 315-571-6707.**

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

AUGUST

Bernadette Curry

MERRY MAKERS

Summer/Fall Merry Maker Meetings

NO MEETINGS in August & September

***October 9, 6-9 pm
November 13, December 11, 6-9 pm***

Remember, you do not have to be an expert to join.

As always, we continue to need more Sewers, Knitters & Crocheters

Merry Makers Request Forms can be found in the vestibule on the table. Place them in the collection basket during weekend Masses.

For more information: Cate (315)225-7900

****** TOWN HALL MEETINGS ******

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
August 22 (Thurs)	6:30 PM	ST. JOSEPH'S
September 14 (Sat)	2:00 PM	ST. PETER'S
October 21 (Mon)	6:30 PM	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**NEXT MONTH'S SUMMER COOKOUT:
AUGUST 11, 2024 AFTER THE 10AM MASS**



Bring your appetite and a smile!
Please check our Facebook page if you would like to bring a dish to pass or sign up on one of the sheets at the entrances and bring the recipe to share.



Pope Francis asks us to pray for one of his published intentions each month. To pray with the Pope daily visit: clicktopray.org

**AUGUST INTENTION
FOR POLITICAL LEADERS**

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

July 28, 2024: 17th Sunday (John 6:1-15)

In today's gospel, Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simple live?

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of July 28, 2024

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Blood Drive at St. Paul's Church

**August 12, 2024
10:30am - 3:30pm
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1807 Bedford St, Rome**

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ALL ARE WELCOME

to **COFFEE AND QUESTIONS** with Fr. Immanuel Agbulu

**Wednesday, AUGUST 7th
6:30pm - ?**

St. Aloysius Parish Center, 400 Floyd Ave, Rome

Father will answer previously submitted questions with a slide presentation. An opportunity will be available to submit questions for the next session.

Please use the link below for previous session questions.
<https://www.stmarysstpeters.com/coffee-and-questions-2/>



Prayer Garden Grotto

Jonathan Burgdorf, our substitute pianist, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 24 in Taberg. His Eagle Scout project is to make a St. Peter's Prayer Garden Grotto in the courtyard facing

James St. using a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary originally at St. Mary's Church. When finished, all will be welcomed to pray at any time. Any and all donations to this project are welcome. If you care to donate to his Eagle Scout project, forward your donation to St. Peter's Church identifying it for "Prayer Grotto". Jonathan will speak about his project at a future Mass.



Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, July 16, 2024 St. Paul's Church

The first Town Hall meeting regarding the future plan for the Rome parishes was held on Tuesday, July 16, at 10:00 AM at St. Paul's Church. Approximately 100 people were in attendance representing St. Paul's, St. John the Baptist/Transfiguration, St. Peter's/St. Mary's, St. Leo & St. Ann's, and St. Joseph's Churches.

Fr. Kelly, Fr. O'Brien, Fr. Angelicchio, Fr. Emmanuel, Danielle Cummings (Chancellor) and Fr. Seibt (Vice Chancellor) were present. Fr. O'Brien explained the purpose of the Town Hall meeting was to listen to the parishioners regarding their concerns related to the necessary changes that will need to be made by July 1, 2025. It was repeated that Bishop Lucia announced that by July 1, 2025, the City of Rome, Lee Center, and Holland Patent would become one (1) parish with four (4) worship sites served by two (2) priests. Danielle Cummings noted that the Pastoral Planning process was initiated in 1988-1989. Over time we have seen a decline in the number of priests and the number of Parishioners in our pews. It was made clear that decisions have not been made about the use of the church buildings including mass times, ministries, or personnel. It is Bishop Lucia's intent that the process be transparent and inclusive. Committees have been formed to address each of these issues.

Fr. Seibt shared the canonical (Church Law) process for Parishes coming together. The first step in pastoral planning is to discern whether certain parishes need to be modified (e.g., merged) for the pastoral care of the people. If parishes are merged, the churches retain their names and share resources. When merged, discussion may take place to assess if all buildings are needed and can be financially supported. If it is deemed buildings are not needed, the parish submits a request to relegate (close) the building. Once closed, the building may be sold (alienation). Fr. Seibt shared his experience of completing this process at Divine Mercy with the Mission of St. Bernadette and St. Mary's Oratory.

Parishioners in attendance shared their concerns regarding Mass times, liturgical practices, such as adoration, building usage/capacity, and opportunities to participate in the committee work.

- The future of St. Paul's: Several questions and statements revolved around this issue. It was stated that in our process of building one parish, we may determine that it is not possible to have weekend Mass at St. Paul's, but it could become an Oratory, where baptisms, funerals, weddings, novenas, or other forms of worship could be held.

There is certainly no direction from the Bishop to close, lock the doors, and sell St. Paul's. Fr. O'Brien reminded attendees that it took 13 years to arrive at the decision to sell St. Mary's.

- What is the future of the Adoration Chapel and Novena at Transfiguration?
Fr. O'Brien stated that he and Fr. Angelicchio are exploring possible options for supporting these liturgical practices.
- How will fewer priests and worship sites effect memorial masses?
Fr. O'Brien stated that he was aware of the problem and would be working on a solution with the Diocese.
- Can the Gold Star window at Transfiguration be saved?
Fr. O'Brien also reported he is working on a possible solution.
- Will parishioners be able to go to whichever worship site they desire?
Yes, however, the schedule for services is far from determined, so some flexibility might be necessary.
- Could we get priests from other countries?
Fr. Seibt stated that it is possible, and the Diocese is trying, but it is not that easy or quick. Although we do need priests, the big need is for people to come to or return to the Church. Fr. Seibt also emphasized that we should not just work to maintain the parish, but that we are called on an Apostolic Mission to evangelize and welcome parishioners back.

In closing, the attendees were reminded that there is much to be accomplished to reach our goal of becoming one Parish by July 1, 2025.

Future Town Hall meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, August 22, 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's Church
- Saturday, September 14, 2:00 PM at St. Peter's Church
- Monday, October 21, 6:30 PM at St. John the Baptist Church

(This summary of the Town Hall was derived from the minutes prepared by a member of the Communications Subcommittee and Danielle Cummings, who were both in attendance.)

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