

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
October 6, 2024*



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 5, 2024 Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:00am **MR. AND MRS. WALTER STINEBRICKNER AND JOSEPH ESCHE** by their Estate
 5:00pm **LEON PRUSTNOWSKI** (Anniv) by Nephew, Stanley
ELVERA LEMON (Anniv) by her Children

Sunday, October 6, 2024 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Respect Life Sunday

8:00am **HERBERT L. CLARK, JR.** by Kristen and Donald Darcangelo
 10:00am **MR. AND MRS. JAMES A. DUNN** by Family
FRANK J. COSTELLO (B'day) by Family
 6:00pm **THE IZZO FAMILY** by their Estate

Monday, October 7, 2024 Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00am **JENNIFER RICE** by John Goodman

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

7:00am **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim

Wednesday, October 9, 202 St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

7:00am **REV. THOMAS G. FITZGERALD** (Anniv)

Thursday, October 10, 2024

7:00am **ANNA MAE HURLEY** by the Sprock Family

Friday, October 11, 2024 St. John XXIII, Pope

7:00am **ERNIE AND CHRIS** by Deborah Lisberg

Saturday, October 12, 2024 BVM

8:00am **DIANE M. BAKER** Love, Tara
 5:00pm **MARILYN PALINSKI** by Family
LINDA AND FRANCIS SCHWARTZ (Anniv) by Amedeo, Heidi, and Hannah Libertella

Sunday, October 13, 2024 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **JACQUELINE BAYNES AND MICHAEL J. KUNKEL** by Marie Kunkel
 10:00am **CARL J. MASSETT, JR.** (Anniv) by Family
CORNELIUS O'BRIEN (Anniv) by Victoria O'Brien
 6:00pm **FRANK J. COSTELLO** (B'day) by Family * **WILLIAM ERNENWEIN** (Anniv) by Judy Ernenwein

**Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation from St. Peter's Church
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Please remember our families, friends and parishioners in your prayers.

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 Tuesday
 9am-1:00pm
 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
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Maintenance Director: Mark Lagasse
Cemetery Superintendent: Kate Stephan
Communications/Media: Joseph Stanton

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Pastor: Father Seán O'Brien
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PARISH ORGANIZATION and PARTICIPATION

Altar Rosary Society: Mary Wahl
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Hospital Ministry: Deacon John MacGaffick
St. Aloysius Catholic Center: Julie McCormick
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 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
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St. Peter's Cemetery

E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty Street, Rome 315-336-3110

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.

St. Peter's Weekly Collection September 29, 2024

Cash and Envelopes	\$11,639.00
Electronic/Online	\$1,633.13
Total	\$13,272.13

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.

St. Peter's Special Collections September 29, 2024

Fuel \$20.00

Mission Numbers will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your support.

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.

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 **FAITH FORMATION**

JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

October 6, 2024, 10AM Mass

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Sacraments
October 6th
9:00-9:50 AM

First Sacraments
October 13th
NO CLASS

Monday Night Classes
October 7th

Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

Monday Night Classes
October 14th

Grades 1-6 **NO CLASS**
Grades 7-8 **NO CLASS**

2nd Year Confirmation
October 6th

4:30 PM Dinner,
5:00 PM Class,
6:00 PM Mass

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****** TOWN HALL MEETING ******

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
October 21 (Mon)	6:30 PM	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of October 6, 2024

FOR
BILL HERRIG, JR.

By His Sisters

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IN MEMORY OF
ROSE MATTIA

By Joseph and Rose Alo



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

OCTOBER INTENTION
FOR A SHARED MISSION

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

October 6, 2024: 27th Sunday (Mark 10:2-16)

In today's gospel, Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rulebook. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love...a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

Altar Rosary Society

******SAVE THE DATE******

Our 2nd annual "Oktoberfest / International" Covered dish dinner will be:
Thursday, October 17th @ 6pm in the church hall.
Please bring your favorite "Ethnic" covered dish for all to share!!!

Last year's dinner was well attended. It was an amazing time to gather as a parish family to enjoy great food & most importantly great company!!

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

We are actively Recruiting Male Members as well!!!

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

OCTOBER

Tina Brognano, Mary Wahl

MERRY MAKERS

Merry Maker Fall/Winter Meetings

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

OCTOBER 2024 BAPTISMS

Maddalina Memory McDonell
Marriana Mia McDonell
Massina Maria McDonell



Congratulations and Welcome

OCIA **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a period of formation for adults who would like to become Catholic.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, there will be an Inquiry Session on **Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 PM** in the **Msgr. Culkin Social Hall.**



**Joint Parish Planning
Town Hall Meeting
Saturday, September 14, 2024
St. Peter's Church**

The third Town Hall meeting regarding the planning for the Greater Rome Community parishes was held on Saturday, September 14, at 2:00 PM at St. Peter's Church. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.

Father Robert Kelly, Father Seán O'Brien, and Father Immanuel were present. Introductions were made by Father Seán O'Brien. The opening prayer was offered by Father O'Brien.

- Father O'Brien spoke about the Buffalo Diocese closing 78 out of 196 parishes because they lost 95,000 parishioners. Their rightsizing process started this spring and ended on September 9, 2024. Fortunately, Bishop Lucia has adopted a slower process in which we are allowed to listen and express our thoughts.
- Every October, a parishioner count is taken to find out how many Catholics are attending mass. St. Peter's has lost 415 parishioners from 2020. He added, it is not about the shape or condition of our churches, but rather about the number of priests available and the number of people attending mass and receiving sacraments. Statistics on all the parishes can be found in the March 28, 2024 issue of the Catholic Sun. He furthered stated that in the past priests would get stipends for the number of masses they said for funerals and special intentions, but now the monies are put into the Parish's general account.
- The recurring topic of closing St. Paul's was addressed. There are so few parishioners attending St. Paul's for mass, that it will not be used for weekend mass (Bishop's decision), but its programs will continue. St. Paul's has a great educational facility, a parish hall and a chapel.
- Faith formation will be conducted in locations that best meet the needs. For example, there are 11 adults in the RCIA program scattered among the parishes, it should be consolidated and offered at one church.
- Father O'Brien requested that town hall attendees help stop rumors currently circulating.
- Transfiguration will be merged with the new Parish. The Rectory is being leased to Oneida County and ICAN for creation of a transitional home for homeless women and their children. They will have an option to buy the property. Uses for the Church are being explored. It is noted that when the bishop agrees with the sale of a church, the Vatican receives the request. The sale must follow the rules for profane use (use that is not sacred) but not for sordid use (for example use by planned parenthood). An attendee made a comment about how the closing of Transfiguration was mishandled. Father O'Brien stated that he could not speak to this issue. The decision to close and potentially sell this church was made by the Bishop.
- As far as handicapped access is concerned at St. Peter's, there is a wheelchair lift available, but the handicapped button to open the doors does not work.
- A comment about the number of special intentions per mass was made. Priests must discuss this issue with the Bishop. The current policy is only 2 intentions are allowed per mass.
- It is noted that less people attend mass and donations are down. Yet, the costs of utilities, maintenance, mass supplies, office supplies, and employee costs are increasing. Parishes are barely covering expenses. Cost efficiencies for all the churches in the new Parish will help make us stronger financially and more efficient. It is hoped that the new Parish will increase its outreach, retain the youth and be a more welcoming community to all local Catholics.
- Father O'Brien feels that it was a good sign that all the churches were represented and worked together on the Honor America Days float.
- A question was asked about how the priests feel about the changes. Fr. Kelly feels that a church might close. Fr. Immanuel said that he trusts Jesus with the process.

Father Immanuel ended the town hall meeting with a prayer.

The next **Town Hall will be held on October 21, 2024, at 6:30 PM at St. John's.**

(This summary of the Town Hall was prepared by a member of the Communications Subcommittee who was in attendance.)



Joint Parish Planning
"Creating One New Parish for All"

Spotlight on:
The Faith Formation Subcommittee

Transitioning to a new joint parish that meets the pastoral needs of the Greater Rome Catholic Community involves extensive planning. To accomplish this goal, the Joint Parish Councils have created six subcommittees to address essential components for creating a strong, vibrant parish and provide full transparency into the process as it progresses. Over the next few months, we will spotlight each of these subcommittees to provide insight into their mission, goals, strategy, and progress. We begin by introducing the [Faith Formation Subcommittee](#).

What is the mission of the Faith Formation Subcommittee?

Our mission is to be an objective resource for making recommendations for the future of the faith formation program. We take faith formation seriously and want to make the transition a smooth one and continue to provide a strong and effective program at every level of learning and reinforcement of our faith.

What are the tasks, actions or goals of the Subcommittee?

Tasks include gathering information about current faith formation programs and obtaining information from parishioners, specifically faith formation students, parents, and catechists on what works and what obstacles they face. We will then share that information and/or recommendations with leadership, pastors and catechetical leaders, with our goal to ensure strong and effective faith formation, and to make continuing education available to children and adults in our parish community.

What is the strategy for achieving these goals?

Regular meetings to define and review our fact-finding activities, plan next steps, and seek the voice of parish community. We accomplish this by attending the catechist social, visiting faith formation facilities and attending class sessions, and obtaining information from other subcommittees that may have an impact on our recommendations, such as the future Mass schedule.

What are the challenges and how are they being addressed?

There are several challenges that we must overcome to achieve our goals and provide the best possible recommendations. They are:

1. The scope of our subcommittee mission includes several ministries:
 - Adolescent catechesis and discipleship
 - Child and Family catechesis
 - Youth ministry
 - Adult formation
 - RCIA
2. The amount of time needed to gather information is extensive due to the future impact of this change, the number of impacted parishioners, especially parents, children and volunteers supporting this work. There are also diocesan requirements that need to be considered and not lost within the input and recommendations.
3. Being able to address hearsay or things being said outside of parish council that are inaccurate and addressing those individuals that have a desire for information and decisions now. It is important for everyone to understand that this is a long process, and no decisions or recommendations have been formulated.
4. Needing complete transparency. Nothing is changing this year. We are a year away from any subcommittee recommendations taking effect. It's a marathon not a sprint. The catechetical leaders decided to bring a consistent curriculum to kindergarten through 6th grade this year. This is a great step in the direction we are moving and with this, there is an added flexibility to support scheduling conflicts we see in many students being able to attend their church's current faith formation program.
5. Being a small group with an expansive scope and work effort is also a challenge, but we feel currently we need to keep the core group small to ensure knowledge is preserved. We plan to reach out to necessary groups for input and information when needed. We are also closely partnering with catechetical leaders and parish leadership.
6. We aren't changing anything yet, although K-6 will be using the same program. We are also sharing the other parish faith formation days and times, and their mass schedules. Along with this, we are also looking to do the same for RCIA and adult formation options.

What is the status against achieving your goals and providing your recommendations to the Joint Parish Council?

1. We have current Mass schedules for all churches and plan to share those with catechetical leaders.
2. We have aggregated what the faith formation schedules are for our youth in each church.
3. We are in the middle of gathering details on adult formation and RCIA in each church.
4. We plan to be at the October Catechist social.
5. We have seen the facilities at St Joseph, St Leo's and plan to see St. John's in October. Our meetings have been rotating locations to accomplish this goal.
6. We plan to have conversations with volunteers supporting RCIA and adult formation and education to understand what our parish community has available.

(This information is current as of September 30, 2024.)

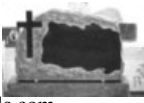
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