

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
December 1, 2024*

First Sunday of
ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, November 30, 2024 St. Andrew, Apostle**

- 8:00am **ELIZABETH M. CZAJKOWSKI** (7th Anniv) by Bill and Mary Draper
FREMONT PLOPPER by Family
 5:00pm **MARION STOOK** (Anniv) by Cindy Thurston * **BEVERLY CRISTMAN** by Tom and Gail Byrnes

Sunday, December 1, 2024 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00am **THOMAS S. DAVIES** (Anniv) by the Martin Family * **BENNIE DILIBERTO** by Margaret Bovi
 10:00am **LORETTA MARCHIONE** by Daughter, Loretta Perry
ELLEN KIMMEL by Christine Betrus and Daughters
 6:00pm **EILEEN PAGE** by Diane Baker and Family

Monday, December 2, 2024

- 7:00am **ROBYN ENGLE** by Family * **MARK OPPER** (for Healing) by Jack Opper

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

- 7:00am **CHESTER MASZTAK, SR.** (Anniv) by Son, Stanley
 5:00-6:00pm **CONFESSIONS AND BENEDICTION**

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

Thursday, December 5, 2024

- 7:00am **THERESA M. GIFFORD** (B'day) by Mark and Patti Gifford

Friday, December 6, 2024 St. Nicholas, Bishop

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

Saturday, December 7, 2024 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 8:00am **PRO POPULO**
 5:00pm **KATHY M. (PALITTI) FOX** by Evanciew and Palitti Families
JOSEPH AND MARY OCCHIPINTI by their Children

Sunday, December 8, 2024 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00am **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim * **ABIGAIL MATTESON** (healing) by Family
 10:00am **KATHY K. CHASE** (Healing) by Cathy Clem
THE STANTON AND MCLAUGHLIN FAMILIES by the Stanton Family
 6:00pm **MARK OPPER** (for Healing) by Jack Opper

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

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

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



St. Peter's Parish

200 N. James Street
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 Parish Office: 315-336-5072
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Office Hours:

Monday * Thursday
 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm
 Tuesday
 9am-1:00pm
 Wednesday * Friday
 9:00am-12:00pm

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@twcny.rr.com

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 November 17, 2024

Cash and Envelopes	\$9,869.25
Electronic/Online	\$1,826.36
Total	\$11,695.61

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 November 17, 2024

All Saints	\$54.00
All Souls	\$48.00
Catholic Schools	\$45.00
Seminary	\$39.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$929.00

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.

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

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FAITH FORMATION

JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

December 1, 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
December 1st
NO CLASS**

**Monday Night Classes
December 2nd**
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

**First Sacraments
December 8th
9:00-9:50 AM**

www.smspfaith.com

**Monday Night Classes
December 9th**
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

**2nd Year Confirmation
December 1st**
4:30 PM Dinner,
5:00 PM Class,
6:00 PM Mass
Candidates and Sponsors

**OCIA
Mondays
6:00 PM**

DONATIONS MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

**IN MEMORY OF
DIANE BAKER**

By Bernadine Rousseau

St. Peter's Music Ministry

Songs of Advent & Christmas

Performed by the:
Adult Choir - Childrens Choir
Music Monday Group

Refreshments served before performance
In the Msgr. Culkin Hall
Downstairs

December 15th 12PM
Livestream: stmarysspeters.com

St. Peter's Church
200 N. James St. Rome

We are asking all who attend to bring an item or make a free will donation for our food bank. (In Mission of the Christ Child)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of December 1, 2024

FOR

KATHY M. (PALITTI) FOX (Anniv)

By Evanciew and Palitti Families

WHAT IS A DEACON?

A deacon (from the Greek diakonos, meaning "servant") is an ordained minister. He is ordained, as the origin of the term implies, to a ministry of service. This service takes the form of assisting the priest or the bishop in the celebration of the Eucharist, distribution of Holy Communion, assisting at and blessing marriages, proclaiming the Gospel, and presiding over baptisms and funerals.

However, the most important function of the deacon is his dedication to ministries of charity. Much like the first deacons, who assisted widows by distributing food to them, deacons today also visit people in their homes, in nursing homes, in hospitals, and in correctional facilities. They also help in soup kitchens and food pantries, and organize various other outreach ministries.

DEACON APPAREL IN THE DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (December 1, 2024), Bishop Lucia has implemented a policy for the entire Syracuse Diocese that all its deacons will wear gray clerical shirts and collars when acting in their official capacity as a deacon for his parish, for the larger diocesan community, and/or for the larger Catholic community outside of the diocese. The clerical attire that our priests wear now, and our deacons will begin to wear this December, outwardly symbolizes their unified commitment to service and faith, that they are approachable and ready to assist those in need in the ministries for which they are ordained. Both within the Church and in the secular world, there is a cultural understanding of what the clerical shirt and collar symbolizes and identifies. But to clearly differentiate deacons from priests, our diocesan deacons will be wearing gray while priests will continue to wear black. Let us continue to hold our bishop, priests, and deacons in our prayers, as they serve our diocesan family of faith.

DECEMBER 2024 BAPTISMS

**LILIANA VITALIAH DEGEORGE
CLARE MARGARET DIXON
EVAN MICHAEL POPOWSKI**

Congratulations and Welcome



2024 Christmas Ornaments

is available in the Vestibule of the Church
**Saturday after Mass
Sunday from 8:00-11:30 AM
November 29 through December 22.**

We have been able to keep the price at \$25.

Have you started your collection of these beautiful suncatcher ornaments yet? Previous Ornaments are currently available. The 2021 Organ Window ornament will be on sale for \$20.

You can contact Diane Sjudahl at 315-271-1881 or dsjudahl@gmail.com to make other arrangements.





Joint Parish Planning
 "Creating One New Parish For All!"

MINISTRY FAIR

The Social Subcommittee is pleased to report another successful parish event!

Over 150 parishioners from five (5) churches attended our Ministry Fair. Thirty (30) organizations participated, sharing their mission and recruiting new members across the five churches. New relationships begun at the Ministry Fair will lay the foundation for our new parish.

Thank you to all the organizations and parishioners that participated in our Ministry Fair. A special thanks to all the parishioners who brought treats to our celebration – the desserts were plentiful and delicious!

This was our second social subcommittee event – our first event celebrated our food pantries and food distribution volunteers – combined, over 250 parishioners have participated in our celebrations of our Catholic Faith. Look for future events in the new year!

Your Social Subcommittee



REMEMBER
the fallen.
HONOR
those who serve.
TEACH
our children the value of freedom.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Wreaths will be placed on veterans graves, December 14th in conjunction with National Wreaths Across America Program
 At: St. Peter's, St. John's, St. Mary's, Evergreen, Wright Settlement and Westernville Cemeteries

If you would like to purchase a \$17 wreath for a loved veteran, send your check to:
 "Wreaths Across America" in care of
 Tom Buono, P.O. Box 4444
 Utica, NY 13504

To volunteer helping place the wreaths,
 Email or call Tom at
 (tbuono3@roadrunner.com) 315-790-1402
 Please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org

THE MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

The Food Pantry is an all volunteer team that distributes free food to low and middle-income families from the mission office at 400 Floyd Ave. every Tuesday. If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, please call or text the Mission at 315-271-4849

November 19, 2024	
Families	98
Adults	139
Children	81
Seniors	25
Unique	9
Total Fed	254

Thanks to all the volunteers that staff the Mission Food Pantry each week and to all of the parishioners that generously support the Mission with food donations and financial contributions.

Altar Rosary Society

Religious Article Sale

December 7-8, 2024 after all Masses

Parish wide Christmas Party



**Thursday, December 12, 2024
 at the Franklin Hotel**



**Tickets will be available after all Masses on
 November 30/December 1 &
 December 7-8.**

Tickets are \$22.00 per person.

Menu

**Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable,
 baked ziti, salad, rolls, butter & coffee/tea.
 Desserts are welcomed.**

**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

DECEMBER

Mary Ellen Utter
 Diane Sjordahl

MERRY MAKERS

Winter Meetings

**December 11, January 8, February 12,
 and March 12**

6-9 pm

In St. Peter's Church Hall

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

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Mondays

5:00-6:00pm, St. Paul's Church

Tuesdays

5:00-6:00pm, St. Peter's Church

Followed by Benediction

Wednesdays

5:00-6:00pm, St. John the Baptist Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #391

112 Ridge Street Rome, New York

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The next business meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council #391 will take place on Thursday, December 12th at Council Hall, 112 Ridge Street, Rome. The meeting is at 7:00PM, preceded at about 6:30 by the Holy Rosary.

THE CHILD MUST KNOW THAT HE IS A MIRACLE, THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD THERE HASN'T BEEN, AND UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD THERE WILL NOT BE, ANOTHER CHILD LIKE HIM.
- PABLO CASALS



Defend Life



The Knights are looking for interested Catholic males over 18 to join and help us support our area churches and community. To learn more about the Knights, or to join on-line, go to kofc.org/join us and mention "Council 391". We will be automatically notified.

The faithful are encouraged to pray the Rosary, especially on the 22nd of each month, in thanksgiving for for the 'Dobbs' Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v Wade. Pray also for the success of continued efforts on behalf of the sanctity of human life. Please say this prayer to adopt spiritually an unborn child: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

- Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Knights of Columbus- Rome #391
P.O Box 4623, Rome NY 13440



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

DECEMBER INTENTION
FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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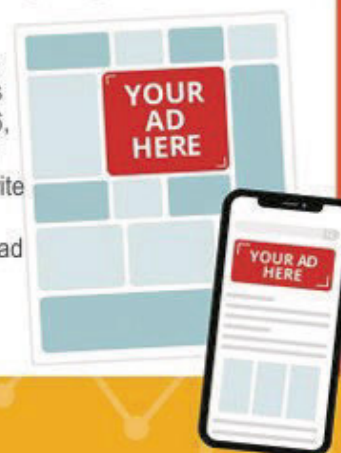
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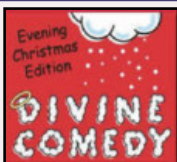
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GOOD NEWS LUNCHEON SERIES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

A stocking full of laughter and merriment from nationally distributed cartoonist, artist, author, and speaker Deacon Dan Reynolds. For the past 29 years, Dan has been a professional freelance cartoonist. His cartoon work is distributed nationally via American Greetings, Design Greeting, and other national greeting card companies. Presently he is a Deacon at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Homer, NY.

This presentation focuses on his Christmas humor: cartoons, jokes, stories, and other surprises. No one walks away without wearing a smile and a renewed sense that God loves us, yesterday, and ever-laughter!

\$15 per person or \$12 for 1992 Society Members. 300 Club Members are FREE.

Reservations are required by December 9th.

Please call the Good News Center at 315-735-6210.

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.



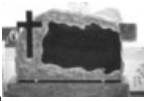


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