

*St. Peter's Parish  
Rome, New York  
December 22, 2024*

*Fourth Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 21, 2024 St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am **THE NEEDY SOULS IN PURGATORY** by John Goodman  
 5:00pm **CHARLIE SPROCK** by the Sprock Family \* **MARILYN PALINSKI** by Family

### Sunday, December 22, 2024 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am **MARY MEYERS-TAYLOR** (Anniv) by Family \* **THERESA LANIGAN** by Christopher Harper  
 10:00am **FORREST "RED" HOUSE** by Children \* **CARL J. MASSETT JR.** by Family  
**TERRI LANIGAN** by Jack and Ellie Destito  
 6:00pm **THE IZZO FAMILY** by their Estate

### Monday, December 23, 2024 St. John of Kanty, Priest

7:00am **PAULA AND DAVID JOHNSTON** by Family \* **STEPHEN PAUL GRANACKI** by Family

### Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve

7:00am **NO DAILY MASS**  
 5:00pm **CHRISTMAS VIGIL-PRO POPULO**

### Wednesday, December 25, 2024 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

12:00am **MIDNIGHT - FOR WORLD PEACE**  
 10:00am **PRO POPULO**  
 6:00pm **DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. PETER'S**

### Thursday, December 26, 2024 St. Stephen, First Martyr

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

### Friday, December 27, 2024 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00am **JOSEPH UTTER** (Anniv) by Sharon Hansen \* **FREMONT PLOPPER** by Family

### Saturday, December 28, 2024 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00am **IN MEMORY OF THE TWINS** by Grandma  
**FREDERICK D. GIFFORD SR.** (B'day) by Mark ad Patti Gifford  
 5:00pm **JAMES AND ELLEN DUNN AND SR. VIRGINIA DUNN, SNJM** by Family

### Sunday, December 29, 2024 THE HOLY FAMILY

8:00am **JACQUELINE BAYNES** by Family \* **MICHAEL J. KUNKEL** by Family  
 10:00am **CHRISTINE REID** (Anniv) by Family \* **VINCENZA CALCARA** by St. Peter's Choir  
 6:00pm **REV. FRANCIS P. YOUNG** (Anniv)

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

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

Michelle A.	Melissa Dunning	Agnes Koster	Jim Pekarski	Robert Smith
Barbara K. Acchino	Michael Eastup	Bill "Dobie" Link	Roger Perkins	Sharon Sprague
Georgie Amodio	Paul Eisinger	Michael Loso	Carol Piatt	Brian Stevens
Leonard Amodio	Beatrice Ferguson	Anne Lubecki	Datie Ponath	Kelly Stevens
Jayne Atwood	Judith Ann Fesner	Francis Lust	Nicoletta Powell	Lillian Stutmann
Carol B.	Diana Fowler	Karen Martin	Patrick Quinn	Blanche Sweatman
Patrick Bewick	Julianna Fusco	David, Liz, Mitzi	Kathleen Redden	Szpyrka Family
Marietta Booton	Lauri Fusco	Marcelletta	Bill Reese	Joshua Tomassi
Robert Brady	Joanne Gaffey	Geoff Marchione	Sally Reid	Anne Toepp
Jimmy Brognano	Nicole Gamble	Russell Marchione	Francine Riolo	Lori Trifeletti
James Brooks	Augusta Ginsburg	Amelia Mastrangelo	John Ritchie	Rylin Turley
Carla Cacciatori	Scott Ginsburg	Patti Mastrangelo	Kelly Homan Rodoski	Keith Utter
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Adam Carpenter	Gail Greene	Beverly Melioris	Fran Rose	Don Van Dreon
Kathy Chase	Kara Hawkins	Brian McQueen	Pat Rushford	Deborah Verminski
Annie Cimo	Denis Hartman	Sarah McQueen	Lisa Ryder	Francis Rosario Vitale
Sara Cosnett	Christine Hayden	Carol Misiaszek	Jacqueline Schachte	Vito Waterman
John Cordsen	Joshua Hedrington	Ann Moster	John Schachte	Lois White
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## St. Peter's Parish

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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  
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 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](http://www.smspfaith.com)  
 Email: [spcdre@twcny.rr.com](mailto:spcdre@twcny.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.

#### St. Peter's Cemetery

E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

#### St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty Street, Rome 315-336-3110

#### St. Peter's Weekly Collection

December 8, 2024

**Due to the Christmas Holiday, Collection Numbers for This Week will be posted in Next Week's Bulletin.**

#### St. Peter's Special Collections

December 15, 2024

**Due to the Christmas Holiday, Collection Numbers for This Week will be posted in Next Week's Bulletin.**

*Thank you for your support.*

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# FAITH FORMATION

## JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

December 22, 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 22nd  
NO CLASS

Monday Night Classes  
December 30th  
NO CLASS

Monday Night Classes  
December 23rd  
NO CLASS

2nd Year Confirmation  
December 29th  
NO CLASS

First Sacraments  
December 29th  
NO CLASS

OCIA  
Mondays  
6:00 PM  
NO CLASS on  
December 23rd

[www.smspfaith.com](http://www.smspfaith.com)

## CHRISTMAS 2024 MASS SCHEDULE

### St. Peter's

12/24 Christmas Eve - Mass at 5pm,  
Children's Nativity Pageant  
prior to Mass

12/25 Midnight Mass at 12am, with Choir

Christmas Day - Mass at 10am, with Choir  
Mass at 6pm

### St. Paul's

12/24 Christmas Eve - Mass at 4pm, with Choir  
singing at 3:30pm.

12/25 Christmas Day - Mass at 11am with  
Congregational singing with  
Organ accompaniment

### St. Joseph's

12/24 Christmas Eve - Mass at 4pm  
Mass at 10pm, with Choir  
singing at 9:30pm

12/25 Christmas Day - Mass at 9am

### St. John the Baptist

12/24 Christmas Eve - Mass at 4pm  
Mass at 10:00pm

12/25 Christmas Day - Mass at 10:30am

### St. Leo's

12/25 Christmas Day - Mass at 8:30am

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of December 22, 2024

FOR  
JACK CERJAN (Anniv)

By Daughter, Jean

## DECEMBER 2024 BAPTISMS



LILIANA VITALIAH DEGEORGE  
CLARE MARGARET DIXON  
EVAN MICHAEL POPOWSKI  
Congratulations and Welcome

**ST ALOYSIUS WILL BE OPEN TO WALKERS  
FOR THE WINTER.**

**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.**

## *Come and Join us for the St. Peter's Children's Nativity Pageant*



Our annual children's  
nativity pageant will  
take place at 5pm,  
just prior to the Vigil  
Mass on  
Christmas Eve.

ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE

## Diocesan Altar Server Celebration

All altar servers  
in the Diocese of Syracuse are invited to  
a Diocesan Altar Server Celebration  
to be recognized by the  
*Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia*  
Bishop of Syracuse  
for their service.

Parish clergy & staff,  
altar server coordinators  
& families are invited.  
Altar servers are asked  
to vest in their robes.

Procession,  
Daytime Prayer,  
Recognition,  
& Reception

Register at [vocations-syracuse.org](http://vocations-syracuse.org)  
by January 21, 2025

*Sunday, February 2nd at 2:30 pm*  
Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception  
Syracuse, NY

JUBILEE 2025  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE



**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 Sjodahl at 315-271-1881 or  
 dsjodahl@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

**DONATIONS**  
**MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD**

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**WILLIAM (CURLY) VAUGHN**

- By Mission of the Christ Child Volunteers,
- By Michael and Phyllis Schwartz,
- By Frank and Judith Lawruk

***Congratulations***



to Mary Ellen Utter,  
 recipient of this year's  
 Immaculata Award for  
 service to our  
 parish. Mary Ellen  
 received the  
 Immaculata award on  
 December 8th, at the  
 Cathedral of the  
 Immaculate  
 Conception, Syracuse.

Mary Ellen is a life long member of our parish, and  
 has volunteered for many years as a Eucharistic  
 Minister, Catechist, Coordinator of Jesus' Little  
 Friends and Altar Rosary Society Member. Pictured  
 (l-r) are Sr. Katie Eiffe (Mary Ellen's sister), Bishop  
 Douglas Lucia, Mary Ellen, and Fr. Sean O'Brien.

**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

**December 10, 2024**

<b>Families</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Unique</b>	<b>1</b>

**Total Fed 198**

*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**

***ARS breaks in January & February to  
 resume our activities in March, 2025.***

***Details of upcoming events to follow at a  
 later date.***

***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 Sjodahl

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**MERRY MAKERS**

**Winter Meetings**

***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**

**O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY**

Several parishioners asked about the prayer  
 Father Immanuel recites after communion. It can be  
 found in Breaking Bread, Hymn #343

**O Sacrament Most Holy .**

Father Immanuel repeats the refrain:

***O Sacrament most holy,  
 O Sacrament divine!  
 All praise and all thanksgiving  
 Be every moment thine.***

three times, followed by **The Glory Be.**

**PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS**

***Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.  
 Protect them as they protect us.  
 Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform  
 for us in our time of need, and give us peace. Amen.***



## **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, January 9th, 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](http://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

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

## **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

December 22, 2024: Fourth Sunday of Advent (LK 1:39-45)

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"

## **VETERANS** **WORSHIP**

The Good News Center  
10475 Cosby Manor Road Utica, NY 13502

The Good News Center is hosting a FREE, confidential and open to all servicemen and women a monthly Veterans 4 Worship fellowship group, the third Wednesday of the month from 6:00-7:30 PM. The group is facilitated by author of "Camouflage Christian" and retired Army Chief Warrant Officer 4, Richard Smith. The group provides a source of spiritual, mental, physical and emotional support.

We ask you to please register by calling  
The Good News Center at 315-735-6210.

January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16 ...

## **THE GOODNEWS CENTER**

10475 Cosby Manor Rd  
Utica, New York  
*Presents*

*Theology Uncorked*

*A gathering of conversation for the believers, the curious and the skeptics.*

## **AN INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION**

Thursday, January 15, 2025  
6:15 –8:00 PM

Hart's Hill Inn, Whitesboro, NY

We welcome area clergy Rev. Carol Jubenville, Father Joseph Salerno, Rabbi Stephen Galiley and Pastor Adam Coombs. In the spirit of oneness and celebrating hope in the new year, our panel will talk about how we are more similar than different. Have your questions ready for a great night of discussion.

Reservations required by January 13, 2025.

Please Call The Good News Center at 315-735-6210.

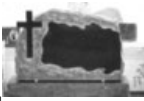


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