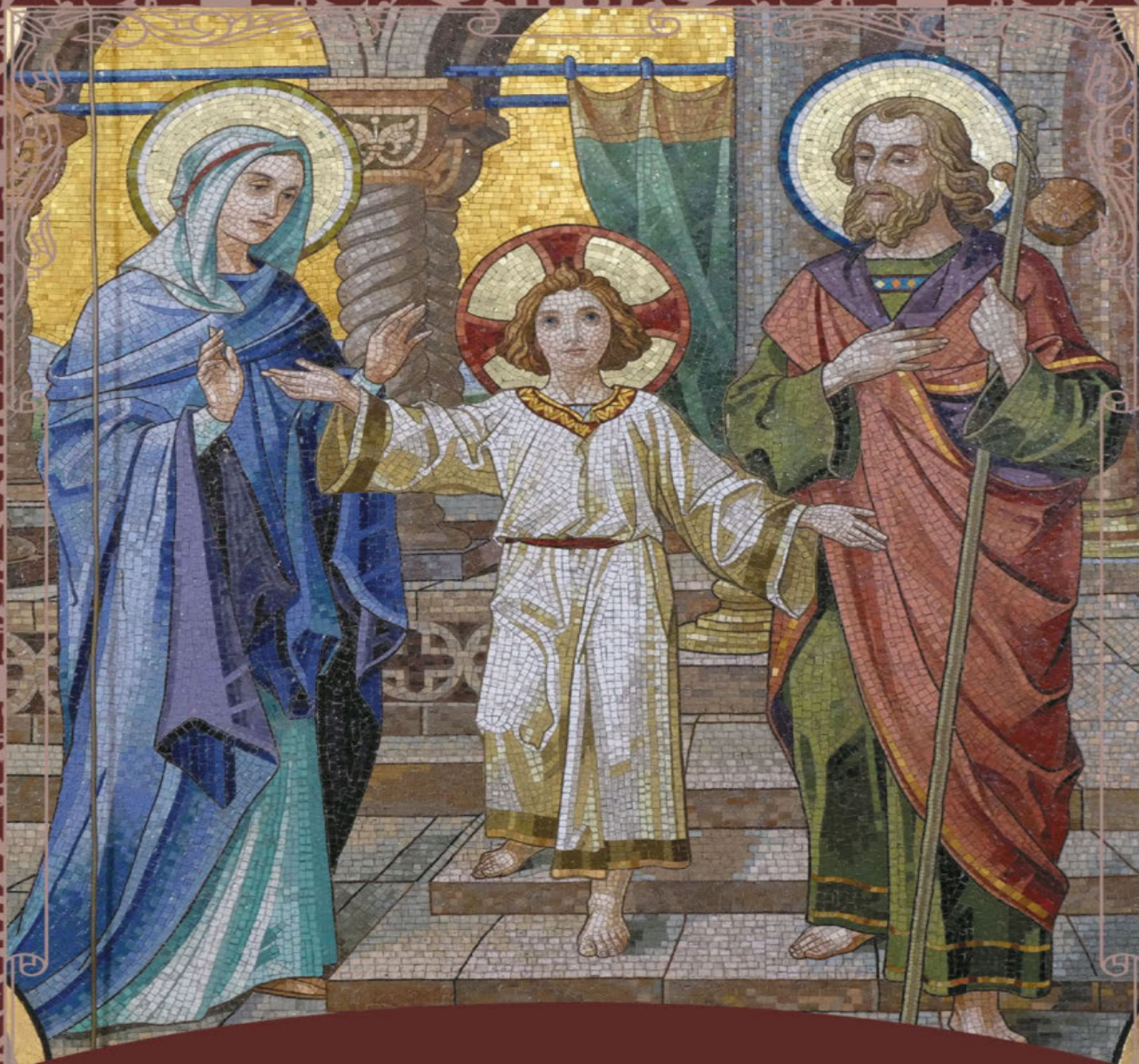


*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
December 29, 2024*



• THE HOLY FAMILY •

**FEAST OF
THE HOLY FAMILY**

MASS INTENTIONS

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 SISTER VIRGINIA DUNN, SNJM** by Family

Sunday, December 29, 2024 THE HOLY FAMILY

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

Monday, December 30, 2024

7:00am **WILLIAM (CURLY) VAUGHN** by The Mission of the Christ Child Volunteers

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

7:00am **ALINDA GOODMAN AND CHILDREN** by John Goodman

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00am **PRO POPULO**

Thursday, January 2, 2025 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

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

Friday, January 3, 2025 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00am **BILL RUANE** by The Sprock Family
NEEDY SOULS IN PURGATORY by John Goodman

Saturday, January 4, 2025 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00am **IRV STONE** (Anniv) by Richard Ondrako
 5:00pm **LARRY CORDSEN** by John and Arlene Cordsen * **KAREN SIMONS** by John and Arlene Giarrusso
KEVIN AUSTIN by Ladamon Allamon

Sunday, January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am **ERNIE AND CHRIS** by Deborah Lisberg
PATRICIA ZELLER & DANIEL SMITH (For Healing) by Jessica Zeller Aldrich
 10:00am **ELINOR AND SAVANAH KELLOGG** by Pat (Sister) and Mark Gifford
 6:00pm **GEORGE GOODMAN SR.** by John Goodman

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

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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 December 15, 2024

Cash and Envelopes	\$11,701.34
Electronic/Online	\$1,641.36
Total	\$13,342.70

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 December 15, 2024

Immaculate Conception	\$276.00
Cathedraticum	\$63.00
Fuel	\$135.00
Flowers	\$270.00

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 29, 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 29th
NO CLASS**

**Monday Night Classes
December 30th
NO CLASS**

**First Sacraments
January 5th
Parents Session w/Children
9:00-9:50 AM**

www.smspfaith.com

**Monday Night Classes
January 6th**

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

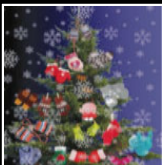
**2nd Year Confirmation
January 5th**

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

**OCIA
Mondays
6:00 PM**



*Many Thanks
to those who donated to the Joey
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and Underwear placed under the Giving
Tree.*



*The Staff and Clergy of
St. Peter's Church
wish everyone a very
Blessed and Happy New Year!*

ST ALOYSIUS WILL BE OPEN TO WALKERS FOR THE WINTER.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of December 29, 2024

FOR

NATALIE SZPYRKA

By Laura and Jeff Mack



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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

December 29, 2024: Holy Family (LK 2:41-52)

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

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

Fran Rose

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*

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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

DONATIONS
MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

**IN MEMORY OF
DAVID BOVI**

By Margaret Bovi

WINTER PARKING ON PARK STREET



We are asking you, for your safety, to **NOT park along the church building side of Park Street.** With the winter season upon us, snow and ice falling from the roof has a potential to hit and damage your vehicle or even yourself!!

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 17, 2024

Families	94
Adults	130
Children	72
Seniors	32
Unique	6

Total Fed 240

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.



Joint Parish Planning

“Creating One New Parish for All”

Spotlight on:

The Social Subcommittee

What is the mission of the Social Subcommittee?

The mission of the Social Subcommittee is to Cultivate a Community Coming Together – To Welcome, Revitalize, Engage, Guide, Serve and Nurture our Parish families.

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

Our goal is to focus on bringing parishioners together as we become one parish family. Through a series of coordinated events, we will facilitate get togethers which recognize our shared Catholic mission. Our first event celebrated our joint mission to feed the hungry. Over 100 members of our parishes gathered to recognize our mission and celebrate our fellow parishioners and volunteers. On Sunday November 17th, we celebrated our various Parish organizations at a ministry fair at St. Paul's community center. One hundred fifty parishioners attended and learned about the thirty (30) organizations in our five (5) Parishes. We will continue to facilitate joint events in the new year.

What is the strategy for achieving these goals?

An important part of our strategy is the inclusive nature of our subcommittee – the social subcommittee is composed of parishioners from all five (5) churches. The inclusive representation allows us to focus on joint events facilitating a community coming together. The structure also ensures that we are aware of individual church events which we can promote to other churches.

What are the challenges and how are they being addressed?

The concept of a single Parish with multiple physical sites, churches, is new to our Catholic community. This new structure represents a major change that can lead to unintentional miscommunication. Our biggest challenge is ensuring that we accurately and transparently communicate our mission to facilitate joint events amongst the churches; we do not replace unique social events associated with individual churches. Our inclusive membership ensures that this message is communicated directly by the subcommittee members to their individual churches and through the communications subcommittee.

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

Overall, we are pleased with our first few months as a subcommittee. Our inclusive structure has given us a broad perspective on all the organizations within our Catholic community and we have successfully planned two joint events. We originally anticipated three (3) joint events: (1) a celebration of all our food insecurity volunteers; (2) a ministry fair; and (3) a music related event. With the Christmas season approaching we have had to postpone a music ministry focused event until 2025.

(This information is current as of December 7, 2024)



Joint Parish Planning

“Creating One New Parish for All”

Spotlight on:

The Communications Subcommittee

What is the mission of the Communications Subcommittee?

The mission of the Communications Subcommittee is to establish and execute a procedure that increases understanding of the Joint Parish Planning process by achieving transparency and reducing miscommunication. The primary objective of this Subcommittee is to ensure that **“everyone receives exactly the same information in the same format at the same time.”**

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

To achieve our mission, the Subcommittee members first performed a survey to identify how each Parish provides information to its parishioners and the points of contact responsible in each Parish. Once we determined that the bulletin was the only consistent communication method, we developed a communications strategy and shared that with the Joint Parish Council Members, the Clergy, and the Parish bulletin points of contact. The subcommittee is working to continuously improve information flow during the Joint Parish Planning process and lay the foundation for strong communications once the new Parish is in place.

What is the strategy for achieving these goals?

- The subcommittee created, implemented, and communicated a process for the development and distribution of **all** information in a timely manner.
- We did an assessment to identify the communication methods utilized by each of the five (5) Parishes and determined the only method regularly used by all is the Bulletin. We verified the point of contact and the publication deadlines for including items in each Parish Bulletin. Members also identified focal points for other methods of communication that are available in each Parish should we choose to use those in the future.
- A logo and color scheme were adopted to distinguish any information related to Joint Parish Planning.
- A representative of the subcommittee attended each Town Hall meeting and provided a summary for publication.
- Minutes from all Joint Parish Councils meetings would be prepared and published.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) columns would be published throughout the planning process to provide the most current information on the process and work of the subcommittees.
- Work to implement other channels of communication through a website or other social media platforms.
- Gather requirements for a new website and other social media platforms for the new Parish.
- Meet regularly to assess progress and effectiveness.

What are the challenges and how are they being addressed?

Frequent and open communication is critical to eliminate a feeling of exclusion and facilitate acceptance among all the parishioners. Ensuring that all information shared is current, accurate, consistent, and timely is vital. At each Joint Parish Councils meeting the subcommittee provides a report of progress and addresses any questions the members have regarding the process for preparing and disseminating information. The transition to a new Parish is an evolutionary and complex process. Keeping everyone appropriately informed as decisions are made while working within bulletin publication deadlines is a challenge. An on-line repository of all information that has been published since the start of this process has been created using St. Peter’s website to allow additional access to all parishioners, especially those that may not be bulletin readers or have missed a publication.

What is the status of achieving your goals and providing your recommendations to the Joint Parish Councils?

The Communications process has been successfully employed. All Town Hall Meeting summaries have been published along with minutes from all Joint Parish Councils meetings. Four (4) FAQ Columns have been published along with several bulletin announcements from other subcommittees. The on-line repository is also in place. A requirements survey for the new website is being developed.

(This information is current as of December 10, 2024)

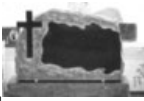


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