

*St. Peter's Parish  
Rome, New York  
January 5, 2025*



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.  
- Mt 2:10

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, January 4, 2025 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

8:00am **IRV STONE** (Anniv) by Richard Ondrako  
 5:00pm **LARRY CORNSEN** by John and Arlene Cordsen  
**KAREN SIMONS** by John 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

**Monday, January 6, 2025 St. André Bessette, Religious**

7:00am **CANIA SABIA** (58th Anniv) by Children  
**FAMILY OF FLOYD AND DOROTHY EDDY GIFFORD** by James Gifford

**Tuesday, January 7, 2025 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

7:00am **CARLY AND JAKE POHL** (2nd Wedding Anniv)

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

9:00am **NORMA PLOPPER** by Family

**Thursday, January 9, 2025**

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

**Friday, January 10, 2025**

7:00am **THE IZZO FAMILY** by their Estate

**Saturday, January 11, 2025**

8:00am **MSGR. ROBERT A. CASEY** (Anniv)  
 5:00pm **CHRIS HANSEN** (B'day) by Sharon Hansen

**Sunday, January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00am **KEVIN AUSTIN** by Ruth Ann Abel  
 10:00am **FRANK J. COSTELLO** (Anniv) by Family  
**JOAN HERR** by Jack and Joan Harper  
 6:00pm **ALINDA GOODMAN AND CHILDREN** 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.stmarvsspeters.com](http://www.stmarvsspeters.com).**

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

Michelle A.	Fr. Harold Dunn	Ted Kehoe	Rachel Pawlikowski	Freja Emily Simpson-
Barbara K. Acchino	Barry Dunning	Jennie Kemp	Barbara Pazdur	Spencer
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## St. Peter's Parish

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 Rome, New York 13440  
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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  
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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 22, 2024

Cash and Envelopes	\$10,130.00
Electronic/Online	\$1,537.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,667.51</b>

#### St. Peter's Special Collections December 22, 2024

Immaculate Conception	\$116.00
Flowers	\$111.00
Fuel	\$73.00
Mission of the Christ Child	\$423.00

Thank you for your support.

#### HELP US GROW WITH ELECTRONIC GIVING

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# FAITH FORMATION

## JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

January 5, 2025, 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**  
**January 5th**  
 Parents Session w/Children  
 9:00-9:50 AM

**Monday Night Classes**  
**January 13th**  
 Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM  
 Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

**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 & 12th**  
 4:30 PM Dinner,  
 5:00 PM Class,  
 6:00 PM Mass

**First Sacraments**  
**January 12th**  
 9:00-9:50 AM

**OCIA**  
**Mondays**  
 6:00 PM

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

## 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.

## GIVING STATEMENT FOR 2024

If you would like your giving statement for 2024 please fill out the following form below:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

To receive statement via email:

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the office via mail, e-mail, or collection basket.

*We do not give out addresses and/or phone numbers.  
They are for office use only.*

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of January 5, 2025

FOR  
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
MARCOCCIA FAMILY

By Family



*From the Pastor,  
 Thank you for the many cards this  
 Christmas. I appreciate the  
 thoughtfulness and kindness. As we  
 begin 2025, let us walk in faith, as  
 a family of faith together.  
 God Bless & Happy New Year*

*Rev. J. P. O'Brien*

## TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO PRAY

Kids will enjoy learning through simple rhymes while adults will also benefit from the solid truth in God's promises.



**Hold my hand, God, lead the way, Help me be  
 good every day. Let me know what's wrong and  
 right, keep me safe day and night, Let me know what  
 you have planned, Lead the way God, hold my hand.  
 Amen**

## 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.*



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

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

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**WILLIAM (CURLY) VAUGHN**

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**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!!!

**VETERANS 4 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 ...

**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**

**JANUARY**

Fran Rose

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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**

**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 24, 2024**

<b>Families</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Unique</b>	<b>7</b>

**Total Fed 119**

*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.*

## **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](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)

### **JANUARY INTENTION** **FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

January 5, 2025: Epiphany (MT 2:1-12)

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

**ST ALOYSIUS WILL BE OPEN TO WALKERS  
FOR THE WINTER.  
PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.**

### **A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their  
choices.  
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we  
may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters  
in need.  
May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world. Amen.

## **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.

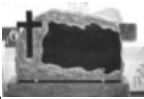


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