

*St. Peter's Parish  
Rome, New York  
February 2, 2025*



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the  
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, February 1, 2025 BVM**

- 8:00am **JOAN AND ED HERR** by the Giovanni Libertella Family  
**FRANCES ROTOLO** (Anniv) by Steve and Michele Granacki  
 5:00pm **FRANK P. PERAINO** by Jeff and Colleen Weidenfeller  
**VIRGINIA V. GILBERT** (20th Anniv) by Son Jeffrey and Daughter-in-law, Lori

**Sunday, February 2, 2025 The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life**

- 8:00am **JAMES A. HARPER, JR.** by Christopher M. Harper \* **KEVIN AUSTIN** by Liz  
 10:00am **WAYNE B. AND WAYNE T. NEISS** by Patti and Mark Gifford  
**EDWIN HERR** by Jack and Joan Harper  
 6:00pm **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim \* **JAMES A. PALITTI, SR** (Anniv) by Palitti and Evanciew Families

**Monday, February 3, 2025 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop**

- 7:00am **BEVERLY MELIORIS** by Mike and Colleen Dunn

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

- 7:00am **RITA STONE** by Mission of the Christ Child Volunteers \* **CLARENCE INGERSOLL** by Family

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

- 7:00am **LOUISE BLANKENSHIP** by Margaret Bovi

**Thursday, February 6, 2025 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

- 7:00am **NO MASS**

**Friday, February 7, 2025**

- 7:00am **LORRAINE UTTER** (B'day) by Sharon Hansen \* **CLARENCE INGERSOLL** by Family

**Saturday, February 8, 2025 St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM**

- 8:00am **MARIE T. DIXON** by The Giovanni Libertella Family  
**FREDERICK A. RAHMER, SR** (Anniv) by Elouise, Genevieve, and Rosie  
 5:00pm **MICHAEL AND DORIS PALINSKI** by Family  
**FRANK P. PERAINO** by Judy Destito

**Sunday, February 9, 2025 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day**

- 8:00am **JOHN AND VINNIE HEDRINGTON** by Jake and Carly Pohl  
**ROY AUSTIN, JR.** (Anniv) by Loving Family  
 10:00am **ELAINE BILLMAN** by Sister, Pat and Mark Gifford \* **MOE HERBST** by the Giovanni Libertella Family  
 6:00pm **ZACHARIAH EDWARD MICHAEL DUFFY** by Crystal D'Ambrosi \* **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim

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

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

Michelle A.	Fr. Harold Dunn	Ted Kehoe	Barbara Pazdur	Robert Smith
Barbara K. Acchino	Barry Dunning	Jennie Kemp	Jim Pekarski	Sharon Sprague
Georgie Amodio	Melissa Dunning	Agnes Koster	Carol Piatt	Brian Stevens
Leonard Amodio	Michael Eastup	Bill "Dobie" Link	Datie Ponath	Kelly Stevens
Jayne Atwood	Paul Eisinger	Michael Loso	Nicoletta Powell	Lillian Stutmann
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Patrick Bewick	Diana Fowler	Karen Martin	Bill Reese	Anne Toepp
Robert Brady	Julianna Fusco	David, Liz, Mitzi	Sally Reid	Lori Trifeletti
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Kathy Chase	Josh Gold	Marybeth Matyasik	Pat Rushford	Francis Rosario Vitale
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Sara Cosnett	Kara Hawkins	Sarah McQueen	Jacqueline Schachte	Lois White
John Cordsen	Denis Hartman	Carol Misiaszek	John Schachte	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
William Cramer	Christine Hayden	Ann Moster	Brian Schilling	Ellie Wood
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Melody Darrow	Billy Jo Hildenbrandt	Beverly Nasci	Jean Sereno	John Wright
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George DeFabio	Jesse Johnson	Debbie Pacicca	Alexander Simpson	
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Denise Dunn	Megan Jones	Rachel Pawlikowski	Spencer	



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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)  
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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 January 26, 2025

Cash and Envelopes	\$10,244.00
Electronic/Online	\$1,943.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,187.43</b>

#### 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 January 26, 2025

Make-Ups	\$150.00
Fuel	\$2,529.00
Mission of the Christ Child	\$200.00

January 28, 2025 Mission Numbers will be included next week.

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

February 2, 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**  
**February 2nd**  
9:00-9:50 AM

**Monday Night Classes**  
**February 3rd**  
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM  
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

**First Sacraments**  
**February 9th**  
9:00-9:50 AM

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**Monday Night Classes**  
**February 10th**  
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM  
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

**2nd Year Confirmation**  
**February 2nd**  
4:30 PM Dinner,  
5:00 PM Class,  
6:00 PM Mass

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February: A Walk Through the Mass** by Jeff Cavins  
**February: The Coffee Pot** will be making a return in February, open for new questions.



Put any question you have about our faith and traditions in the coffee pot at the back of St. Peter's Church or email to:  
**JULMCC5197@aol.com**  
during the month of **February**.

Fr. Immanuel will have answer nights on **Wednesdays, March 19th and 26th at 6:30pm** at St. Aloysius. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

## FEBRUARY 2025 BAPTISMS

GAIUS ANDREW CAPOCCIA-PEGUES  
SARAPHINE PATRICIA CAPOCCIA-PEGUES  
IAN DAVID ROBBINS  
AURORA ELIZABETH ROLGER



Congratulations and Welcome



The Holy Father announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis.

**Pilgrims of Hope Solemn Vespers with Benediction** In observance of Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope, we will have Solemn Vespers with Benediction, at St. Peter's Church, once a month on the following Fridays at 5:30pm:

**February 21, May 23rd, June 20, July 18, August 22, September 19, October 24, November 21.**

**There will not be Solemn Vespers during Lent**

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of February 2, 2025

FOR  
RICH CANFIELD

By St. Peter's Staff



# FINDING THE ONE

REBUILDING THE BRIDGE & WELCOMING THEM HOME

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025  
9 AM - 3 PM  
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More to Follow



## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

An adult education session will be given by Fr O'Brien on Tuesday February 4th at 6:30pm, St Aloysius Parish Center. Topics will include the Political Climate and the Church. Refreshments will be provided.

## 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

FEBRUARY

Tina Brognano and Mary Wahl

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## MERRY MAKERS

### Winter Meetings

*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



**Joint Parish Planning**  
*"Creating One New Parish for All"*

**Spotlight On:**  
**The Facilities and Cemetery Subcommittee**

As the planning progresses toward forming our new Parish, developing a strategy for utilizing, managing, and maintaining all our properties and facilities to include our cemeteries is a critical component of the transition. Our focus in this column is the Facilities and Cemetery Subcommittee that has been assigned this important task.

**What is the mission of your Subcommittee?**

The mission of this subcommittee is multifaceted. First, to develop an inventory of all the properties, facilities, and equipment that make up each of the existing Parishes and cemeteries in Rome, Lee Center, and Holland Patent. Second, to assess their overall condition, utilization, maintenance, and management requirements. Third, to identify the current staff positions and job responsibilities in each facility to determine any similar and unique capabilities. Finally, develop a recommendation for the most cost effective and efficient use, management, maintenance, and staffing necessary for the smooth operation of all aspects our new Parish and its cemeteries.

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

To accomplish our mission a thorough survey of all properties and facilities at every location to include the cemeteries was conducted to develop a complete inventory of the equipment, condition, utilization, and maintenance needs, as well as the current staffing and an understanding of their job responsibilities. Our goal was to develop a recommended strategy and staffing plan to optimize the utilization of our existing facilities, provide an appropriate level of management and adequate maintenance and repair.

**What is your strategy for achieving your goals?**

Members of the subcommittee conducted walkthroughs of all the facilities with the individuals currently responsible for maintaining them. The results of these walkthroughs were discussed at subcommittee meetings where strategies for blending and sharing staff, providing routine maintenance, and performing all the tasking needed to keep each facility and cemetery operating cost effectively and efficiently. Staffing information was provided to the Finance Subcommittee to assist in their mission.

**What challenges are you facing and how are you addressing them?**

To keep the four (4) cemeteries operating cost effectively and efficiently, common hours of operation, and opening and closing dates need to be established. Currently, only one individual, employed at St. John's cemetery, has been handling all cemetery responsibilities. Additional staffing needs to be recruited and hired prior to the opening of the cemeteries on April 1, 2025, along with an overall manager to oversee operations and schedule staffing. This presents a challenge since our new Parish will not be incorporated until July 2025.

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

Our walkthroughs have been completed, and the subcommittee has had several meetings to discuss results and possible strategies. A facilities manager is needed to oversee all facilities at all locations. One option is instituting a floating crew of 2 people to be assigned by the facilities manager wherever needed. Appointing a separate manager for the operation of the cemeteries is also an option. Proposals are still being discussed, and decisions are pending.

*(This information is current as of January 22, 2025.)*



**Joint Parish Planning**  
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**Spotlight On:**  
**The Finance Subcommittee**

In our ongoing series introducing each of the subcommittees of the Joint Parish Councils who are working to create a successful transition to our new joint Parish, our focus in this column is the Finance Subcommittee.

**What is the mission of your Subcommittee?**

The mission of this subcommittee is to look at ways to save money by reducing expenses and how to make money by hosting a variety of fundraisers as we merge into our new Parish effective July 1st. Our combined Parish Trustees will take care of delicate matters that require discretion and review parish bank accounts and financial investment opportunities.

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

Our major goals are determining the number of employees that work for each parish and their job responsibilities. The goal is to merge staff where applicable and ensure that the appropriate level of staff is available to perform all the required duties and tasks. Secondly, the subcommittee will review all the various operational purchases and contracts associated with each parish to save expenses where applicable.

**What is your strategy for achieving your goals?**

We have asked and received from the Diocese, parish financial statements for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. We are comparing them to the individual parish budgets for the same period. The result will be to get a better understanding of total revenues and expenses from all five churches. This information will prove valuable for developing a new, realistic budget for the newly merged parish. Currently, the target date for completion of the merger is July 1, 2025. Under New York State law, the combined churches and the cemeteries must have separate budgets. All church collections will be deposited into one church savings account. All church expenses will be paid from one church checking account.

**What challenges are you facing and how are you addressing them?**

The amount of information that the subcommittee needs to collect and analyze is tremendous. Each member of our subcommittee has shared ideas on saving money as well as raising money. The subcommittee has provided Father O'Brien with a list of employees from each parish with their job duties. Father O'Brien will review this information with Father Paul Angelicchio and Father Bob Kelly. We have also developed a list of potential fundraisers and savings ideas for the Church Trustees once Father O'Brien has directed us to do so.

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

Our subcommittee held our last meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> and meeting minutes were prepared and disseminated to the Joint Parish Councils membership. Future meetings will be scheduled as required.

*(This information is current as of January 15, 2025.)*

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

February 2, 2025: The Presentation of the Lord  
 (LK 2:22-40)

Family life provides opportunities to grow in holiness. We are never perfect on this side of Heaven. Each of us has areas that could be presented to the Lord for purification. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your family in finding those areas and offering them to God.



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)

**FEBRUARY INTENTION**  
**FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**  
**AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. .

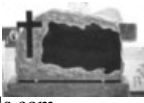


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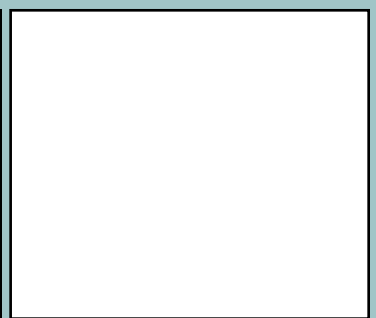
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