

*St. Peter's Parish  
Rome, New York  
February 23, 2025*



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will be given to you.”  
- Lk 6:38

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, February 22, 2025 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

8:00am **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim  
 5:00pm **OTTO J. PANARA** by The Altar Rosary Society

**Sunday, February 23, 2025 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am **RICHARD CANFIELD** by Ann and Roger Mellen  
 10:00am **POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY** by Patti and Mark Gifford  
**ED HERR** by Jack and Ellie Destito  
 6:00pm **LORNA KAIER** by their Estate  
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF FRANK B. AND NELLIE KAIER FAMILY** by their Estate

**Monday, February 24, 2025**

7:00am **JOYCE ARMITAGE** by Family

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

7:00am **KATHY DESTITO** (For Healing) by The Frank Destito Family  
**MARIAN NILES** by Bob, Kim and Marlee

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

7:00am **MR. AND MRS WALTER STINEBRICKER AND JOSEPH ESCHE** by their Estate

**Thursday, February 27, 2025 St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

8:00am **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
 9:00am **ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

**Friday, February 28, 2025**

8:00am **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
 9:00am **ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

**Saturday, March 1, 2025 BVM**

8:00am **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim  
 5:00pm **ROSE MATTIA** by Faith Formation

**Sunday, March 2, 2025 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am **KEVIN AUSTIN** by Liz  
 10:00am **PATTI GIFFORD** (For Healing) by Patti and Mark Gifford  
**JOAN WILLIAMS** by John and Jodi Hedrington  
 6:00pm **PRO POPULO**

**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.	Denise Dunn	Megan Jones	Clair Papademetrious	Freja Emily Simpson-
Barbara K. Acchino	Fr. Harold Dunn	Ted Kehoe	Rachel Pawlikowski	Spencer
Georgie Amodio	Barry Dunning	Jennie Kemp	Barbara Pazdur	Robert Smith
Leonard Amodio	Melissa Dunning	Agnes Koster	Jim Pekarski	Sharon Sprague
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Carol B.	Paul Eisinger	Michael Loso	Datie Ponath	Kelly Stevens
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Robert Brady	Diana Fowler	Karen Martin	Kathleen Redden	Joshua Tomassi
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James Brooks	Lauri Fusco	Marcelletta	Sally Reid	Lori Trifeletti
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Lorayne Calicchia	Nicole Gamble	Russell Marchione	John Ritchie	Keith Utter
Mary Carmody	Augusta Ginsburg	Amelia Mastrangelo	Kelly Homan Rodoski	Larry Utter
Laurie Carey	Scott Ginsburg	Patti Mastrangelo	Catherine Roman	Fr. Corey VanBuren
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Kathy Chase	Josh Gold	Marybeth Matyasik	Fran Rose	Deborah Verminski
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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  
**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](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 February 16, 2025

Cash and Envelopes	\$7,836.70
Electronic/Online	\$1,707.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,543.75</b>

#### St. Peter's Special Collections February 16, 2025

Mission	\$254.00
Fuel	\$125.00
Catholic Schools	\$65.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$40.00

Thank you for your support.

#### HELP US GROW WITH ELECTRONIC GIVING

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# FAITH FORMATION

## JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

February 23, 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 23rd**  
9:00-9:50 AM

**Monday Night Classes**  
**February 24th**  
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM  
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

**First Sacraments**  
**March 2nd**  
9:00-9:50 AM

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

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

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

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



**St. Peter's along with St. John's, St. Joseph's, St. Paul's and St. Leo's**

**are on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive!**

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS!

Opening on Ash Wednesday, parishioners will have a chance to Complete the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey**. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities.

Share your perspective now to help strengthen our parish and better prepare Sacred Heart for the future!

## 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.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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](mailto: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.**

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of February 23, 2025

**FOR**  
**JANET SCHISLER**

By Jean and Dave Bauer



## Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Solemn Vespers with Benediction

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 5:00PM  
Solemn Vespers,  
followed by Benediction – 5:30PM

Upcoming dates:

May 23rd

June 20

July 18

August 22

September 19

October 24

November 21

**There will not be Solemn Vespers during Lent, due to Stations of the Cross**

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:00 am St. Peter's Church

8:00 am St. Leo's and St. Ann's Church

9:00 am St. Joseph's Church

12:10 pm St. Peter's Church

12:15 pm St. John's Church

5:30 pm St. Paul's Church

5:30 pm St. John's Church

6:00 pm St. Peter's Church

## GIVING STATEMENT FOR 2024

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

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

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

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To receive statement via email:

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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.*

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

By David Nolan

*The CNY Sportsman Show 2025*

for outdoor enthusiasts will be held

March 1st from 9-4  
Verona Fire Department Event Hall,  
Volunteer Ave, Verona.

Adults \$7, 10 and under free.

The family show features outdoor businesses and clubs, seminars, authors, live animals, and mount displays.

For more information call  
Holy Cross Academy at 315-363-1669 or  
visit [holycrossacademy.com](http://holycrossacademy.com).

***THE BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS***

*Will be held, Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30  
at the St. Aloysius Center*

All are welcome to come listen to the DVDs

*Please check the website or FB for cancellations*



**FINDING  
THE ONE**

**REBUILDING THE BRIDGE & WELCOMING THEM HOME**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025  
9 AM - 3 PM  
HOLY CROSS CHURCH, DEWITT**

It's no secret, the fastest growing population in our Church, sadly, are those who have left the Church. These may include our grown children, a spouse, a parent or grandparent, another relative or a close friend. No generation has been immune from this departure.

Let's turn our sadness into HOPE by taking a deep dive into understanding that God works through everyone - including YOU - to act as His hand, open and outstretched, to meet people where they are, ready to listen to their story, joyfully prepared for an encounter with our sisters and brothers who have left, to welcome them home.

Sponsored by the Office of Adult & Ministerial Formation

*If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away,  
will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?  
-Matthew 18:12*



Questions? Contact Dr. Jeff Dixe  
[jdixe@syrdio.org](mailto:jdixe@syrdio.org)



**Altar Rosary Society**



***SAVE THE DATE***

for our annual St. Patrick's Day /  
St. Joseph's Day parish wide  
dinner catered by Eddie's.



Date: Thursday, March 13th  
Time: 6pm in our parish hall  
Details to follow.

*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  
Mary Wahl**

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**MERRY MAKERS**

**Winter Meeting**

**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

**February 18, 2025**

<b>Families</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Unique</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Fed</b>	<b>89</b>

***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, March 13th, at Council Hall, 112 Ridge Street, Rome. The meeting is at 7:00 PM, 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/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) 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 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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P.O Box 4623, Rome NY 13440

**Wanted: Volunteers at Mother Marianne's Soup Kitchen & Boutique St. Joseph and St. Patrick Church 702 Columbia St. Utica, NY**

**Volunteers are needed:**

**Mondays** in the boutique assisting guests picking out clothes and other items.

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** in the soup kitchen with food preparation, serving and greeting guests, cleanup, and security.

**Other days** in sorting and organizing donations and a volunteer licensed hairstylist to cut hair one Monday of every month from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

**For more info, visit [mmwsk.org](http://mmwsk.org).**



**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. .

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

February 23, 2025: Sixth Sunday (LK 6:27-38)

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

**FEBRUARY 2025 BAPTISMS**



**IAN DAVID ROBBINS**  
**AURORA ELIZABETH ROLGER**

**Congratulations and Welcome**

St. John the Baptist/Transfiguration Marian Guild's

**Bunco**  
**Sunday, March 9, 2025**



Games begin promptly @ 1:00pm Refreshments  
Doors open @ 12:30pm Door prizes  
\$10.00 per Ticket

Tickets available by calling  
Kathy @ 315-571-6149 Or Carlene @ 315-527-3455

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

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

**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!!!

**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.



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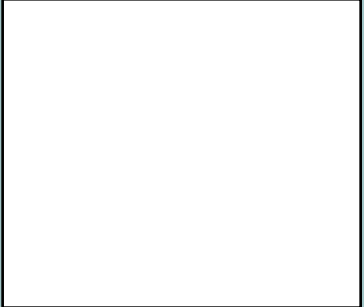
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