



***St. Mary's /St. Peter's Parish***  
***200 N. James Street***  
***Rome, New York 13440***  
**Pastor: Father Sean P. O'Brien**

***September 5, 2021***



**St. Peter's Church**  
200 N. James Street  
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**Office Hours:**

Monday \* Tuesday  
Thursday \* Friday  
9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-4:00pm  
Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Faith Formation**

**Office 315-336-5066**

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

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**Parochial Vicar: Father Bernard Menard**  
**Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher**  
**Pastoral Associate: Laura Mack**

**St. Mary's Oratory**  
210 W. Liberty Street  
**315-336-5072**

**St. Peter's Cemetery**  
E. Dominick Street  
**315-337-8307**  
**St. Mary's Cemetery**  
W. Liberty Street  
**315-336-3110**

## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 4, 2021 Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary (Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5)**8:00am **SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S/ST.PETER'S PARISH**5:00pm **DAVID ANDERSON** (4th Anniv) by Wife & Children \* **RUTH MILLER** (Birthday) by Daughter, Kathy**Sunday, September 5, 2021 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37)**7:30am **JOHN MARTIN** (1st Anniv) by Fred & Family**PHIL MURPHY** by Jackie & John DeMare & Sister Rosaire Anne DeMare10:00am **JOHN F. KELLY** by Family \* **CARL W. KRUMBACH** by Steve and Pam Hunt**JOHN MASSETT** by Jeanette Reid6:00pm **JOSEPH M. FOLEY** by Fred & Monica Peek**Monday, September 6, 2021 Labor Day (Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11)**7:00am **PATRICIA NANN-McLEAN** (Anniv) by Sister \* **JOHN RITCHIE** (Healing) by Holly Mann**Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Weekday (Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19)**7:00am **DOROTHY FERLO** (Anniv) by Dorothea & Paul Iselo**MARY PAT ROBERTS-SCOTT** (Birthday) by Family**Wednesday, September 8, 2021 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)**7:00am **FATHER GUY BACCARO** by Kathy Miller \* **MARTIN SIMONS** (Anniv) by Mom**Thursday, September 9, 2021 Saint Peter Claver, Priest (Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38)**7:00am **JOAN & JIM DUNN** (60th Wedding Anniv—Living) by Family**Friday, September 10, 2021 Weekday (1Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42)**7:00am **JOHN MASSETT** by James & Mary Margaret VanDamme**Saturday, September 11, 2021 Weekday/Blessed Virgin Mary (1Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49)**8:00am **BOB ROOD** by Mom \* **ANTOINETTE & MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim Ocuto5:00pm **JOSEPH IZZO, SR** (Wedding Anniv) by Wife, Carol \* **MARILYN PALINSKI** by Family**LORRAINE UTTER** (17th Anniv) by Family**Sunday, September 12, 2021 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35)**7:30am **ROSE MAGGIOLINO** (Birthday) by RoAnn & Christopher Destito**JEREMIAH C. HARPER** by Agnes Koster**ROBERT & MARGARET SIMONS** by Daughter-in-Law, Mary10:00am **GARY INGERSOLL** (Anniv) by Lorrie & Bryon Whooten**COLLEEN McLAUGHLIN KESTER** by the Stanton Family**ERIC PALMER** by Elaine & Don Delaney & Family**LAWRENCE T. VANDAMME** by James & Mary Margaret VanDamme6:00pm **KENNETH RICHARD POWELL** by Nickie, Karen & Gail

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

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

Georgie Amodio  
 Jayne Atwood  
 Fr, Gabriel Berko  
 Paula Bailey  
 Raymond Barbar, Jr  
 Mary Ann Boucher  
 Chris Bousalis  
 Jimmy Brognano  
 James Brooks  
 Carla Cacciatori  
 Alfred Calicchia  
 Lorayne Calicchia  
 Stephanie Calicchia  
 Mary Carmody  
 Adam Carpenter  
 Annie Cimo  
 John Cordsen  
 Tom Delpico  
 Barry Dunning  
 Sarah Eastup  
 Paul Eisinger  
 Robyn Engle  
 Bill Evans

Carol Fasick  
 Ron Fazio  
 Judith Ann Fesner  
 Joan Fiaschetti  
 James Flemming  
 Diana Fowler  
 Julianna Fusco  
 Lauri Fusco  
 Joanne Gaffey  
 Augusta Ginsburg  
 Scott Ginsburg  
 Amanda Gold  
 Gail Greene  
 John Hedrington  
 Joshua Hedrington  
 Billy Jo Hildenbrandt  
 William Herrig, Jr.  
 Norma Hurbut  
 Jerry & Joan Jacobs  
 Barbara Joanis  
 Jesse Johnson

Carol Johnson  
 Lena Johnston  
 Megan Jones  
 Jennie Kemp  
 Paul LaSalle  
 Teresa LaSalle  
 Bill Lennon  
 Bill "Dobbie" Link  
 Lori Losowski  
 Anne Lubecki  
 Pattie Mastrangelo  
 Nicole Mathe  
 David, Liz, Mitzi  
 Marcelletta  
 Geoff Marchione  
 Russell Marchione  
 Brian McQueen  
 Joe Migeroll  
 Carol Misiaszek  
 Michael Mizgala  
 Ann Mosier

Sonia Myers  
 Beverly Nasci  
 Dale Newman  
 Tari-Lyn Orton  
 Debbie Pacicca  
 Clair Papadametrious  
 Rachel Pawlikowski  
 Barbara Pazdur  
 Jim Pekarski  
 Joseph Petrelli  
 Carol Piatt  
 Datie Ponath  
 Paul Powers  
 Patrick Quinn  
 James Rank  
 Bill Reese  
 Francine Riolo  
 John Ritchie  
 Catherine Roman  
 Robert Roman  
 Lisa Ryder

Kelly Sabia  
 Jacqueline Schachte  
 John Schachte  
 Brian Schilling  
 Patricia Sterling  
 Thomas Serra  
 Emmalynn Sharrow  
 Alexander Simpson  
 Freja Emily Simpson  
 Spencer Robert Smith  
 Sharon Sprague  
 John Stark  
 Gabriel Streiff  
 Neil Sutherland  
 Blanche Sweatman  
 Anne Toepp  
 Barbara Thomas  
 Ryllin Turley  
 Dominick Tuzzolino  
 Vito Waterman  
 Ray "Dusty" Whitman  
 John Wright  
 Bernice Young

*Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.*



**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE****All Masses at St. Peter's Church**

WEEKDAYS 7:00 am  
 SATURDAYS 8:00 am \* Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
 SUNDAYS 7:30 am \* 10:00 am \* 6:00 pm  
 HOLYDAYS 7:00 am \* 12:10 pm \* 6:00 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/  
CONFESSION**

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or by Appointment

**SACRAMENTS OF MATRIMONY/  
MARRIAGE AND/OR****SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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.

**HOSPITAL VISITATION**

Keeps us informed for any family member being admitted to the hospital, is a Catholic and belongs to a certain parish.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

Will burn the week of **September 5, 2021** for  
**John F. Kelly**  
 by Family

**MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS**

**In Memory of**  
**Albert P. Eisinger** requested by  
 Alison P. Bonelli

**Phil Murphy** requested by  
 Charles & Gretchen Sprock

**Church Endowment**

**In Memory of**  
**William DeHimer** requested by  
 Catherine Clem

**PARISH STAFF**

**Director of Faith Formation:** Laura Mack  
**Organist:** Barry Russo  
**Office Administration:** Sharon Hansen  
**Administrative Assistant & Bulletin:** Kathy Miller  
**Maintenance Director:** Mark Lagasse  
**Cemetery Superintendent:** Kate Stephan  
**Communications/Media:** Joseph Stanton

**PARISH ORGANIZATION and PARTICIPATION**

**Altar Rosary Society:** Mary Wahl  
**St. Peter's Senior Group:** W. Warren Sickles, Jr.  
**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Miller  
**Scripture Study:** Betty Pettinelli  
**Funeral Preparations:** Barbara Thomas  
**Hospital Ministry:** John MacGaffick  
**St. Aloysius Catholic Center:** Julie McCormick  
**ASL Interpreters:** Mary Margaret VanDamme  
 Gabby Griffin

Volunteers are needed as: Altar Servers \* Lectors  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 Ushers \* Choir \* Greeters  
 Please call the rectory for more information.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Father Sean O'Brien, Pastor**

**President:** Kevin Barry  
**Trustees:** Bernard Kaier  
 Lawrence Riolo, Jr  
 Timothy Sestito  
 Barbara Thomas

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 @ 6:30 pm**  
 St. Aloysius Catholic Center (St. Peter's School)  
 400 Floyd Ave., Rome, New York

**ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE**

**September:** Mary Ann Cox & Judy Palitti

***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. If anyone needs  
 Communion in any pew, please indicate that to the  
 Minister of the Eucharist who will assist the person in need.

***HEARING AIDS:***

Assistive hearing devices are available for loan  
 in the Sacristy before Mass.

**Help Us Grow:*****Travel plans this summer?***

Electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your weekly offerings.

Simply scan the QR code or go to [www.stmarysstpeters.com](http://www.stmarysstpeters.com) and click on **Donate** and complete the electronic giving authorization form to get started. Questions about online giving? Give us a call 315-336-5072.

**St. Mary's/St. Peter's Collection**

**August 29, 2021**

Regular Collection	\$ 9,939.43
Electronic Giving	\$848.33
Make-up	\$150.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,937.76</b>
Mission of the Christ Child	\$30.00
Fuel	\$160.00

***Thank you for your support!***



## FAITH FORMATION

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

We are excited to begin a new year of Faith Formation classes!

### OPEN HOUSE

**Monday, September 13—6:00-7:30 pm**

*Please join us for Open House on  
Monday, September 13 from 6:00-7:30PM  
In the Parish Social Hall.*

### REGISTRATION

Registration information and the Faith Formation calendar are available on our website at:  
[www.smspfaith.com](http://www.smspfaith.com)

Visit the Faith Formation website:  
[www.smspfaith.com](http://www.smspfaith.com)

Follow us at: St. Mary's/St. Peter's  
Faith Formation Facebook page

St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish

# Parish Picnic

**FREE**

**Sunday September 12th**  
12 Noon to 5pm

**FREE**

Pulled Pork, Hot Dogs, Salt Potatoes, Desserts

**HOT DOGS \* PULLED PORK \* SALT POTATOES  
SALAD \* DESSERTS \* REFRESHMENTS**

**"Lee Town Park"**  
Route 26 N.

**FREE**

**"BE SURE TO SIGN UP"**  
Sign-up sheets at church exits.



## JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIGHT

Presented by  
Marcellino D'Ambrosio,  
Jeff Cavins and Edward Sri

30 min video on location in the Holy Land  
followed by group discussion with Fr. Bernie  
10 sessions facilitated by Julie McCormick and Brian Norris

**WEDNESDAYS  
STARTING 9/22 AT 6 PM**

ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CENTER  
400 FLOYD AVE., ROME

All are welcome to attend at no charge.  
Call the parish office 315-336-5072 to reserve your spot

Workbooks are not necessary but encouraged.

Workbooks and online access to the videos for a whole year are available through  
[www.AscensionPress.com](http://www.AscensionPress.com) for \$29.00

### The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith

- the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed-are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us know a lot about him already, how well can we say that we really know him?

*Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a new and fresh look at Jesus* -who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way.



## A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

WITH FR. O'BRIEN

5 SESSIONS

**MONDAY EVENINGS  
STARTING 9/27 AT 6:30 PM**

ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CENTER  
400 FLOYD AVE., ROME

All are welcomed to attend at no charge. No Reservation Needed  
Books for independent study and reflection  
will be available for purchase - \$15.00

### A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

In A Biblical Walk Through the Mass by Edward Sri, discover how the Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning.

Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

## Altar Rosary Society

Please note we are working on obtaining Smart Shopper books as we customarily do each year. Update: Our vendor informed us the books should be available the first or second week in September. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact Mary Wahl at 315-533-6907 to reserve your book. We will keep you updated as we are informed.

ARS meets from September to June. We break in January, February, July & August. Our meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall. Our next meeting after summer break will be September 16, 2021. Please consider attending one of our meetings to see what we are all about & bring a friend. Your time & talents are welcomed.

### THE MERRY MAKERS

#### KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Knitters & Crocheters' Meeting  
September 8—6:00-9:00 pm

#### SEWERS MEETING

*Will be scheduled as needed!*

*To anyone who can knit, crochet or sew:*

The **MERRY MAKERS** is a group of knitters, crocheters & sewers who currently knit and crochet hats, mittens, and scarves for local school children; and for cancer patients we make Chemo Caps, Lap Robes and prosthesis (to fit inside mastectomy patient's bras). Our sewers make Chemo Caps & lap robes for cancer patients. We also make adult bibs; masks; and walker bags.

We give all these items to the local school nurses, cancer & infusion centers, local adult facilities, and to individuals upon request.

If you or someone you know is in need of these items, or if you would like to join us in this endeavor, please contact **Cate Powers** at:

**315-337-2289 or 315-225-7900**

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KEVIN KIRK & KELLI SMITH**

*September 11, 2021*



CHRIST THE KING  
RETREAT AND  
CONFERENCE CENTER

### FIRST FRIDAYS

**FATHER DONALD KARLEN**

**10:00 am-3:00 pm**

The day will include an opening devotion, conferences and discussion, Mass with Anointing of the Sick, a delicious lunch and Holy Hour with Benediction.

### WOMEN'S IGNATIAN RETREAT

**DAMIAN ZYNDA, ThD**

**September 10-12, 2021**

This year (May 2021-April 2022) makes the 500 year anniversary of the Ignatius' Conversion, which began with a terrible physical and psychological wounding at Pamplona. To enter more deeply into Ignatius' conversion, this retreat will be a Woman's Journey of Conversion. During this weekend, Retreat Director, Damian Zynda, ThD will guide you deeply into your own conversion journey, help you to discover moments of grace, and savor those graces as a Daughter of God. Our retreat will be, for the most part—silent, to facilitate the journey within. Time will be given to presentation, guided reflection, personal prayer and spiritual conversation. Please bring your prayer journal and a small box of crayons, markers, or coloring pencils.

Damian Zynda ThD is the Director of Mission and Ministry at McQuaid Jesuit in Rochester, New York. She completed a doctorate in Systematic Theology and Christian Spirituality from the University of St. Michael's College and the University of Toronto. Damian is on faculty in Master of Ministry at Creighton University and St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. She is a spiritual director and involved in the formation of spirituality directors as well as the supervision of spiritual directors in the Ignatian tradition.

To register go to [ctkretreat.com](http://ctkretreat.com).

For more information, please contact:

**Christ the King Retreat House**

**500 Brookford Road**

**Syracuse, New York 13224**

**(315) 446-2680**

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

#### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

**Mark 7:31-37**

Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus.

Deafness abounds in families: in our children (*Oh dad, not that again*), in parents, (*It is just a stage*), and in spouses, (*Are you listening*).

Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.



**Dear Padre,**

**As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?**

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, ***the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person.***

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.



**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)

### **SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS**

#### ***Making Courageous Choices***

***Throughout September, we pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.***



10475 Cosby Manor Rd  
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### **THEOLOGY UNCORKED**

**Thursday, September 16th —6:30 pm at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro**

**Theology Uncorked** welcomes **Bishop Douglas J. Lucia** on Thursday, September 16th 6:30 pm at Hart's Hill Inn, Whitesboro, New York. Bishop Lucia will speak about the ***Role of Bishop: Teacher, Sanctifier & Shepherd.*** Have your questions ready for Bishop Lucia and enjoy a glass of wine and some light fare on us as we receive all of the Believers, the Curious and the Skeptics! **Registration is required. Please call the Good New Center at (315) 735-6210 to reserve your spot today! Free food, talk and wine. \*(First glass of wine is on the house!) Please join us for an enlightening night of conversation!**

### **DIVORCED SUPPORT ANONYMOUS GROUP**

**Beginning September 23rd**

Beginning September 23rd, the Good News Center will be offering an additional program for individuals going through divorce and separation. The program **Divorce Support Anonymous** has a beginning and an end lasting ten weeks and individuals must join within the first few weeks. Join others going through divorce who understand what you are experiencing. Don't go through divorce alone. A guided facilitator will take you through the emotions, decisions, acceptance and moving forward in divorce. The most significant difference in this program is that once the participants have completed the course, they can opt to continue with the next phase where they create a plan on how to make a new beginning. This is an additional six weeks. There will also be a small fee to cover the cost of materials. Participants must register by September 16th by calling (315) 735-6210 to register or visit us at:

[www.thegoodnewscenter.org](http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org).

### **CATHOLIC CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**

**Donna Cori Gibson, Catholic Singer—October 17th—3:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Utica**

The Good News Center will be sponsoring a concert by Catholic singer, Donna Cori Gibson on Sunday, October 17th at 3:00 pm in Holy Trinity Church, 1206 Lincoln Ave., Utica. Donna has been seen numerous times on EWTN where she appeared on ***Life on the Rock*** and ***Backstage***. Her program will be of Marian songs followed by the Rosary. There is no cost to the event. A reception will be held in the Marian Room under the church following the concert. Donna will also be singing a few songs during the liturgy at the weekend Masses at Holy Trinity (5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am).