

# *St. Peter's Parish*

*Rome, New York  
December 19, 2021*



4<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 18, 2021

- 8:00am **BOB ROOD** by Mom \* **HELEN PISCITELLI** by a Friend  
**FORREST (RED) HOUSE** by Children & Grandchildren  
 5:00pm **MICHAEL PALINSKI** by Family  
**MARILYN PALINSKI** by Family \* **HELEN O'BRIEN** (Anniv) by Victoria O'Brien  
**JEAN ERNENWEIN** by Daughter Judy

### Sunday, December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30am **MARY MEYERS-TAYLOR** (Anniv) by Family \* **SR. RUTH CECELIA DOWD** by the Harper Family  
**JOSEPH M. IZZO SR.** by Loving Wife Carol & Children  
 10:00am **MARGARET CLARKE** by Richard Clarke \* **CARL J. MASSETT, JR** by Family  
**MARIE C. HARPER** by the Harper Family \* **JOHN DICKSON** by Mother Judy Dickson  
**LAWRENCE VANDAMME** by the Janiks  
 6:00 pm **PATRICIA MCCORMICK** by Susan & James Cochran

### Monday, December 20, 2021 Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

- 7:00am **FOR THE PRIESTS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH** by Pete & Mary-Ann  
**JOESPH FUSCO** ( Healing) by Pete Wood & Mary Ann Lyman

### Tuesday, December 21, 2021 Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 7:00am **ANTOINETTE & MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter Kim Ocuto

### Wednesday, December 22, 2021

- 7:00am **LAWRENCE T. VANDAMME** (B'day) by James & Mary Margaret VanDamme

### Thursday, December 23, 2021

- 7:00am **STEPHAN PAUL GRANACKI** by Family \* **MATTHEW RAZZANO** (B'day) by Family

### Friday, December 24, 2021

- 5:00pm **CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS, PRO POPULO** (For the People)

### Saturday, December 25, 2021 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day

- 12:00am **CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS, PRO POPULO** (For the People)  
 7:30am **PRO POPULO** (For the People)  
 10:00am **PRO POPULO** (For the People)  
**NO 5PM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS**

### Sunday, December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 7:30am **VIRGINIA DUNN** by Joanne Gaffey \* **GLORIA & BILL IZZO** by Izzo Family  
**DAVID BOVI** by Margaret Bovi  
 10:00am **FRED GIFFORD SR.** by Mark & Patti Gifford \* **PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN** by the Stanton Family  
**MICHELLE ADEY** by Family \* **ROBERT BAKER** by Diana Baker  
 6:00pm **WILLIAM E. LENNON** by Mr. & Mrs. Samuel DeCarlo

**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	Joan Fiaschetti	Paul LaSalle	Beverly Nasci	Jacqueline Schachte
Leonard Amodio	James Flemming	Teresa LaSalle	Dale Newman	John Schachte
Jayne Atwood	Diana Fowler	Joan Leahy	Tari-Lyn Orton	Brian Schilling
Fr. Gabriel Berko	Joe Fusco	Bill "Dobbie" Link	Debbie Pacicca	Bradley Sharpstene
Paula Bailey	Julianna Fusco	Michael Loso	Clair Papadametrious	Patricia Sterling
Raymond Barbar, Jr	Lauri Fusco	Lori Losowski	Rachel Pawlikowski	Thomas Serra
Chris Bousalis	Joanne Gaffey	Anne Lubecki	Barbara Pazdur	Emmalynn Sharrow
Jimmy Brognano	Augusta Ginsburg	David, Liz, Mitzi	Jim Pekarski	Alexander Simpson
James Brooks	Scott Ginsburg	Marcelletta	Joseph Petrelli	Freja Emily Simpson
Carla Cacciatori	Amanda Gold	Geoff Marchione	Carol Piatt	Spencer Robert Smith
Lorayne Calicchia	Gail Greene	Russell Marchione	Datie Ponath	Sharon Sprague
Stephanie Calicchia	John Hedrington	Pattie Mastrangelo	Paul Powers	John Stark
Mary Carmody	Joshua Hedrington	Nicole Mathe	Patrick Quinn	Gabriel Streiff
Adam Carpenter	Mike Henry	Marybeth Matyasik	James Rank	Neil Sutherland
Annie Cimo	Billy Jo Hildenbrandt	Brian McQueen	Bill Reese	Blanche Sweatman
John Cordsen	William Herrig, Jr.	Joe Megerell	Francine Riolo	Anne Toepp
Tom Delpico	Jerry & Joan Jacobs	Carol Misiaszek	John Ritchie	Barbara Thomas
Barry Dunning	Jesse Johnson	Kathy Miller	Catherine Roman	Rylin Turley
Paul Eisinger	Lena Johnston	Michael Mizgala	Robert Roman	Sr. Rosaire DeMare
Robyn Engle	Megan Jones	Ann Moster	Lisa Ryder	Vito Waterman
Carol Fasick	Jennie Kemp	Sonia Myers	Kelly Sabia	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Ron Fazio				John Wright
Judith Ann Fesner				Bernice Young

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





## St. Peter's Parish

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Rome, New York 13440  
Parish Office: 315-336-5072  
St. Peter's Fax: 315-336-0855  
E-mail: [smsprectory@twcny.rr.com](mailto:smsprectory@twcny.rr.com)

### Office Hours:

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

**Pastor: Father Sean P. O'Brien**  
**Parochial Vicar: Father Bernard Menard**  
**Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher**  
**Pastoral Associate: Laura Mack**  
**Seminarian: Ben Schrantz**

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

<b>WEEKDAYS</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>* Vigil Mass 5:00 pm</b>
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>* 10:00 am * 6:00 pm</b>
<b>HOLYDAYS</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>* 12:10pm * 6:00 pm</b>

### 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.

### 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)

### St. Peter's Cemetery

E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

### St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty Street, Rome 315-336-3110

### PARISH ORGANIZATION and PARTICIPATION

**Altar Rosary Society:** Mary Wahl  
**St. Peter's Senior Group:** W. Warren Sickles, Jr.  
**Lectors & 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

### PARISH STAFF

**Director of Faith Formation:** Laura Mack  
**First Sacraments Coordinator:** Jean Bauer  
**Music Ministry:** Barry Russo  
**Office Administration:** Sharon Hansen  
**Administrative Assistant:** Kathy Miller  
**Maintenance Director:** Mark Lagasse  
**Cemetery Superintendent:** Kate Stephan  
**Communications/Media:** Joseph Stanton

### PARISH COUNCIL

**Father Sean O'Brien, Pastor**  
**President:** Kevin Barry  
**Trustees:** Bernard Kaier,  
Lawrence Riolo, Jr., Timothy Sestito,  
Barbara Thomas

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Next meeting January 11, 2022  
6:30pm at St. Aloysius Center

### St. Mary's/St. Peter's Collection December 12, 2021

Regular Collection	\$10,186.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,384.22
Make-ups	\$1,223.00
Cathedraticum	\$609.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13,402.22</b>
Mission	\$319.00

*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.

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.



## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**  
**First Penance 9:00AM**

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**  
**1st Year & 2nd Year**  
**Confirmation Classes**  
**4:30PM**

**Monday, December 20, 2021**  
**Grades 1-6 - 6:00-7:00PM**  
**Grades 7-8 - 7:30-8:30PM**

For information about classes and schedules  
please visit our website  
or stop by the Faith Formation Office.  
We look forward to seeing you and  
sharing our faith together!  
[www.smspfaith.com](http://www.smspfaith.com)  
Follow us at: St. Mary's/St. Peter's  
Faith Formation Facebook page.

## JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

**During 10:00AM Mass**  
**December 19, 2021**

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of December 19, 2021  
Gryziec & O'Brien Families  
requested by Family.

## WINDOW FUND

In Memory of William E. Lennon by  
the Preski Family

Donation in Memory of the Catholic School Teachers

## MISSION of the CHRIST CHILD

In Memory of Vladimir Williams by Mom  
In Memory of David Bovi by Margaret Bovi  
Donation by Ann & Roger Mellen

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



### St. Paul's Church

1807 Bedford St. Rome

**Mondays 5 - 6 PM**

### St. Peter's Church

200 N. James St. Rome

**Tuesdays 5 - 6 PM**

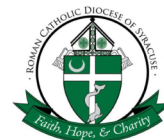
**Benediction 6 PM**

### St. John the Baptist

200 E. Dominick St. Rome

**Wednesdays 5 - 6 PM**

## From the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse



## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse

New York State has instituted a mask mandate  
in all public places effective Monday, December 13th.

It is being done as a safety precaution  
and out of the utmost concern for one's neighbor.

Bishop Lucia expects that all parishes in  
the Diocese of Syracuse will cooperate  
with this important public health matter  
and comply with the mask mandate.

*Let us continue to pray for one another  
as we continue to navigate these  
interesting times.*

## HELP US GROW

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.



## GREETING CARD MINISTRY

If anyone knows of a St. Mary's/St. Peter's  
Parishioner who is ill, in a nursing home or home bound,  
and would like to receive a greeting card,  
call Debbie Pinti 315-337-5982 or email  
[debbiepinti5@gmail.com](mailto:debbiepinti5@gmail.com) with the person's name and  
address and our team will gladly send them a greeting card  
to brighten their day.

*Thank you in advance for all your help!*

*2021 Christmas Ornament*



St. Mary of the Assumption

St. Peter's Church

**\$25.00**  
per-ornament

Available after all masses  
or contact: Diane Sjodahl 315-271-1881  
emaildsjodahl@gmail.com

There are a few of last year's ornaments still available of the **LAST SUPPER WINDOW**

## IN 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 315-281-9492.

December 12, 2021 The Mission Served:

Households - 57	Children- 44
Adults - 72	Seniors - 25
<b>Total People Fed: 198</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.

A special thanks to **Kristen Synakowski** and her entire staff at the **United Way of the Mohawk Valley** for their exceptionally generous donation and delivery of individual Meal Boxes distributed to every patron of the Mission of the Christ Child Food Pantry. It was greatly appreciated as our community ramps-up for the Holidays!

### 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 act they perform  
for us in our time of need, and give us peace. Amen.*

## Altar Rosary Society

The December 4th-5th Religious Article/Bake Sale was well received. Without the continued support of our parishioners our fundraising efforts would not be successful. *Thank you .....*

The December 14th parish wide Christmas Party at the Franklin was well attended. There was great food, great company and plenty of enjoyment. Spending social time as a parish family during the Christmas season was special.

*There are no meetings/events in January or February. We will resume in March. Please consider becoming an ARS member. We are a fun, productive group of ladies whose mission is giving service to our clergy, our parishioners & our church.*

## THE MERRY MAKERS

### KNITTERS, CROCHETERS & SEWERS

*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. For cancer patients we make chemo caps, lap robes and prosthesis (to fit into mastectomy patient's bras).

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 are in need of these items or if you would like to join us in this endeavor, please call **Cate Powers at (315)337-2289 or (315)225-7900.**

*If you have items to drop off, or if you need more yarn, please call ahead.(315)337-2289*

*Thank you all for continuing to produce so many beautiful items for the people we care about.*

## NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

**The "Merry Makers" would like to thank all those who have been leaving yarn at the church for us to use. We want you to know that it is being made into lively hats, mittens and scarves for our local**

## ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

**December:** Tina Brognano  
Fran Rose





Special “*thank you*” to all the parishioners of St. Peter’s Church for the many donations to *Joey’s Giving Tree*.

The items will go to families in our community who have a family member dealing with cancer and the Abraham House.

Pictured is Laura Mack, Fr. Sean O’Brien, Mark LaGasse and Barbara Chubbuck.

Thank you for supporting The Joseph Michael Chubbuck Foundation.

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**QUESTION:** What do you call a family, which began with an unmarried pregnant teen, and had a twelve-year-old son who ran away from home and was eventually a criminal?

**ANSWER: HOLY!** Two lessons in today’s gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, “*The Lord is always with you.*” (2) “*Do not be afraid*” for “*nothing is impossible with 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)

### DECEMBER INTENTION

#### CATECHISTS

*Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.*



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### SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

You don't have to go through separation or divorce alone. During this difficult time your friends and family have been very supportive, but they just don't grasp the level of your pain and frustration. They try to be helpful but they just don't get it. The Separated and Divorced Support group is there for you led by people who have gone through it and know what you are dealing with. This confidential group is **FREE** and open to anyone trying to rebuild their life after the pain. **Meetings are every other Sunday from 5pm-7pm. Meetings are December 19, 2021, January 9, 2022, January 23, 2022, February 6, 2022, February 20, 2022, March 6, 2022, and March 20, 2022.**

### GRIEF SURVIVORS

Grief Survivors is a bi-weekly program that helps individuals journeying through grief. Grieving individuals feel a variety of emotions. Many times individuals going through them wonder if this is normal. Grieving is unique to each individual although there are many similarities. The Grief Survivors support group allows individuals to explore their feelings, find support from individuals experiencing similar feelings, and move through the grieving process. Each session is unique, offering a blend of discussion, activities, and video presentations. Fellowship is a large part of the process and there is time for that as well. Individuals are invited to share during the discussions, but there is no pressure to do so. **The program is offered every other Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Upcoming meetings are December 21st, January 5th and January 19th.**

For more information, please contact the Good News Center at 315-735-6210, [info@thegoodnewscenter.org](mailto:info@thegoodnewscenter.org), or visit us online at [www.goodnewscenter.org](http://www.goodnewscenter.org). For those who prefer the program is also being offered via Zoom.

***We ask you to please call 315-735-6210 to register for both in-person or virtual meetings.***