

***St. Peter's Parish  
Rome, New York  
January 16, 2022***





## EULOGIES AT FUNERALS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Before I address the questions about family members delivering a eulogy during the Funeral Mass, let me start by wishing all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year as we begin 2022.

Since January 2020, here at St. Peter's Parish, eulogies have been discouraged during the Funeral Mass. This has been met with a mix of responses. Everything from families being angry, to families feeling relieved from the pressure that comes from public speaking at such a difficult time. The main question raised by some families is: "Why not?" Some think it is my personal decision or preference. Let me explain why and hopefully bring clarity and understanding with regards to eulogies not being delivered within the Funeral Mass.

Since 2012, it has been the policy of the Diocese of Syracuse to encourage a eulogy at the Vigil Service (wake/calling hours), after the Committal Service (cemetery service) or at the reception that normally follows the Fraternal Rites of Christian Burial. You can find this policy on the Diocesan website. The policy states, in part, "This liturgy (the Funeral Mass), offers comfort and consolation to those who mourn. The Mass lifts our hearts to God who will strengthen us in the days ahead and give us the grace of His comfort as we continue our journey of faith. Since the Funeral Mass leads us to reflect on Eternal Life, eulogies are discouraged....current liturgical guidelines strongly discourage this." Also, section 382 of the Revised Roman Missal states; "At the Funeral Masses, there should be a short homily, but to the exclusion of a funeral eulogy of any kind."

It is not that I won't allow a eulogy, based on my personal preference as a Pastor, but rather it is my obligation as a Pastor to follow the policy of the Diocese of Syracuse. I know that the loss of a loved one is very difficult. It is an experience we all share at different times in our lives. Eulogies can be, by sharing memories and stories, a great source of Consolation. At the Vigil Service, after the Committal Service, or at the reception are wonderful opportunities to share these memories and support each other in love.

I hope this clears up confusion, answers questions and brings understanding to this topic which gets raised on occasion. Please keep me in your prayers that I may be a good pastor, and know that you are in my prayers.

Thank you and God Bless.

*Rev. S. P. O'Brien*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 15, 2022 Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am **BOB ROOD** by Mom \* **BILL RUANE** by Mellony Spinelli  
 5:00pm **PETER CHARNEY** (B'day) by Family \* **JAMES & ELLEN DUNN** by Joanne Gaffey  
**SISTER VIRGINIA DUNN, SNJM** by Joanne Gaffey \*  
**MR. & MRS. ARTHUR O'CONNOR** by Mike & Colleen Dunn

### Sunday, January 16, 2022 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30am **BILL RUANE** by Richard & Patricia Johnson \* **JOSEPH FUSCO JR.** by Anthony & MaryAnn Rotolo  
**WILLIAM LYNCH** by Ann Peach Lynch  
 10:00am **WILLIAM LENNON** by Altar Rosary \* **NINA DANIELLO** by Dawn McLellan  
**CAROL FASICK** by Altar Rosary \* **GAYLORD H. MILLER** (B'day) by Daughter, Kathy  
 6:00pm **PRO POPULO**

### Monday, January 17, 2022 Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:00am **FR. LOUIS P. TROTTA, C.M.** by Cindy Thurston

### Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00am **DUAL GIANNECCHINI** (Anniv) by Family \* **VLADIMIR WILLIAMS** by Mom

### Wednesday, January 19, 2022

7:00am **HARRY CLAPPER** (Wedding Anniv) by Wife, Betty  
**MARIAN NILES** In Loving Memory by her Grandchildren, Bob, Kim & Marlee

### Thursday, January 20, 2022 Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr

7:00am **ELVERA SMITH** (B'day) by Children \* **BILL RUANE** by Mellony Spinelli

### Friday, January 21, 2022 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

7:00am **DON F. KING** by Patricia Johnson \* **ERNESTINE KING** by Patricia Johnson

### Saturday, January 22, 2022 Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn Children

#### 8AM MASS ONLY CITY WIDE DAY OF PRAYER CELEBRATED AT TRANSFIGURATON CHURCH

8:00am **ANTOINETTE & MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim  
**DARLENE TELLER** by Pete Wood & MaryAnn Lyman  
 5:00pm **FRED PACICCIA, JR** (3rd Anniv) by Wife, Children & Grandchildren \*  
**ELEANOR CONIGLIO** by Joanne Gaffey \* **SISTER VIRGINIA DUNN, SNJM** by Mike & Colleen Dunn  
**JOSEPH FUSCO JR.** by George Ferguson \*  
**DONALD NIEMETZ** by Alex, Laura, Nicholas & Alex Evanciew

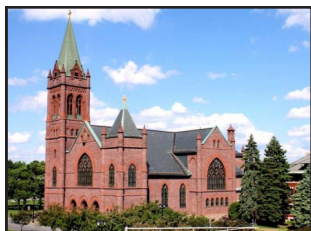
### Sunday, January 23, 2022 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30am **DAVID CONSTABILE** by Frank & Sharon Puma  
 10:00am **PHIL MURPHY** by Mike Adey, Brian Miller, Joe Stanton  
**DONNA SCHIELS** by Denti School Staff & Family \* **WILLIAM LENNON** by Merry Makers  
**ANTOINETTE & MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim  
 6:00pm **LAWRENCE POWELL** by Nickie, Karen, Gail & Debbie \* **MARY SHANNON** by Brother, Tom

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

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

Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.



**St. Peter's Parish**  
 200 N. James Street  
 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:** Very Rev. Sean P. O'Brien, V.F.  
**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 COUNCIL

**Father Sean O'Brien, Pastor**

**President:** Kevin Barry

**Trustees:** Bernard Kaier,

Lawrence Riolo, Jr., Timothy Sestito,  
Barbara Thomas

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Next meeting February 8, 2022

6:30pm at St. Aloysius Center

### 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 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

Volunteers are needed as: Altar Servers \* Lectors  
Eucharistic Ministers \* Ushers \* Choir \* Greeters

Please call the rectory for more information.

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

#### January 2, 2022

Regular Collection	\$9,211.91
Electronic Giving	\$1,018.73
Make-ups	\$175.00
Added Christmas	\$1,900.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,579.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13,884.64</b>

Mission of the Christ Child \$1,525.00

#### January 9, 2022

Regular Collection	\$6,464.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,118.91
Make-ups	\$657.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,582.91</b>
Mission of the Christ	\$320.00

*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, JANUARY 16, 2022**

**Orientation for First Communion Class  
for Parents and Children - 9:00AM**

**Confirmation  
5PM Class  
6PM Mass**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022  
NO CLASSES**

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  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022  
10AM Mass**

## MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

### MISSION of the CHRIST CHILD

**KATHERYN STROWBRIDGE**

by Joseph & Barbara Chubbuck

**VLADIMIR WILLIAMS** by Mom

**JOSEPH FUSCO** by Mary Carmel & Bill Wolf

**FRANK GLASSO** by Eileen Ginsburg

### WINDOW FUND

**FRANK GLASSO** by Eileen Ginsburg

**RON & ETHEL WOOD** by Pete Wood

**JOSEPH FUSCO** by Carla Till

**JOSEPH FUSCO** by Brendan & Rachel Knight

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of **January 16, 2022**  
for **JIM GRIFASI** by Wife & family.

## ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

**JANUARY:** Mary Ann Cox  
Joan Combs

**FEBRUARY:** Barb Brady  
Judy Panara

DISCOVER THE MESSAGES  
GOD HAS FOR YOU THROUGH

## The Prophets

A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING  
THOMAS SMITH



### Dates - Times - Location

**10 weeks on Wednesdays**

**Starting January 19th**

**6 pm - 7:30 pm**

at

**St. Aloysius Catholic Center  
400 Floyd Ave., Rome**

### No cost to attend.

To purchase online access  
and receive a workbook:

[https://ascensionpress.com/collections/  
prophets-messengers-of-gods-mercy](https://ascensionpress.com/collections/prophets-messengers-of-gods-mercy)

### More Information:

Online access allows you  
to do all the study at home  
if you can't make all the sessions.

"Great for Winter Months!"

Call St. Peter's Parish to register  
315-336-5072

God sent prophets at critical times to call the people back to their covenant relationship with him. Prophets proclaimed the consequences of continued sin, called people to repentance, and declared God's faithful love. They also spoke of the future to shed light on current events and to reveal God's plans and purposes.

In *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*, discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with him, as well as the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others.

"I love this study! ... Now we know where they were when they said it, why they said it. Thomas was so clear. He illuminated it so well that it was easy to understand."

—Celeste D.



Visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) to learn more!

St. Peter's Music Ministry  
presents:

 *Sundays at 3*

featuring the

**Opus Black String Trio**

*Kristen Kopf, Liz Simchik and Allyson Sklar*



*Fiddle tunes to rock favorites  
the Doors, Guns and Roses  
and even pop tunes.  
Not your average string trio.*

**January 30th  
3PM**

**St. Peter's Church**  
200 N. James St. Rome

We are asking all  
who attend to bring an  
item or make a free will  
donation for our food bank.  
(In Mission of the Christ Child)

CDC Guidelines: Masks will be required and Social Distancing will be observed.



## OFFICE OF FAMILY/RESPECT LIFE & PUBLIC POLICY

### ***ON OUR KNEES PRAYER and FASTING CAMPAIGN***

On January 22 each year, the Catholic Church in the United States observes a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children to mark the Supreme Court decision, **Roe v Wade**, on January 22, 1973, that legalized abortion throughout the United States.

In 2018, Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after fifteen weeks of gestation. This law was challenged and the case, known as **Dobbs v Jackson's Women's Health Organization**, is awaiting a decision by the Supreme Court. Oral arguments were heard on December 1, 2021 and a decision is expected in June 2022.

**Saturday, January 22, 2022 our daily 8AM Mass will be celebrated at Transfiguration Church for a City Wide Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children.**

## 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.

### **January 4, 2022 The Mission Served:**

Households- 39    Children -36  
Adults - 51    Seniors-1  
**Total People Fed: 108**

### **January 11, 2022 The Mission Served:**

Households-33    Children-19  
Adults- 39    Seniors- 16  
**Total People Fed: 74**

*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.*

## **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**

*There are no meetings/events in January or February. We will resume with an event in March; details to follow as we get closer to the date.*

*We extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support of our organization and we wish you a Happy New Year filled with Love, Health, Peace and Happiness.*

## **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.*

## **RESCHEDULED MEETING:**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

**6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.**

**Light h'ors d'oeuvres will be served. We will discuss**

## **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!*



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** **COUNCIL #391**

112 Ridge Street  
Rome, New York

### **No January meeting.**

Next meeting **7PM Thursday, February 10**  
Meeting preceded at 6:30PM by the Holy Rosary.  
As of now, masks are not required.

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

The Knights are looking for interested  
Catholic males over 18 to join and help support our  
area churches and community.  
More Information. Call **315-337-4010** or join online  
at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and use **Council 391**.

## **FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

### **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's  
parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or  
manipulate. She merely pointed out the  
situation and trusted her son would make  
the best decision.



### **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 TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY**

We pray for all those suffering from religious  
discrimination and persecution; may their own rights  
and dignity be recognized, which originate from  
being brothers and sisters in the human family.



10475 Cosby Manor Rd Utica, New York (315) 735-6210

## **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 January 23, 2022, February 6, 2022, February 20, 2022, March 6, 2022, and March 20, 2022.**

## **DON'T GIVE UP ON ME an Evening with Darryl Strawberry**

Join the Good News center in welcoming keynote speaker, former MLB Player Darryl Strawberry, 8 time All-Star (1984-1991) and 4 time World Series Champion (1986, 1996, 1998, 1999) on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at Hart's Hill Inn. Strawberry states **"I finally found purpose in life."** His personal struggles of addiction, divorce and marriage issues, are all supported by the **FREE** programs offered by the Good News Center. All proceeds from this event will benefit those programs.

For complete details and to order tickets call the **Good News Center at 315-735-6210** or visit **[www.thegoodnewscenter.org](http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org)**. Tickets are \$75 each. Doors open at 5:30PM. Dinner and autograph signing included. Signed memorabilia raffles are also available that evening.

## **ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS**

**St. Mary's/ St. Peter's Parish, Rome, NY 13440**

**Statement of the amount you contributed  
during the year 2021.**

**Please fill the form below and drop it in the  
Collection basket or mail it to the St. Peter's  
Rectory 200 North James Street, Rome**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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## **ENVELOPE INFORMATION UPDATE**

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