

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
February 19, 2023*



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 18, 2023

8:00am **CHARLES M. SPROCK** By Meyers and Corbett Families
 5:00pm **JOSEPHINE UTTER** (B'day) By Family * **CHRIS HANSEN** By Ginny
MARK OPPER (For Recovery) By Jack Opper

Sunday, February 19, 2023 Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am **LEONARDO & GRACE CANNAROZZI** By Daughter Bridget and Family
DJULSA MUSIC (For Healing) By Pete Wood * **ROY AUSTIN JR.** By Loving Wife and Children
 10:00am **MARGARET HOUSE** By Children and Grandchildren * **RICH CURTIS** (For Healing) By Kim Ocuto
CHARLES HALL By Loving Wife and Children
 6:00pm **VINCENT FALCONIO** (B'day) By Nickie, Kara, Gail, and Debbie

Monday, February 20, 2023

7:00am **ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA** By Granddaughter Kim

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00am **DARLENE TELLER** (Living) By Pete Wood
MARIAN NILES By Bob, Kim, and Marlee

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday

7:00am **JULIUS GRANACKI** By Steve Granacki
 12:10pm **PRO POPULO**
 6:30pm **ELIZABETH PREVO** By Amy Balog

Thursday, February 23, 2023 Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

7:00am **CHRIS HANSEN** By Beatrice Allison
 12:10pm **LARRY RITTER** By Donna Lawrence

Friday, February 24, 2023

7:00am **PATRICK DUNN** (For Healing) By Family
 12:10pm **REV. ANTHONY CHIARAMONT** By Michael and Debbie Grogan

Saturday February 25, 2023

8:00am **VLADIMIR WILLIAMS** By Pete Wood
 5:00pm **KATHERINE BASSI WALDRON** By Appler Family
ROBERT KAPSHO By Pat Tyler and Family

Sunday, February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent

7:30am **BARBARA MARCELLUS** By Judy Destito
SANDY TELLER (For Healing) By Pete Wood
 10:00am **LEONA ZIMINSKI** (Anniv) By Carol Lee, Beverly and Andrea * **RICH CURTIS** (For Healing) By Kim Ocuto
ANTOINETTE & MARK SANITA By Granddaughter Kim
 6:00pm **FRANCIS PREVO & BETTY ANN PREVO** By Diane Brockway

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

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

Michelle A.	George De Sabio	Jesse Johnson	Terri Nichols	Bradley Sharpstene
Barbara K. Acchino	Barry Dunning	Lena Johnston	Mark Opper	Emmalynn Sharrow
Georgie Amodio	Paul Eisinger	Megan Jones	Debbie Pacicca	Alexander Simpson
Leonard Amodio	Robyn Engle	Ann & Ted Kehoe	Al Pallas	Freja Emily Simpson
Jayne Atwood	Carol Fasick	Jennie Kemp	Clair Papadametrious	Spencer Robert Smith
Carol B.	Beatrice Ferguson	Wally Kirk	Rachel Pawlikowski	Sharon Sprague
Raymond Barbar Jr.	Judith Ann Fesner	Theresa Lanigan	Barbara Pazdur	John Stark
Fr. Gabriel Berko	Joan Fiaschetti	Bill "Dobbie" Link	Jim Pekarski	Gabriel Streiff
Marietta Booton	Diana Fowler	Michael Loso	Carol Piatt	Lillian Stutmann
Jimmy Brognano	Julianna Fusco	Anne Lubecki	Datie Ponath	Neil Sutherland
James Brooks	Lauri Fusco	Francis Lust	Paul Powers	Blanche Sweatman
Carla Cacciatori	Joanne Gaffey	David, Liz, Mitzi	Patrick Quinn	Barbara Thomas
Lorayne Calicchia	Augusta Ginsburg	Marcelletta	Bill Reese	Anne Toepp
Stephanie Calicchia	Scott Ginsburg	Geoff Marchione	Francine Riolo	Rylin Turley
Mary Carmody	Amanda Gold	Russell Marchione	John Ritchie	Fr. Corey VanBuren
Adam Carpenter	Josh Gold	Patti Mastrangelo	Kelly Homan Rodoski	Deborah Verminski
Annie Cimo	Gail Greene	Nicole Mathe	Catherine Roman	Francis Rosario Vitale
Sara Cosnett	Denis Hartman	Marybeth Matyasik	Robert Roman	Vito Waterman
John Cordsen	John Hedrington	Patty Walsh McCorduck	Lisa Ryder	Lois White
Alex D'Argenio	Joshua Hedrington	Brian McQueen	Kelly Sabia	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Melody Darrow	Mike Henry	Carol Misiaszek	Jacqueline Schachte	Patricia Willis
Tom Delpico	William Herrig, Jr.	Ann Moster	John Schachte	John Wright
Sr. Rosaire DeMare-	Billy Jo Hildenbrandt	Sonia Myers	Brian Schilling	Bernice Young
Pat DeMatteo	Joan Jacobs	Beverly Naschi	Thomas Serra	Cathy Ziemba

Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.



St. Peter's Parish

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Rome, New York 13440
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Office Hours:

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

Wednesday * Friday
9:00am-12:00pm

**Pastor: Very Rev. Sean P. O'Brien, VF
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Bernard Menard
Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher
Pastoral Associate: Laura Mack**

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

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

PARISH STAFF

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Pastor: Father Sean O'Brien
President: Larry Riolo
Trustees: Bernard Kaier,
Timothy Sestito

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Next meeting April 11, 2023

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 in the Sacristy before mass.

PARISH ORGANIZATION and PARTICIPATION

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

St. Peter's Cemetery

E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty Street, Rome 315-336-3110

Faith Formation Office

315-336-5066

Online at: www.smspfaith.com

Email: spcdre@twcny.rr.com

St. Peter's collection

February 12, 2023

Regular	\$9,562.14
Electronic	\$1,505.10
Make Ups	\$265.00
Catholic Sun	\$719.00

Total \$12,051.24

Mission \$388.00

*Thank you for your
support.*

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Electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your weekly offerings. Scan the QR code or go to www.stmarysstpeters.com and click on Donate. Complete the electronic giving authorization form to get started.





JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

February 19, 2023 10:00AM Mass

February 26, 2023 10:00 AM 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

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, February 19, 2023
First Communion NO CLASS

Monday, February 20, 2023
Grades 1-6 NO CLASS
Grades 7-9 NO CLASS

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Grades 1-6 NO CLASS

Sunday, February 26, 2023
First Communion 9AM-9:50AM

Monday, February 27, 2023
Grades 1-6 6PM-7PM
Grades 7-9 7:30PM-8:30PM

Registration information can be found on our
Faith Formation website.
www.smspfaith.com

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

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of **FEBRUARY 19, 2023**
In Memory of

Mark Oppen (Healing)

By A Friend

DONATIONS

Window Fund

In Memory Of

Betty Ann Prevo

By The Houser Family

Mission of the Christ

Donation

By Amy Rockhill



Please join us in praying for our catechumens, Brent and Jennifer, as they travel to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception next week to celebrate the **Rite of Election**.

The Rite of Election is the ritual that marks their entry into the final phase of their preparation to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Following the Rite of Election, they are called "the elect," since they have been elected by the Church (in the person of the bishop) to become members.

The Rite of Election is celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent. Then, throughout the remainder of Lent – which focuses on the need for ongoing conversion – the elect join spiritually with Catholics throughout the world in seeking to deepen their faith, grow in holiness, and strengthen their relationships with God and neighbor.

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THE LIGHT IS ON... CONFESSIONS

February 20th-April 12th

MONDAYS: 5:00PM-6:00PM St. Paul's & St. Joseph's Church

TUESDAYS: 5:00PM-6:00PM St. Peter's Church
followed by Benediction

WEDNESDAYS: 5:00PM-6:00PM St. John's Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 24th at St. Paul's Church 7pm
preceded by a soup supper at 5:30pm
March 3rd at Transfiguration Church 7pm
March 10th at St. Peter's Church 7pm
March 17th at St. Joseph's Church 7pm
March 24th at Transfiguration Church
March 31st St. Peter's Church 7pm
April 7th at St. Joseph's Church 7pm
preceded by a soup supper at 5:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY
7:00PM at St. Peter's Church

GOOD FRIDAY
3:00PM at St. John's Church

HOLY SATURDAY
at Individual Parishes
8:00PM St. Peter's Church

EASTER SUNDAY
at Individual Parishes
7:30AM * 10:00PM * 6:00PM at St. Peter's Church



FORMATION IN A MINUTE...

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday, and His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. While Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, all Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass on this day and to receive ashes on their foreheads in order to mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

The ashes remind us of our own mortality and call us to repentance. The ashes that we receive are a reminder of our own sinfulness and our need for God's forgiveness.

The Church emphasizes the penitential nature of Ash Wednesday by calling us to fast and abstain from meat. Catholics who are over the age of 18 and under the age of 60 are required to fast, which means that they can eat only one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between. Catholics who are over the age of 14 are required to refrain from eating any meat, or any food made with meat, on Ash Wednesday.

This fasting and abstinence is not simply a form of penance, however; it is also a call for us to take stock of our spiritual lives. As Lent begins, we should set specific spiritual goals we would like to reach before Easter and decide how we will pursue them.

**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 fall from the roof and has a potential to hit and damage your vehicle or even yourself.

St. Peter's Music Ministry
presents:



Sundays at 3

featuring

Fish Creek Rodeo

Violin * Steel Guitar
* Keyboard *

Performing their:

Original Material
and Choice Covers

February 26th
3PM

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)

GREETING CARD MINISTRY

If anyone knows of a 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 with the person's name and address. Our team will gladly send them a greeting card to brighten their day.

Thank you in advance for all your help!

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.

Altar Rosary Society

January/February we break for winter.

Coming in March we have 2 events; Save the Dates

- Sunday, March 12 @ 3:30 in the church hall. Deacon Dan' "Divine Comedy" presentation. Details to follow as we get closer to the date.
- Thursday, March 16 in the church hall. Our annual St. Patty's day catered dinner. Details to follow as we get closer to the date.

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

FEBRUARY
Tina Brognano
Mary Wahl

MARCH
Joan Combs
Mary Ann Cox

MERRY MAKERS

Next meeting for Merry makers is:

March 8, 6-9 p.m.
(2nd Wed. of the month)
As always beverages,
h'ors d'œuvres & desserts
will be served

*For information: on joining the Merry Makers please
Call Cate at (315)225-7900*

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.*

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 14, 2023

Families	57
Adults	58
Children	31
Seniors	34
Unique	6
Total Fed	129

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

The next business meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council #391 will take place on Thursday, March 9th, 2022 at Council Hall, 112 Ridge Street, Rome. The meeting will be at 7PM preceded at 6:30PM by the Holy Rosary.

From this moment on, live the Eucharist fully; be persons for whom the Holy Mass, Communion, and Eucharistic adoration are the center and summit of their whole life.



The faithful are encouraged to pray the Rosary, especially on the 22nd of each month, in thanksgiving for the Supreme Court's decision that over turned Roe vs. Wade. Pray also for the success of continued efforts on behalf of the sanctity of human life.

The Knights are looking for interested Catholic males over 18 to join and help support our area churches and community. For information to learn about the Knights call **315-337-4010** or join online at kojc.org/join-us and use **Council 391**.

Special Note: In celebration of the recent beatification of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, men are now eligible to join, or re-join, the Knights of Columbus through Spring of 2023 at no cost. Men can join online at kojc.org/join-us using promo code MCGIVNEY2020. Mention Rome Council #391 and we will be automatically notified.

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 Knights of Columbus- Rome #391 P.O Box 4623, Rome NY 13440

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

**Altar Servers Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers Ushers Choir Greeters
Funeral Ministry
Please call the rectory for more information.
315-336-5072**



Pope Francis asks us to pray for one of his published intentions each month. To pray with the Pope daily visit: clicktopray.org

FEBRUARY INTENTION

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

February 19, 2023: Seventh Sunday (MT 5:38-48)

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/ driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

**Ash Wednesday
with Jim Krisher**

February 22, 2023 9 am - 3 pm

"Looking Godward: Noticing God's Presence in Prayer and in Life"
God wants to be known to us. Repeatedly in both the Old Testament and the New, we hear of God's desire that we might come to "know the Lord" and "know Christ Jesus." Starting with this assumption, Jim's two presentations will consider what it means to develop a more contemplative stance in our lives - that is, to become more attentive to God's self-revelation in our prayer and in life. A most helpful focus as we enter into Lent! Mass with distribution of Ashes will be at 11 am. A light meatless lunch will be served. Offering: \$30

Jim Krisher is the founder and director emeritus of the Spiritual Renewal Center in Syracuse. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member in the religious studies department of Le Moyne College, where he teaches courses in New Testament and Christian spirituality. Jim has written numerous articles on scripture and spirituality, and is the author of *SPIRITUAL SURRENDER: YIELDING YOURSELF TO A LOVING GOD*, and a second book, titled *THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS: HIS MISSION IN OUR LIVES*.

Register on our website at www.ctreretreat.com
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The Third Option– True Love isn't Found, it's Built.

Learn communication skills such as how to handle anger more constructively, resolve conflicts, and communicate better. Learn from the experience of others on how to improve your relationship and find the joy in living a happier, healthier life together! This confidential group is **FREE** and open to anyone. For those who prefer to do so, the program is being offered via Zoom. **Upcoming meetings are February 5th, February 19th and March 5th from 6:30-8:30 PM. Please call 315-735-6210 Monday—Friday 8:30-4:30PM** to register for both in-person or virtual meetings or email us at info@thegoodnewscenter.org.

Not Now, I'm Busy, Hanging onto What Matters Most a Women's Retreat

Chances are, you heard the phrase, "not now, I'm busy" and if you're like most, you've used that phrase once or twice in your life.

We've heard the tale of the two sisters, Martha and Mary featured in Luke's gospel several times before. It's a tug-o-war of sorts between what each sister views as priority at that moment. How can we apply the wisdom from this encounter with Jesus to our lives today? After all, we are all faced with countless distractions, invitations and opportunities to serve, right?

We hope that you will join us for an overnight women's retreat here at The Good News Center facilitated by Meg Castellini who has been journeying with groups throughout the Diocese of Syracuse for the last 16 years. Our weekend begins on **Friday, March 24th at 5PM and ends on Saturday, March 25th at 3PM** followed by confession and Mass.

Private room cost is \$125, semi-private is \$100 and commuter is \$75. Price includes all meals and accommodations. Paid registration is due by March 17th. Call **The Good News Center at 315-735-6210**.