

*St. Peter's Parish*  
*Rome, New York*  
*February 26, 2023*



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, February 27, 2023 Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

7:00am **GEORGIANA (BROCKWAY) CARRAHER** by A.L.B.  
**CHRIS HANSEN** by Amy Balog  
 12:10pm **CHARLES SPROCK** by Sharon Hansen  
 5:00pm **CONFESSIONS** at St. Paul's and St. Joseph's

### Tuesday, February 28, 2023

7:00am **SALLY (BROCKWAY) MATTHEWS** by A.L.B.  
 12:10pm **THOMAS MYERS** by Laura Mack  
 5:00pm **CONFESSIONS** and 6:00pm **BENEDICTION** at St. Peter's

### Wednesday, March 1, 2023

7:00am **STANLEY HRIM** by A.L.B.  
 12:10pm **PRO POPULO**  
 5:00pm **CONFESSIONS** at St. John's

### Thursday, March 2, 2023

7:00am **CAROL ROOD** by A.L.B. \* **TOM HURLEY** by Family  
 12:10pm **WILLIAM HALEY** by Family

### Friday, March 3, 2023 St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

7:00am **FRANK RENO** by A.L.B. \* **MICKEY & CATHERINE CONSILO** by Mickey  
 12:10pm **JANET KISER** by Family

### Saturday March 4, 2023 Saint Casimir

8:00am **MICHAEL J. KUNKEL** by Wife \* **JACQUELINE M. BAYNES** by Daughter  
 5:00pm **MARY MCADOO** (3rd Anniv) by Mom

### Sunday, March 5, 2023 Second Sunday of Lent

7:30am **JANE A. MARTIN** (6th Anniv) by husband, Fred  
**MAUREEN WATSON** (14th Anniv) by Kelly and Dan  
 10:00am **LISE BAUER** by Pete and Julie Sestito \* **RICH CURTIS** (For Healing) by Kim Ocuto  
**CARL J. MASSET JR.** by Family  
 6:00pm **ANNE NEIDL** by Family

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

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

Michelle A.	George DeFabio	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	William Gaffey	Marcelletta	Bill Reese	Anne Toepp
Stephanie Calicchia	Augusta Ginsburg	Geoff Marchione	Francine Riolo	Rylin Turley
Mary Carmody	Scott Ginsburg	Russell Marchione	John Ritchie	Fr. Corey VanBuren
Adam Carpenter	Amanda Gold	Patti Mastrangelo	Kelly Homan Rodoski	Deborah Verminski
Annie Cimo	Josh Gold	Nicole Mathe	Catherine Roman	Francis Rosario Vitale
Sara Cosnett	Gail Greene	Marybeth Matyasik	Robert Roman	Vito Waterman
John Cordsen	Denis Hartman	Patty Walsh McCorduck	Lisa Ryder	Lois White
Alex D'Argenio	John Hedrington	Brian McQueen	Kelly Sabia	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Melody Darrow	Joshua Hedrington	Carol Misiaszek	Jacqueline Schachte	Patricia Willis
Tom Delpico	Mike Henry	Ann Moster	John Schachte	John Wright
Sr. Rosaire DeMare	William Herrig, Jr.	Sonia Myers	Brian Schilling	Bernice Young
Pat DeMatteo	Billy Jo Hildenbrandt	Beverly Nasci	Thomas Serra	Patricia Zeller
				Cathy Ziemba



## 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@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:smsprectory@twcnny.rr.com)

### 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

### LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU CONFESSIONS

February 27th-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

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 at St. Peter's Church

#### EASTER SUNDAY

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

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

Email: [spcdre@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:spcdre@twcnny.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.



# FAITH FORMATION

**JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS**  
 February 26, 2023 10:00AM Mass  
 March 5, 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 26, 2023  
 First Communion 9:00-9:50AM

Monday, February 27, 2023  
 Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00PM  
 Grades 7-9 7:30-8:30PM

Wednesday, February 29, 2023  
 Grades 1-6 8:00-9:00AM

Sunday, March 5, 2023  
 First Communion 9AM-9:50AM  
 Parent Session with class for children

Confirmation 4:30PM Meal, 5:00PM Class, 6:00PM Mass

Monday, March 6, 2023  
 Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00PM  
 Grades 7-9 7:30-8:30PM

Visit our website:  
[www.smspfaith.com](http://www.smspfaith.com)



## FORMATION IN A MINUTE...

### The Holy Season of Lent

"Come and listen to my story," says Purple, "a tale of pain and feeling abandoned by God with an amazing and surprising ending. The story of the resurrection of our Savior and King." Now that the church has entered the Lenten season, the liturgical color changes from green to purple. Purple symbolizes both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus, as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But since purple is also the color of royalty, it reminds us of Jesus' resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated on Easter Sunday. Jesus is our King, our royal King.



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

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.

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of **FEBRUARY 26, 2023**  
 for

**MARK OPPER** (for healing)  
 by A Friend

## DONATIONS

### WINDOW/MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of

**BARBARA MARCELLUS**

by: Margaret Rossi, Mary Carmel & William Wolf,  
 Dale & Judy Rashford, Carol & Wayne Herring

**CHRIS HANSEN**

by: Sybil Preski, Robert & Denise Giglio, Alex Howe,  
 David Nolan & Bunny Rousseau, Ann Mellen,  
 Raymond & Grace Durso, Alex & Laura Evanciew,  
 Gretchen Sprock, St. Mary's & St. Peter's Cemetery  
 Staff, Mary & Bill Nemyier, Sheila & John Wilson

### MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

Donations

by: Margaret Bratge, Appler Family,  
 Catholic Daughters of America

In Memory of

**LAWRENCE POWELL**

by The Powell Family

**VITO & JEAN COLANGELO**

by Ms. Bernadine Rousseau

## St. Peter's Collection

February 19, 2023

Regular	\$8,381.85
Electronic	\$1,381.20
Make Ups	\$348.00

**Total \$10,111.05**

**Mission \$123.00**

*Thank you for your support.*

### HELP US GROW WITH ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your weekly offerings. Scan the QR code or go to [www.stmarvstspeters.com](http://www.stmarvstspeters.com) and click on Donate. Complete the electronic giving authorization form to get started.





**WINTER PARKING ON PARK STREET**

We are asking you, for your safety, please do **NOT** park along the church building side of Park Street. With the winter season upon us, snow and ice fall from the roof and have a potential to hit and damage your vehicle, or to injure you.

St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish  
 Hosted by the Altar Rosary Society  
 Parish-wide  
**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**  
 Choice of:  
 \* **Corned Beef & Cabbage** \*  
 \* or **Ham** \*  
 along with: Pasta-fagioli .. Parsley Potatoes  
 Baby Carrots .. Rolls/Butter ... Coffee .. Desserts  
 Thursday  
**March 16th**  
 50 - 50 6:00 p.m.  
 St. Peter's Church Hall  
 Door-Prizes  
 Catered by:  
 Eddie's  
 Paramount Diner  
**\$15** per-person  
 No Takeouts  
 Tickets available after Mass on:  
 February 25th & 26th  
 March 4th & 5th \* March 11th & 12th  
 Or contact: Mary Wahl 315-533-6907  
 Hurry  
 Limited Seating

**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](mailto: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**

Coming in March we have two events. Save the dates:

**Sunday, March 12** at  
 3:30PM in the church hall.  
 Deacon Dan's "Divine  
 Comedy" presentation.  
 All parishes/public are  
 invited! Beverages will be  
 served.



**Thursday, March 16** in the church hall.  
 Our annual St. Paddy's Day catered dinner.

**ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE**

**MARCH**  
 Joan Combs  
 Mary Ann Cox

\*\*\*\*\*

**MERRY MAKERS**

**Next meeting for Merry makers is:**  
**March 8, 6-9 PM**  
 (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 acts 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 21, 2023**

<b>Families</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Unique</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Fed</b>	<b>129</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

The next business meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council #391 will take place on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 [kofc.org/join us](http://kofc.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 [kofc.org/join us](http://kofc.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](http://clicktopray.org)

**FEBRUARY INTENTION**

**For Parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

February 26, 2023: First Sunday of Lent (MT 4: 1-11)

In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2023 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

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 26<sup>th</sup>  
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)

**THE GOODNEWS CENTER – HELPING FAMILIES, TOUCHING LIVES.**

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



**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. The next meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM. Please call 315-735-6210 Monday—Friday 8:30-4:30PM to register for either in-person or virtual meetings or email us at: [info@thegoodnewscenter.org](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> at 5PM and ends on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

Call The Good News Center at 315-735-6210.