

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

A photograph of a wooden cross and a crown of thorns against a solid purple background. The cross is made of light-colored wood and is positioned on the left side of the frame. The crown of thorns, made of dried, spiky branches, is draped diagonally across the center. The text "FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image. A large, faint, semi-transparent number "5" is also visible in the background, centered behind the text.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday March 25, 2023 The Annunciation of The Lord

8:00am **IZZO FAMILY** by Their Estate  
 5:00pm **SISTER REGINA PELTZ** by Joanne Gaffey \* **RENEE GILMORE** (B'day) by Mom & Dad  
**ROBERT PABIS** (3rd Anniv) by Wife & Family

### Sunday, March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30am **SARA MARTIN** (Anniv) by The Martin Family \* **RICHARD P. DELUTIS, SR** by Wife, Bridget & Family  
 10:00am **CHRISTOPHER DESTITO** (B'day) by Roann & Christopher Destito \* **LISE BAUER** by Russell Reagan  
**MARGARET HOUSE** by Children & Grandchildren  
 6:00pm **WILLIAM K. GUGLIELMO** by Joe & Lorraine Griffo

### Monday, March 27, 2023

7:00am **BRETT DIXON** (B'day) by Aunt Kathy \* **DR. PAT DEMATTEO** (For Healing) by WJP  
 12:10pm **SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ERNIE & CHRIS** by Debbie & Tim Lisberg  
 5:00pm **CONFESSIONS** at St. Paul's and St. Joseph's

### Tuesday, March 28, 2023

8:00am **MASS AT ST. JOHN'S**  
 9:00am **MASS AT ST. PAUL'S**  
 5:00pm **CONFESSIONS** and 6:00pm **BENEDICTION** at St. Peter's

### Wednesday, March 29, 2023

7:00am **ED SPROCK, SR.** by Family  
 12:10pm **LOIS A. FOLEY** by Richard & Roberta Wasnik  
 5:00pm **CONFESSIONS** at St. John's

### Thursday, March 30, 2023

7:00am **ANTOINETTE & MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim  
 12:10pm **IZZO FAMILY** by Their Estate

### Friday, March 31, 2023

7:00am **SARA MARTIN** (Anniv) by Martin Family  
 12:10pm **BILL LENNON** by The Bauer Family

### Saturday April 1, 2023

8:00am **CHARLES M. SPROCK** by The Cerjan Family  
 5:00pm **MARY SORRENTINO** by Aunt Katie & Palitti Families

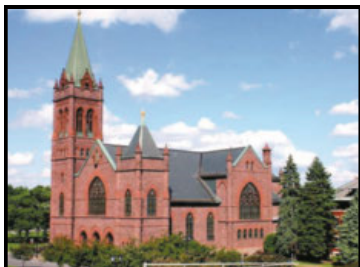
### Sunday, April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

7:30am **JULIO & CARMELLA DELUTIS** by Bridget & Family \* **DJULSA MUSIC** (For Healing) by Pete Wood  
**DARLENE TELLER** (For Healing) by Pete wood  
 10:00am **SR. RUTH CECILIA DOWD, CSJ** (B'day) by Betty Dowd & Family  
**CHESTER J. & STEPHANIA S. BUDA** by Gannon Family  
**MARGARET BUCZEK** by Children & Grandchildren  
 6:00pm **PRO POPULO**

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



## ***St. Peter's Parish***

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Rome, New York 13440  
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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**

**March 27th - April 5th**

**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 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

March 26, 2023 10:00 AM Mass

April 2, 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, March 26, 2023

First Communion 9:00-9:50AM

Monday, March 27, 2023

Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00PM

Grades 7-9 7:30-8:30PM

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Grades 1-6 8:00-9:00AM

Sunday, April 2, 2023

First Communion 9:00-9:50AM

Confirmation Retreat 1:00PM-7:00PM

(With Mass at 6:00PM)

Monday, April 3, 2023

Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00PM

Grades 7-9 7:30-8:30PM

Visit our website:  
www.smspfaitth.com

### FORMATION IN A MINUTE...



5th Sunday of Lent

#### Passiontide

The last two weeks of Lent have traditionally been referred to as Passiontide. The time was set aside for a greater focus on Christ's Passion and death. The first week is called "week of the palms," because it precedes Palm Sunday. Holy Week is the second and final week of Passiontide. During Passiontide, it is optional for statues, holy images, and crucifixes to be covered with purple cloth. The stark difference in the church produced by the covering of images is meant to help us focus on the sorrow and death that Jesus endured. Crosses remain covered until after services on Good Friday and statues and images remain covered until the Easter Vigil.

### Rome Catholic School Art Exhibit

April 4th- 21st at the Rome Art and Community Center

Opening reception with music April 4th 5PM-7PM

You can visit the Art Center

9am-4pm Monday - Thursdays & 9am-1pm Fridays

Free to public

### 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 SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of MARCH 19, 2023

For

SISTER VIRGINIA DUNN, SNJM

by

Family

### DONATIONS

#### WINDOW/RESTORATION/MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of

JOSEPH & FRANCES COLUCCIO

by: Bryan & Lorrie Whooten

GERRY LOU STANTON

LISE BAUER

by: Gretchen Sprock

### SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST FROM 7-9:30PM

#### ADULT DANCE PARTY

ALL THE HITS YOU KNOW AND LOVE

FROM THE 80'S AND 90'S

AT ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CENTER, FLOYD AVE

DJ'd BY

ALL EVENT ENTERTAINMENT

#### DRESS SHARP!

\$15 SINGLES/\$25 COUPLES

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Make a donation of \$25.00 to the Window Restoration Fund before April 3 and get a memorial card for a loved one placed in a window decoration for the Easter season. There are only 21 window spaces available, so call the rectory office to reserve your memorial card soon.

### St. Peter's Collection

March 19, 2023

Regular \$8,764.00

Electronic \$1,620.32

Make Ups \$56.00

Catholic Relief \$925.00

Total \$11,359.32

Mission \$210.00

### 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.stmarvsspeters.com](http://www.stmarvsspeters.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.

### Cemetery Spring Cleaning

It is that time of year when we need to start preparing for spring clean up.

We are asking you to please remove all winter decorations from your families graves at both St. Mary's and St. Peter's cemeteries by March 31st.

St. Peter's Music Ministry

presents:

**Sundays at 3**

featuring

**Philip Arcuri Jr.**



Acoustic

Singer \* Songwriter

Performing his:

Original Material  
and Choice Covers

**March 26th**  
**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)

### 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

#### SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, April 20, 2023 @7pm we will have guest speaker  
Julie Denton Grow, NYS Supreme Court Justice  
We will have more details to follow as we get closer to the date.

We continue to promote new members to the ARS. If you are  
interested in seeing what we are all about please contact:  
Mary Wahl@ 35-533-6907 or Tina Brognano @ 315-571-6707.

### ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

#### MARCH

Joan Combs

Mary Ann Cox

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### MERRY MAKERS

#### Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, April 12, 6-9pm

Wednesday, May 10, 6-9pm

Refreshments, h'ors d'oeuvres & desserts will be served  
as always

Note: We have patterns, yarn, needles, etc., available for our  
members to use as needed. Don't be shy. We aren't all experts.

We're just a group of ladies who enjoy helping others.

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

### Congratulations!

With joy, we would like to announce that our  
seminarian Ben Schrantz, has recently received the  
Call to the Order of Deacon from  
Bishop Douglas J. Lucia.

Ben, together with Pawel Zmija, will be ordained  
deacon at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Syracuse  
on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Congratulations!

Our prayers and God's blessings to both of them!



### 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

#### March 21, 2023

Families	64
Adults	85
Children	42
Seniors	31
Unique	6
<b>Total Fed</b>	<b>164</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, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 [kojc.org/join-us](http://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](http://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](http://clicktopray.org)

### **MARCH INTENTION**

#### **For Victims of Abuse**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

March 26, 2023: Fifth Sunday of Lent (JN 11:1-45)

Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

### **COPPER CITY BASKETBALL**

At

St. Aloysius Catholic Center

400 Floyd Ave, Rome

Use the side gym door by the ramp



### **AFTER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

For GRADES 1-6

NOW - June 15th

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

3:15pm - 5:15pm

ONLY \$10/DAY

REGISTER AT [CCELITEBASKETBALL.COM](http://CCELITEBASKETBALL.COM)  
or text/call 315-335-2599

### **FREE OPEN GYM**

Drop Ins Welcome

EVERY TUESDAY

K thru 4th grade 6:30-7:30 pm

5th thru 8th grade 7:00-8:30 pm

Text or call ART BENTLEY  
at 315-335-2599

Email: [artbentley@hotmail.com](mailto:artbentley@hotmail.com)

## **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 April 2nd 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).

### **Bible Study—Divine Mercy**

Join the Good News Center this spring for a masterful telling of the "Second Greatest Story." Thanks to the brilliant artistry of the Augustine Institute's world-class film team, this amazing story comes to life like never before. In fact, you'll not just learn about the consoling message of Divine Mercy, you'll experience it. Father Michael Gaitley weaves a tapestry of wonder and beauty from the threads of the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the powerful witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II. **Beginning Wednesday, April 12th and continuing on through June 14th, morning sessions are 10 AM-12PM and evening sessions are 6-8PM.** The cost is \$20.00 per person. **Please register by March 29th**, by calling 315-735-6210 or visit <http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org>