

*St. Peter's Parish  
Rome, New York  
April 2, 2023*



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD**



“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

**MASS INTENTIONS****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**

**Monday, April 3, 2023 Holy Week**

7:00am **CHRIS HANSEN** by Pete Wood  
 12:10pm **PAULA BAILEY** by Sharon Hansen  
 5:00pm **CONFESSIONS** at St. Paul's and St. Joseph's

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023 Holy Week**

7:00am **DAVID GRATAN LEMON** (26th Anniv) by Children  
 12:10pm **VIRGINIA MELONE THOMAS** by Sheila & John Wilson  
 5:00pm **CONFESSIONS** and 6:00pm **BENEDICTION** at St. Peter's

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023 Holy Week**

7:00am **PEGGY WOOD** by Daughter-In-Law Mary Rogers  
 12:10pm **JEANNE PORTNER** by Family  
 5:00pm **CONFESSIONS** at St. John's

**Thursday, April 6, 2023 Holy Thursday**

**CITY WIDE SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH**  
**7:00PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Friday, April 7, 2023 Good Friday**

**CITY WIDE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
**3:00PM Passion of the Lord**

**Saturday April 8, 2023 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**

8:00pm **PRO POPULO**

**Sunday, April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday**

7:30am **PRO POPULO**  
 10:00am **PRO POPULO**  
 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	Norma Plopper	Gabriel Streiff
Marietta Booton	Diana Fowler	Francis Lust	Datie Ponath	Lillian Stutmann
Jimmy Brognano	Julianna Fusco	David, Liz, Mitzi	Paul Powers	Neil Sutherland
James Brooks	Lauri Fusco	Marcelletta	Patrick Quinn	Blanche Sweatman
Carla Cacciatori	Joanne Gaffey	Geoff Marchione	Bill Reese	Barbara Thomas
Lorayne Calicchia	William Gaffey	Russell Marchione	Francine Riolo	Anne Toepp
Stephanie Calicchia	Augusta Ginsburg	Patti Mastrangelo	John Ritchie	Rylin Turley
Mary Carmody	Scott Ginsburg	Nicole Mathe	Kelly Homan Rodoski	Fr. Corey VanBuren
Adam Carpenter	Amanda Gold	Marybeth Matyasik	Catherine Roman	Deborah Verminski
Annie Cimo	Josh Gold	Patty Walsh McCorduck	Robert Roman	Francis Rosario Vitale
Sara Cosnett	Gail Greene	Brian McQueen	Lisa Ryder	Vito Waterman
John Cordsen	Denis Hartman	Carol Misiaszek	Kelly Sabia	Lois White
Alex D'Argenio	John Hedrington	Ann Moster	Jacqueline Schachte	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Melody Darrow	Joshua Hedrington	Sonia Myers	John Schachte	Patricia Willis
Bill DeHimer	Mike Henry	Beverly Nasci	Brian Schilling	John Wright
Tom Delpico	William Herrig, Jr.	Terri Nichols	Jean Sereno	Bernice Young
Sr. Rosaire DeMare	Billy Jo Hildenbrandt	Mark Opper	Thomas Serra	Patricia Zeller
Pat DeMatteo	Joan Jacobs		Bradley Sharpstene	



## 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@twcny.rr.com](mailto:smsprectory@twcny.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

**April 3rd - 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

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@twcny.rr.com](mailto:spcdre@twcny.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.

**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.

### 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

## JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

April 2, 2023 10:00 AM Mass  
 April 9, 2023 No Jesus' Little Friends

*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, 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

Wednesday, April 5, 2023  
 Grades 1-6 8:00-9:00AM

Sunday, April 9, 2023  
 No First Communion Class

Monday, April 10, 2023  
 No Class

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

## FORMATION IN A MINUTE...



### Holy Week

In the course of our busy week, we most likely have times set apart for certain things that are important to us—a workout, a few social phone calls, special time with family—so that we can renew ourselves, our energy, and our perspective.

Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church's liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word *holy* refers to anything that is set apart for God's purposes. Holy Week is *holy* precisely because it is time that is set apart for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

The liturgies of Holy Week are filled with some of the richest and most ancient symbols of the Catholic faith. The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance.

The washing of feet on Holy Thursday speaks to us of the selfless love that we are called to practice in imitation of Jesus. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus can overcome anything, even death. The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of baptisms on Holy Saturday speak to us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus' triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.

This Holy Week allow yourself time apart, holy time, to spend with Jesus. May it be a time set apart to unclutter your mind, lay down your burdens, and renew your faith in Jesus.

(from [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)) .

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of April 2, 2023  
 For  
**FRED UTTER**  
 by  
 Family

## DONATIONS

### WINDOW/RESTORATION/MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of

**ANNE NEIDL**

by: Margaret Corbett

**CECILIA DUNN**  
**STEPHAN A. MATHE**

by: Nicole Mathe

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 26, 2023

<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$12,793.58</b>
<b>Electronic</b>	<b>\$1,350.78</b>
<b>Make Ups</b>	<b>\$97.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$2,650.00</b>

**Total \$16,891.36**

*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.

**Rome Catholic School Art Exhibit**



Rome Art and Community Center at 308 W. Bloomfield Street, Rome, New York will be hosting an exhibit of Rome Catholic Elementary School's students' art **April 4 to April 21, 2023**. The students are excited to share their work and would like to invite the public to the show and to the **opening reception April 4, 2023 from 5pm to 7pm**. The third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be performing songs under the direction of their music teacher, Aaron Browka.

Rome Catholic Elementary School would like to thank the Art Center for hosting our exhibit. We are open, going strong and growing. Come see what we have to offer to you and your children.

You may view the exhibit 9am-4pm Monday - Thursday, 9am-1pm Fridays and anytime the art center is open for an event or class.

**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!*

**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.*

**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**

**APRIL**

Diane Sjodahl  
Mary Ellen Utter

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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 28, 2023**

<b>Families</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Unique</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Fed</b>	<b>169</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.

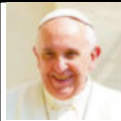
The Knights are looking for interested Catholic males over 18 to join and help support our area churches and community. For information to learn about the Knights call **315-337-4010** or join online at [kofc.org/join us](http://kofc.org/join-us) and use **Council 391**.

**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)

### **APRIL INTENTION**

#### **For a Culture of Peace and Non Violence**

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

April 2, 2023: Passion (Palm) Sunday (MT 26:14 —27:66)

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

## **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 16th 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>