

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
April 23, 2023*



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 22, 2023

8:00am **ANTOINETTE & MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim
KIMBERLY WOOD by Jack Oppen
 5:00pm **IZZO FAMILY** by Their Estate

Sunday, April 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter

7:30am **ALSTON J. HUEY, SR.** (B'day) by Family * **MARIAN DRAPER** (49TH Anniv) by Bill and Mary Draper
 10:00am **MARK OPPER (For Recovery)** * **LISE BAUER** by Robert Wolf * **KIM WOOD** (Healing) by Family
 6:00pm **REV. JOHN K. RYAN** (Anniv)

Monday, April 24, 2023 Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

7:00am **REV. GABRIEL BERKO**

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 Saint Mark, Evangelist

7:00am **FOR ALL MY AUNTS** by Marion Waite
REV. MARK PASIK by Giovanni Libertella Family

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

7:00am **GERRY C. HARPER** by Family

Thursday, April 27, 2023

7:00am **FAMILY OF FLOYD & DOROTHY GIFFORD** by James Gifford
ANTHONY LANZI by James Gifford

Friday, April 28, 2023 Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

7:00am **CHESTER MASZTAK JR.** (Anniv) From Brother Stanley
INTENTION OF CONVERSION OF THE JOHNSON FAMILY

Saturday April 29, 2023 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am **CLARE RAZZANO** (Anniv) by Children
 5:00pm **CHARLES M. SPROCK** by Kenneth & Ann Abramczyk

Sunday, April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am **EDWARD T. ONDRAKO** (17th Anniv) by Richard Ondrako
LOU DEMATTEO by Margaret, Carly, and Jake
RON CUSHMAN (24th Anniv) by Wife Connie
 10:00am **MARK OPPER (For Recovery)**
KIM WOOD (Healing) by Family
 6:00pm **KIMBERLY WOOD** by Jack Oppen

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 DeFabio	Jesse Johnson	Debbie Pacicca	Emmalynn Sharrow
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Jimmy Brognano	Diana Fowler	Francis Lust	Datie Ponath	Lillian Stutmann
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Mary Carmody	Augusta Ginsburg	Patti Mastrangelo	John Ritchie	Rylin Turley
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Annie Cimo	Amanda Gold	Marybeth Matyasik	Catherine Roman	Deborah Verminski
Sara Cosnett	Josh Gold	Patty Walsh McCorduck	Robert Roman	Francis Rosario Vitale
John Cordsen	Gail Greene	Brian McQueen	Lisa Ryder	Vito Waterman
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Melody Darrow	John Hedrington	Ann Mosier	Jacqueline Schachte	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Bill DeHimer	Joshua Hedrington	Sonia Myers	John Schachte	Patricia Willis
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Sr. Rosaire DeMare	William Herrig, Jr.	Terri Nichols	Jean Sereno	Bernice Young
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St. Peter's Parish

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Office Hours:

Monday * Tuesday *
Thursday *
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Wednesday * Friday
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**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

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.

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

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.

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@twcnny.rr.com

St. Peter's Collection

April 16, 2023

Regular	\$9,862.81
Electronic	\$1,645.04
Make Ups	\$1,498.00

Total \$13,005.85

Mission \$797.00

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.

HEARING AIDS: Assistive hearing devices are available for loan at the altar rail and in the front vestibule before mass.

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FAITH FORMATION

JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

April 23, 2023 Jesus' Little Friends
April 30, 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 23, 2023

First Communion Class 9:00-9:50AM

Monday, April 24, 2023

Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00PM
Grades 7-9 7:30-8:30PM

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

First Communion Rehearsal With Parents 6:30PM

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Grades 1-6 8:00-9:00AM
Confirmation Rehearsal With Sponsors 7:00PM

Thursday, April 28, 2023

First Communion Rehearsal 6:30PM

Sunday, April 30, 2023

First Communion Mass 10:00AM

Monday, May 1, 2023

Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00PM
Grades 7-9 7:30-8:30PM

Visit our website:
www.smspfaith.com

ST. PETER'S MAY CROWNING

Hosted by Faith Formation Students



MONDAY

**MAY 8, 2023
6:15PM**

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of April 23, 2023

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by: Agnes Koster



FORMATION IN A MINUTE...

THE EASTER SEASON

Although Easter was celebrated on April 9, the Easter Season continues. The Easter Season is fifty days. It extends from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. It is sometimes known as the "Festival of Weeks," seven weeks of seven days (49 days), plus one, the fiftieth day, Pentecost.

The Octave of Easter. The first eight days of the Easter Season are known as the Octave of Easter. Easter is the greatest Christian feast, so great, in fact, that it cannot be celebrated adequately on a single day. All eight days from Easter Sunday to the Second Sunday of Easter are considered solemnities, the Church's highest ranking feast, and each day is celebrated with festivity and joy.

The Easter Novena. The last nine days of the Easter Season extend from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday, a novena, Latin for "nine." Jesus instructed his disciples "not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait ... [because] in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:4,5). The nine days from Ascension to Pentecost are a novena, a period of prayer before the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Easter Liturgical Color. The liturgical color for the Easter Season is white. Gold is not a liturgical color, but it may be used to accent the white. Together, they are symbols of joy and glory, as well as the Resurrection.

The Easter Liturgical Word. The special word for the Easter Season is Alleluia. It is used for the dismissal from Mass, and it is added to the antiphons and responses for the Liturgy of the Hours. It is only found in the Book of Revelation (19:1,3,4,6), and it is an exclamation of great joy that means "Praise God!" the sentiment of the Easter Season.

The Major Easter Symbol. The foremost symbol of Easter is the Christ Candle, also known as the Easter Candle or the Paschal Candle. It represents the Risen Christ who is the Light of the World (Jn 8:12; see also 1:4-5,9 and 12:46). The candle is given a prominent location during the Easter Season, usually in the sanctuary or somewhere in the front of the church, and after Pentecost it is moved back to its usual place.

Easter Scripture Texts. The gospels of the Easter Season focus on the appearances of Jesus after his Resurrection, near his tomb, in the Upper Room, on the road to Emmaus, and along the Sea of Galilee. The featured New Testament book throughout the Easter Season for both the first reading on Sundays and every weekday is the Acts of the Apostles, a powerful statement that the risen Christ remains alive and well within the Christian Community.

Distribution of the Precious Blood

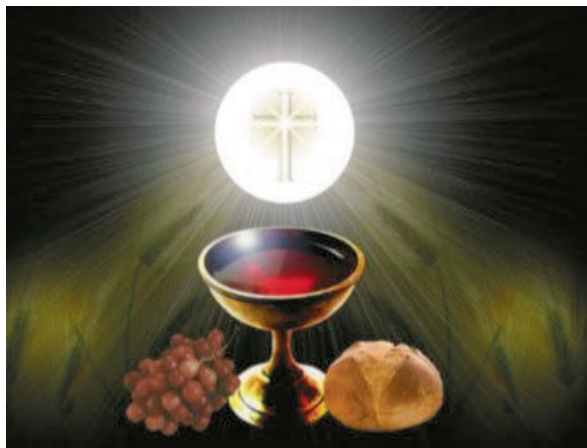
From the Office of the Syracuse Diocese

Given the easing of restrictions associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency, the distribution of the Precious Blood will be reintroduced into parish Masses beginning on the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (June 10-11, 2023)**.

Bishop Lucia invites us to take this opportunity to reflect on the spiritual meaning of this sacred action established by the Lord Himself.

Prior to the reinstitution of the Precious Blood, there will be a refresher session for **All** Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Date and Time TBD and will be published in the bulletin.



TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO PRAY

Kids will enjoy learning through simple rhymes while adults will also benefit from the solid truth in God's promises.



**Hold my hand, God,
lead the way,
Help me be good every day.
Let me know what's wrong and right,
keep me safe day and night,
Let me know what you have planned,
Lead the way God,
hold my hand. 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.

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.*

Altar Rosary Society

We extend our sincere appreciation to Julie Grow Denton for being our guest speaker last Thursday. Her speech was very informative and inspiring and we were honored to have her take time to be available to visit with our parishioners.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our next guest speaker: Mike Polce,
Owner of M.A. POLCE, IT & Cybersecurity
Thursday, May 18th

Mike will speak on cybersecurity

ALL ARE INVITED— bring a friend!!!

More details to follow as we get closer to the date

The ARS is actively recruiting new members. Please plan to attend one of our meetings to see what we are all about. We are a fun, productive organization who make ourselves available to serve our clergy, our church and our parishioners. Please call Mary Wahl @ 315-533-6307 or Tina Brognano @ 315-571-6707 if you have any questions.

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

APRIL

Diane Sjodahl
Mary Ellen Utter

MERRY MAKERS

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, May 10, 6-9pm

Refreshments, hors 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*

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

April 18, 2023

Families	57
Adults	58
Children	35
Seniors	30
Unique	4
Total Fed	127

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.

PARISH CENSUS INFORMATION

Forms are still available in the sacristy. **PLEASE** fill out a form and place it in the collection basket so we may update our parish information.

All information will be confidential.



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, May 11th 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



Pope Francis asks us to pray for one of his published intentions each month. To pray with the Pope daily visit: 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 23, 2023: Third Sunday of Easter (LK 24:13-35)

In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.

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!

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24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Good News Center, in celebrating the **National Day of Prayer**, will hold a **24-Hour Adoration of the Eucharist** on **Thursday, May 4th from 12AM-12PM in our beautiful chapel.**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May. Designated by the United States Congress, people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation. "By law, the president is required to sign a proclamation each year encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. We are asking for volunteers to spend an hour or more with our Lord, We will offer light refreshments throughout the day.

To sign up please call the Good News Center at 315-735-6210, Monday– Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM.
Spend time with Our Lord. Let us praise God for who God is.

International Exhibition The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

The Good News Center will host the **International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles** starting **May 4th with the National Day of Prayer celebration and ending August 9th with our 18th annual Rosary Walk.** A total of fifty-three panels in all will be on display in our beautiful chapel with new panels continually being added.

The exhibition is free and open to the public Monday– Thursday 8:30AM-4:30PM and Friday 8:30AM-12PM.

The International Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit is a traveling display designed by Carlo Acutis, a young man who died at the age of 15 and was beatified in 2020. It contains an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions of Eucharistic miracles, recognized by the Catholic Church that have taken place throughout the ages all across the world. By viewing this collection, you can experience the places and history of these documented miracles and learn the fascinating stories of these relics from all over the world.



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