

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
June 25, 2023*



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 24, 2023 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist8:00am **WILLIAM HERRIG** by Mike and Debbie Grogan5:00pm **LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GAFFEY FAMILY****GABRIEL CIOTTI SR.** by Alex and Laura Evanciew and Family * **MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR O'CONNOR** by Family**Sunday, June 25, 2023 Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time**7:30am **BARBARA MARCELLUS** by Robin and Tom Engle**PAUL PILECKAS** by Carly and Jake Pohl10:00am **GERRY LOU STANTON** by Jeanne McElhinney and Family * **TOM PETERS** by The Stanton Family**KIM WOOD** (Healing) by Family * **CECELIA STRESSEL** by Mike and MaryAnn Abate6:00pm **FRANCESCO CONTRONEA** by Giacomo and Augusta * **RONALD F. KOZMA** by Sheila and John Wilson**Monday, June 26, 2023**7:00am **ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim**Tuesday, June 27, 2023 Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**7:00am **IZZO FAMILY** by Their Estate**Wednesday, June 28, 2023 Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**7:00am **JOHN TARBANIA** by Family**Thursday, June 29, 2023 Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**7:00am **PAUL PILECKAS** by Gretchen Sprock**Friday, June 30, 2023 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**7:00am **PRO POPULO****Saturday July 1, 2023 Saint Junipero Serra, Priest; BVM**8:00am **DICK PLATT** by Rutledge Family5:00pm **JACK CERJAN** (B'day) by Daughter, Jean Bauer**Sunday, July 2, 2023 Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**7:30am **ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim10:00am **BARBARA RHUDE** by Family * **CHARLES M. SPROCK** by Joe and Patty Guiliano**KIM WOOD** (Healing) by Family6:00pm **REV. ANTHONY J. LOGAN**

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

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

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Office Hours:

Monday * Thursday
 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm
 Tuesday
 9am-1:00pm
 Wednesday * Friday
 9:00am-12:00pm

Pastor: Very Rev. Sean P. O'Brien, VF
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.

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.

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

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E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

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Online at: www.smspfaith.com
 Email: spcdre@twcnny.rr.com

St. Peter's Collection June 18, 2023

Regular	\$10,933.99
Electronic	\$1,716.70
Make Ups	\$27.00
Father's Day	\$2,069.00

Total \$14,746.69

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

What a great year we had!

Have a great summer and we will see you in September.

Jesus Little Friends Booklets are still available
at the exits during the summer months.

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

Vacation Bible School

Register soon, space is limited.

Sign your child/children up by visiting our faith formation website or by calling the Faith Formation office at 315-336-5066



Visit our website:
www.smspfait.com

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

SURRENDER FOR SERENITY

"Surrender for Serenity" has a new home!

This AL-ANON group will meet at St. Aloysius
Catholic Community Center, 400 Floyd Ave., Rome
Thursday evenings from 5:30pm-6:30pm
beginning June 29th.

For more information you can contact
Sharon at 315-709-7626 or Liz at 315-415-1719.
Drop ins are welcome.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of June 25, 2023

For
JOSEPHINE UTTER

By Family

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PAUL PILECKAS

By Jackie Favata

MISSION

In Memory of

WALLACE KIRK

By Sally Haley

FORMATION IN A MINUTE...



He must increase, I must decrease – these words many of us pray over our ministries. John did not say, "he must increase, I must decrease," as a mere sentiment. He followed through on what it meant. John took opportunities to proclaim Jesus as the greater; he stated that Jesus was the one whose sandals he was unworthy to untie (John 1:27). And when it came time for John's ministry to decline in favor of Jesus' ministry, he rejoiced.

John the Baptist was a beloved figure of Jesus. He was beloved for many reasons, but one reason was that he understood his role in Jesus' broader ministry. He was the pointer, the forerunner. Jesus was (and is) the focal point, the goal. John the Baptist truly understood greatness as humility before the Lord.

John the Baptist spoke about his ministry decreasing and Jesus' ministry increasing when their work began to overlap; they both baptized people, and we see that people who had been familiar with John's ministry started flocking to Jesus' ministry.

John had been sent ahead of the Messiah, preaching a baptism of repentance of the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). He openly testified that he was not the Messiah but prepared the way for Him; "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: make straight the way of the Lord" (John 1:23).

We do well to mirror the "he must increase, I must decrease" words of John the Baptist in our ministries and our lives. If people see Jesus increasing in our lives, words, ministries, and actions, then we are surely blessed by God and have learned from this man whom Jesus gave words of great affirmation. Jesus Himself has come, and He has set the world ablaze with those who would live for Him humbly like John the Baptist until he comes again.

Fr. Bernie

For those who would like to send Fr. Bernie letters and cards of well wishes you may send them to the following address:

Rev. Bernard Menard
St. John Vianney Center
151 Woodbine Rd.
Downingtown, PA 19335
He would love to hear from you!

St. Timothy Award Recipients Honored

Three graduating Rome-area high school seniors were recently honored with St. Timothy awards at a banquet sponsored by Rome Council 391 of the Knights of Columbus. To receive this award, a high school senior must exemplify the threefold purpose of the award: Christian moral values, Christian service, and Catholic leadership. They must be in good standing in their community, school, and place of employment. Finally, they must actively participate in parish, diocesan, school and community youth programs and services during their high school years. St. Timothy Award recipients are chosen by their pastor and youth ministry teams. Only ONE St. Timothy Award can be awarded per parish in the greater Rome area. The 2023 St. Timothy Award recipients were Kayden Bevilacqua, St. John the Baptist/Transfiguration of Our Lord Rome, Andrew Freer, St. Patrick's Taberg, and Arnold Zumbrun, St. Mary's/St. Peter's Rome. The Awards Banquet was held at the Franklin Hotel in Rome. To learn more about the Knights of Columbus visit kofc.org.



Pictured above, (left to right), are Deacon Benjamin Schrantz and Arnold Zumbrun, St. Mary's/St. Peter's Rome, Rev. Francis Wapen and Andrew Freer, St. Patrick's Taberg, and Rev. Paul Angelicchio and Kayden Bevilacqua, St. John the Baptist/Transfiguration Rome
Photograph courtesy of Knights of Columbus Rome Council #391

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



"There are no meetings in July & August, however, we are preparing for our annual multiple basket raffle which we kick off at the September's parish picnic. Raffle tickets will be sold for 3 consecutive weeks."

We are a fun, productive group of ladies who enjoy serving our clergy, our church & our parishioners. If you are interested in attending a meeting and being part of an active group please come & see what we are all about.

We continually look for new members to bring their time & talent to our organization.

Please call Mary Wahl @ 315-533-6907 or Tina Brognano @ 315-571-6707 if you have any questions.

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

JUNE

Joan Combs
Mary Ann Cox

MERRY MAKERS

Our next meeting: 07/12/23, 6-9 pm
Beverages, h'ors d'ouvres and desserts will be served.

Attention

Knitters, Crocheters & Sewers

You are always welcome.

*For more information, contact 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

June 20, 2023

Families	73
Adults	81
Children	42
Seniors	33
Unique	5
Total Fed	161

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, September 14th 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 kofc.org/join-us and use **Council 391**. We will be automatically notified

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 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

JUNE INTENTION

For The Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

June 25, 2023: Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time
(MT 10:26-33)

Jesus says "Do not be afraid" three times in today's gospel and reminds us "all concealed secrets will be revealed." Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain "hidden in darkness" they will "destroy body and soul." Healing, understanding and hope are found only "in the light" of openness. "Do not be afraid."

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!

PARISH CENSUS INFORMATION

Parish Census Forms are available in the sacristy. If you would like to join our Faith Community **please** fill out a form and place it in the collection basket. If you are and have been a member of St Mary's or St. Peter's and have not already done so **PLEASE** fill out the census form so we may update our parish information. All information will be confidential.

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WOMEN AT THE WELL

Are you yearning to have a deeper relationship with God? Do you feel stirrings in your heart and are not sure how to act upon them? Are you inspired by hearing the faith journeys of others? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to join the group Women at the Well. Led by Sr. Mary Ellen Schopfer, these women meet to encourage each other on their journey of faith. It is **FREE** and open to women who want a stronger relationship with God. **Meets 3-4:30PM on the last Tuesday of each month at The Good News Center, 10475 Cosby Manor RD., Utica. Upcoming date is Tuesday, June 27th. Call The Good News Center to register Monday– Friday 8:30AM—4:30 PM at 315-735-6210 or email us at info@thegoodnewscenter.org.**

PAL-PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES

The primary goal of **PAL** is to provide **HOPE** through education for people dealing with the pain of having an addicted loved one. Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) is a national organization founded in Arizona by a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor. Each PAL group is facilitated by a trained peer, someone walking the same path. Our meetings are **FREE** and open to anyone with an addicted loved one, participants must be 18 and over. The guiding principles of PAL are confidentiality, respect, acceptance, and support. Some of the topics covered are: Delayed emotional growth, Enabling checklist, and Family lessons about recovery. For those who prefer to do so, the program is also being offered via Zoom. **Meetings are 6-7:30PM every other Monday. The next meetings are June 26th, July 10th and July 24th. Please call The Good News Center at 315-735-6210 Monday-Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM to register for both in– person or virtual meetings or email us at info@thegoodnewscenter.org.**



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