

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



## 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday July 1, 2023 Saint Junipero Serra, Priest; BVM

8:00am **DICK PLATT** by Rutledge Family  
 5:00pm **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, Kim  
 10:00am **BARBARA RHUDE** by Family \* **CHARLES M. SPROCK** by Joe and Patty Guiliano  
**KIM WOOD** (Healing) by Family  
 6:00pm **REV. ANTHONY J. LOGAN**

### Monday, July 3, 2023 St Thomas, Apostle

7:00am **ANNA MAE HURLEY** by Family

### Tuesday, July 4, 2023 Independence Day

7:00am **WILLIAM MELLEN** (Anniv) by Family  
**PAUL WAITE** by Marion Waite

### Wednesday, July 5, 2023 Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7:00am **TOM HURLEY** by Family

### Thursday, July 6, 2023 Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

7:00am **CORY HARTLIEB** by Sharon Hansen

### Friday, July 7, 2023

7:00am **LEO CRAIGLOW** (Wedding Anniv) by Loving Wife Ginny

### Saturday July 8, 2023

8:00am **REV. SALVATORE D'ALESSANDRO**  
 5:00pm **SISTER VIRGINIA DUNN,SNJM** by Joanne Gaffey \* **ROBERT R. O'BRIEN** by Nancey  
**LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DUNN FAMILY**

### Sunday, July 9, 2023 Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am **EDITH NUCCI** by Bridget DeLutis and Family  
 10:00am **DOROTHY FORCE** by Goddaughter \* **JOYCE D. MCMAHON** (Anniv) by McMahon Family  
**KIM WOOD** (Healing) by Family  
 6:00pm **ALBERT P., MARY D., AND BARBARA EISINGER** by Gannon 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.

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Georgie Amodio	Paul Eisinger	Jennie Kemp	Rachel Pawlikowski	Freja Emily Simpson
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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 \* Thursday  
9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm  
Tuesday  
9am-1:00pm  
Wednesday \* Friday  
9:00am-12:00pm

**Pastor: Very Rev. Seán 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 Seán 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

### **St. Peter's Cemetery**

E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

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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)

### **St. Peter's Collection June 25, 2023**

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**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

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

### REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM

Our next Adult Formation sessions will include a crime prevention seminar. Mark your calendar for September 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

More info will be provided as we get closer to September.

### SURRENDER FOR SERENITY

"Surrender for Serenity" has a new home!  
This AL-ANON group will meet at St. Aloysius Catholic Center, 400 Floyd Ave., Rome  
Thursday evenings from 5:30pm-6:30pm  
beginning June 29th.  
Drop ins are welcome.

### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of July 2, 2023

For  
JACK CERJAN (B'day)

By Daughter, Jean

### DONATIONS

#### WINDOW/RESTORATION/MEMORIAL FUND

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By Wife, Agnus Koster

### MISSION

#### DONATIONS

By Scott Keane and Debra Lisberg



### FORMATION IN A MINUTE...

#### Why Do Catholics Pray To Saints?

Like all Christians, Catholics believe in life after death. But unlike some Christians who believe that the divide between our life here on earth and the life of those who have died and gone to Heaven is unbridgeable, Catholics believe that our relationship with our fellow Christians does not end with death. Catholic prayer to saints is a recognition of this continuing communion.

As Catholics, we believe that our life doesn't end at death but simply changes. Those who have lived good lives and died in the faith of Christ will, as the Bible tells us, share in His Resurrection.

While we live together on earth as Christians, we are in communion, or unity, with one another. But that communion doesn't end when one of us dies. We believe that the saints, the Christians in heaven, remain in communion with those of us on earth. We call this the Communion of Saints, and it's an article of faith in every Christian creed from the Apostles' Creed on.

But what does the Communion of Saints have to do with praying to saints? Everything. When we run into trouble in our lives, we frequently ask friends or family members to pray for us. That doesn't mean, of course, that we can't pray for ourselves. We ask them for their prayers even though we're praying, too, because we believe in the power of prayer. We know that God hears their prayers as well as ours, and we want as many voices as possible asking Him to help us in our time of need.

But the saints and angels in Heaven stand before God and offer Him their prayers, too. And since we believe in the Communion of Saints, we can ask the saints to pray for us, just as we ask our friends and family to do so. And when we make such a request for their intercession, we make it in the form of a prayer.

True worship (as opposed to veneration or honor) does indeed belong to God alone, and we should never worship man or any other creature, but only God. But while worship may take the form of prayer, as in the Mass and the other liturgies of the Church, not all prayer is worship. When we pray to the saints, we're simply asking the saints to help us, by praying to God on our behalf—just like we ask our friends and family to do so—or thanking the saints for having already done so.

## 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  
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He would love to hear from you!

## Prayer for America

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Intercede for us, your children in America, as we pray for our nation, our military, and our families.

We pray for our government leaders, that they will make just decisions and govern us in accordance with truth and the principles upon which our nation was founded.

We ask protection for those serving in the military and for our first responders. Bless them and their families as they sacrifice themselves to keep us safe.

We pray for our families. In a culture that seeks to destroy the morals and values upon which this country was founded, may our families be united in faith and charity.

Reclaim this great country for your Son's glory, that under His protection and guidance, we may stand together as a people of faith and trust in Him for the changes we seek.

*Amen.*

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### 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



"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

#### JULY

Barb Brady  
Judy Panara

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### 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 Rome City School District Nurses want to thank the parish of St. Peter's for their donation of hats and mittens that were donated to them for the students during Advent 2022.

### 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 27, 2023**

Families	270
Adults	311
Children	148
Seniors	115
Unique	21
<b>Total Fed</b>	<b>595</b>

**Due to the Holiday the Mission will be closed on Tuesday July 4th**

*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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**. 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](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



**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)

### **JULY INTENTION**

#### **For A Eucharistic Life**

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with god and all their brothers and sisters.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

July 2, 2023: Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
(MT 10:37-42)

Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the "lowly ones." What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.

### **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!*

### **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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### **INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD**

From May 4<sup>th</sup>—August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a total of fifty-three panels from the International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World will be on display here at The Good News Center. We will be rotating the panels out 16 at a time every two weeks. **All 53 panels will be on display at once on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM - 7:30PM at our 18<sup>th</sup> annual Rosary Walk and Barbecue Dinner. 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 Blessed 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 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.

### **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 July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:info@thegoodnewscenter.org).





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