# St. Peter's Parish Rome, New York August 27, 2023



He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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# **MASS INTENTIONS**

<u>Saturday August 26, 2023</u>

8:00am JEREMIAH C. HARPER by Christopher Harper

5:00pm IZZO FAMILY by Their Estate \* CORA SUE HOWE by Husband, Alex and Family MATTHEW RAZZANO (Anniv) by Children

#### Sunday, August 27, 2023 Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30am ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA by Granddaughter, Kim \* NICHOLAS LAMBERTI by Ann Corigliano 10:00am MAURICE MAGGIOLINO (Anniv) by RoAnn and Christopher Destito \* GERALDINE CORR by Jeanette FR. GABRIEL BERKO by Jim and Kathy Chase

6:00pm PRO POPULO

#### Monday, August 28, 2023 Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00am WILLIAM "BILL" HERRIG by A.L.B. JIM OCUTO (For Healing) by Daughter, Kim

#### Tuesday, August 29, 2023 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:00am JASON TAGLIAFERRI by A.L.B.

#### Wednesday, August 30, 2023

7:00am KARL NANN (Anniv) by Sister DOROTHEA ISELO by A.L.B.

#### Thursday, August 31, 2023

8:00am ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH 9:00am ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

#### Friday, September 1, 2023

7:00am RICH CURTIS (For Healing) by Kim Ocuto

#### Saturday September 2, 2023

8:00am PATRICIA MCCORDUCK by Family
5:00pm CHARLES M. SPROCK by Bridget Boyer \* IRENE MEIER by Jeanette DOROTHEA ISELO by Jen Hummel

#### Sunday, September 3, 2023 Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30am DOROTHEA ISELO by Tom and Mary Shantz and Betty and Steve Leighton DOROTHEA ISELO by Lorayne Calicchia
10:00am WILLIAM BESSETTE, JR. AND JENNIE BESSETTE by Gannon Family FR. GABRIEL BERKO by Jim and Kathy Chase

6:00pm **DENNIS SANITA** (For Healing) by Niece, Kim

Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation from St. Peter's Church are now live streamed & available on the parish website: <u>www.stmarvsstpeters.com</u>.

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

Michelle A. Barbara K. Acchino Georgie Amodio Leonard Amodio Jayne Atwood Carol B. Raymond Barbar Jr. Marietta Booton Jimmy Brognano James Brooks Carla Cacciatori Lorayne Calicchia Stephanie Calicchia Mary Carmody Adam Carpenter Annie Cimo Sara Cosnett John Cordsen Alex D'Argenio Melody Darrow Bill DeHimer Tom Delpico Sr. Rosaire DeMare Pat DeMatteo

George DeFabio Barry Dunning Paul Eisinger Robyn Engle Carol Fasick Beatrice Ferguson Judith Ann Fesner Joan Fiaschetti **Diana Fowler** Julianna Fusco Lauri Fusco Joanne Gaffey Augusta Ginsburg Scott Ginsburg Amanda Gold Josh Gold Gail Greene Denis Hartman John Hedrington Joshua Hedrington Mike Henry Billy Jo Hildenbrandt Joan Jacobs Jesse Johnson

Lena Johnston Megan Jones Jennie Kemp Theresa Lanigan Bill "Dobbie" Link Michael Loso Anne Lubecki Francis Lust David, Liz, Mitzi Marcelletta Geoff Marchione Russell Marchione Patti Mastrangelo Nicole Mathe Marybeth Matyasik Brian McQueen Carol Misiaszek Ann Moster Sonia Myers Beverly Nasci Bruce Neidl Terri Nichols Jim Ocuto Mark Opper

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# St. Peter's Parish

200 N. James Street Rome, New York 13440 Parish Office: 315-336-5072 St. Peter's Fax: 315-336-0855 E-mail: smsprectory@twcny.rr.com

# Pastor: Very Rev. Seán P. O'Brien, VF Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher Pastoral Associate: Laura Mack

# **PARISH STAFF**

Director of Faith Formation: Laura Mack First Sacraments Coordinator: Jean Bauer Music Ministry: Barry Russo Maintenance Director: Mark Lagasse Cemetery Superintendent: Kate Stephan Communications/Media: Joseph Stanton

# 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

Email: spcdre@twcny.rr.com

*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.

# **Office Hours:**

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

# **REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

WEEKDAYS SATURDAYS SUNDAYS

7:00 am 8:00 am \* Vigil Mass 5:00 pm 7:30 am \* 10:00 am \* 6:00 pm

# 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.

# St. Peter's Collection August 20, 2023

 Regular
 \$9,651.11

 Electronic
 \$1,555.23

 Fuel
 \$600.00

 Make-up
 \$47.00

 Total
 \$11,853.33

Assumption \$1,594.00 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 <u>www.stmarysstpeters.com</u> and click on Donate. Complete the electronic giving authorization form to get started.





# JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

Jesus Little Friends Booklets are still available at the exits during the summer months. We will begin Jesus' Little Friends September 25, 2023 during the 10AM 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

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFO** SAVE THE DATE:

Faith Formation Open House September 18, 2023 6:00PM to 7:00PM

Classes Scheduled to Begin the Week of September 24, 2023

Registration information and calendar can be found on our Faith Formation website. www.smspfaith.com

There will also be registration packets at all the entrances to the church.



### FORMATION IN A MINUTE... ST. AUGUSTINE

On August 28 we celebrate the feast day of St. Augustine of Hippo.

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most

intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened

his mind. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life.

Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Feeling God's encouragement, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a

famous Catholic writer, founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the

following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. His complete

turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break. (adapted from www.catholic.org) THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of August 27, 2023

FOR JASON TAGLIAFERRI

# <u>DONATIONS</u> <u>WINDOW/RESTORATION/MEMORIAL FUND</u>

# IN MEMORY OF

# **DOROTHEA ISELO**

By Therese and Craig Williamson, Judy Destito, and The Hayes Family

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES

INITIAL TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

9:30AM In St. Peter's Social Hall Pre-registration is required.

RECERTIFICATION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

6:30PM In St. Peter's Social Hall Pre-registration is required.

Visit the Syracuse Diocese website to register: www.syracusediocese.org

# **REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM**

# Millions of People Are Victims of Crime Annually– Don't Be One Of Them!

Safety experts agree that the single most important step toward ensuring your personal safety is making the conscious decision to Refuse To Be A Victim. You stand a much better chance of preventing criminal confrontations if you develop a safety plan before you need it.

Join us for a seminar that teaches easy-tounderstand methods you can use to increase awareness and prevent criminal confrontation. In just four sessions you will learn the tools you need to develop your own personal safety strategies, including information about:

- The Psychology of Criminal Predators
- Home & Cyber Security
- Automobile & Travel Security
- Personal & Technological Security
- Self-Defense Devices & Training Options
- And more!

**Dates:** Wednesdays, September 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, 2023

**Time:** 7:00PM **Location:** St. Aloysius Catholic Center, Floyd Ave., Rome, NY

Cost: \$4.50 for course materials

To register or for more information, contact Walter E. Beverly III, Instructor, at 315-336-2391 or 315-525-7397(Cell), or Father Sean O'Brien, at 315-336-5072

# 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!



For the month of September The Mission of the Christ Child will benefit from the purchase of Hannaford's reusable Fight Hunger bags. For every bag purchased at \$2.50 the Mission of the Christ Child will receive \$1. Ask for the Fight Hunger reusable bag!

# Altar Rosary Society



Our annual multiple basket raffle will kick off at the September 10<sup>th</sup> parish picnic. The raffle will continue for 3 additional weeks so everyone will have a chance to purchase a winning ticket!!!



We anticipate to have the SaveAround coupon books available sometime after Labor Day.

Our meetings will resume on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm in the church hall. If you are able please bring a dish to pass. We have a very interesting agenda to discuss!

The ladies of Altar Rosary Society extends our sincere appreciation to our parishioners for your continued support in our fundraising / events efforts. Without your support our efforts would not be fruitful. Thank you!!!!

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 and see what we are all about.

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

Please call Mary Wahl @ 315-617-3478 or Tina Brognano @ 315-571-6707 if you have any questions.

# ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

**SEPTEMBER** Barb Brady Judy Panara

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Our next meeting: 09/13/23, 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

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Families	78
Adults	92
Children	46
Seniors	32
Unique	(
<b>Total Fed</b>	176

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  $22^{nd}$  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 <u>kofc.org/join us</u> 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: <u>clicktopray.org</u>

# AUGUST INTENTION

### For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

> A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE August 27, 2023: Twenty-first Sunday (MT 16:13-20)

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say we are?

# 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.



# SUMMER THEATER PERFORMANCE!



Being nice to people is out of date! In a hilarious half-hour of comedy, a small office of bumbling employees must prepare for the inevitable arrival of the dreaded

"Efficiency Expert" – and they are far from ready. Come see the wacky one-act play MR. EFFICIENCY on **August 26 at 7pm and August 27 at 2pm and 7pm!** Performances take place at Holy Cross Academy 4020 Barrington Rd, Oneida. Admission is FREE and open to all ages! For more information call 315-363-1669.

#### THE GOODNEWS CENTER – HELPING FAMILIES, TOUCHING LIVES 10475 Cosby Manor Rd Utica, New York (315) 735-6210



# **FLAGS FOR HEROES**

The Good News Center is proud to host its 9th annual Flags For Heroes event November 2nd through the 12th on Utica's Memorial Parkway. The Healing Field is a display of 1,000 eight-foot United States Flags. Flags may be sponsored for \$35 each to honor individuals currently serving in our military, veterans, fallen servicemen and women, first responders, and heroes in our lives. This unique event is the perfect opportunity for all of us to remember and honor our many heroes.

Proceeds benefit Sitrin's Military Program which helps veterans and service members returning from duty who are faced with physical, psychological, and emotional changes in their lives.

All are invited to join us for our Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, November 11th at 3PM

in the Parkway Recreation Center.

To sponsor a flag or if you would like to become a field sponsor,

call The Good News Center at 315-735-6210 or visit http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org/flags-for-heroes-2/

# SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES PRESENTS MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

This holiday season, travel back in time with The Good News Center to Bethlehem on **December 11th and 12th** as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you at the Sight & Sound Theatre production of *Miracle of Christmas*. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wisemen—along with their camels! There may be no

room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah! Experience *Miracle of Christmas* as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production. The complete package includes transportation, accommodations, one (1) breakfast, one (1) lunch and one (1) dinner,

# admission to the show, and Kitchen Kettle Village attraction.

Please call The Good News Center at 315-735-6210 for pricing information or to register.



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