

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
October 1, 2023*



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 30, 2023 Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am **IRENE HALL** by Sisters of Saint Joseph's Associates
 5:00pm **GAIL MAREE** (B'day) by Family
PAUL POWERS by Betty Dowd and Family

Sunday, October 1, 2023 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am **PAT BURNS** (16th Anniv) by Family * **KIMBERY WOOD** (For Healing) by Family
 10:00am **CHARLES M SPROCK** by Jean and Joe Benner
RICH CURTIS (For Healing) by Kim Ocuto
 6:00pm **ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim

Monday, October 2, 2023 The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00am **DOROTHEA ISELO** by Sharon Hansen

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

7:00am **ELVERA LEMON** (12th Anniv) by Children
MARY SHANNON by Brother, Tom

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 Saint Francis of Assisi

7:00am **JIM OCUTO** (For Healing) by Daughter, Kim

Thursday, October 5, 2023 Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

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

Friday, October 6, 2023 Saint Bruno, Priest; USA: Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

7:00am **LEON PRUSINOWSKI** (Anniv) by Nephew, Stanley

Saturday October 7, 2023 Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00am **DENNIS SANITA** (For Healing) by Niece, Kim
 5:00pm **CORA SUE HOWE** by Husband, Alex and Family
IZZO FAMILY by Their Estate

Sunday, October 8, 2023 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am **KIMBERLY WOOD** (For Healing) by Family
JACQUELINE M. BAYNES by Daughter
 10:00am **FRANK E. BUICKO** (1st Anniv) by Jacqueline and David Brayden
JACK KELLY by Family
MARK OPPER (Recovery) by Jack Opper
 6:00pm **WILLIAM ERNENWEIN** by Daughter, Judy
KRISTINA C. MANCINI by Arthur Zelesnikar

**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.	Pat DeMatteo	Joan Jacobs	Jim Ocuto	Jean Sereno
Barbara K. Acchino	George DeFabio	Jesse Johnson	Mark Opper	Thomas Serra
Georgie Amodio	Barry Dunning	Lena Johnston	Debbie Pacicca	Bradley Sharpstene
Leonard Amodio	Melissa Dunning	Megan Jones	Al Pallas	Emmalynn Sharrow
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Raymond Barbar Jr.	Carol Fasick	Bill "Dobbie" Link	Barbara Pazdur	Spencer Robert Smith
Marietta Booton	Beatrice Ferguson	Michael Loso	Jim Pekarski	Sharon Sprague
Robert Brady	Judith Ann Fesner	Anne Lubecki	Carol Piatt	Kelly Stevens
Jimmy Brognano	Joan Fiaschetti	Francis Lust	Norma Plopper	Lillian Stutmann
James Brooks	Diana Fowler	David, Liz, Mitzi	Datie Ponath	Blanche Sweatman
Carla Cacciatori	Julianna Fusco	Marcelletta	Nicoletta Powell	Barbara Thomas
Lorayne Calicchia	Lauri Fusco	Geoff Marchione	Patrick Quinn	Anne Toepp
Stephanie Calicchia	Joanne Gaffey	Russell Marchione	Bill Reese	Rylin Turley
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St. Peter's Parish

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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. 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
Administrative Assistant: John Gotti
Maintenance Director: Mark Lagasse
Cemetery Superintendent: Kate Stephan
Communications/Media: Joseph Stanton

PARISH COUNCIL

Pastor: Father Seán O'Brien
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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 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 Cemetery

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W. Liberty Street, Rome 315-336-3110

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Online at: www.smspfaith.com
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JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

October 1, 2023
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

First Sacraments
October 1, 9:00-9:50AM

Monday Night Classes October 2nd

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

First Sacraments
NO CLASS October 8th

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

www.smspfait.com



FORMATION IN A MINUTE...

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – October 4

St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals, merchants, and ecology. He abandoned a life of luxury after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and to live in poverty. St. Francis is remembered for the miracles that people say God performed through him and for his compassion for the vulnerable, especially poor people, sick people, and animals.

Francis saw animals as his brothers and sisters and prayed that God would work through him to help them. Birds sometimes gathered while Francis spoke and listened to him. Francis began preaching to them about the ways that God had blessed them.

Legend tells us that when Francis lived in Gubbio, in the province of Perugia, a wolf was attacking people and other animals. He met the wolf to try to tame it. The wolf charged Francis, but Francis prayed and moved toward the wolf. The wolf obeyed Francis' commands, closing his mouth and lying at Francis' feet. Francis promised that the townspeople would feed the wolf regularly if it promised never to injure another person or animal. The wolf never harmed people or animals again. The community started by Francis and his followers became the Franciscan Order of the Catholic Church, whose priests are distinguished by the rough robes they usually wear. The order still serves the poor worldwide.



Join us for the Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 7, at 11:00AM
We invite participants to bring a pet care item to be donated to a local pet shelter. For donation suggestions, please check out the "wish lists" of area shelters available on their websites.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of October 1, 2023

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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
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He would love to hear from you!

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Tuesday at 6:15-7:30

St. Aloysius Parish Center on Floyd Ave

THIS WEEK'S (10/3) FOCUS IS ON DECISIONS IN FINANCES

Participation is FREE. \$24.95 includes materials and online access for a year.

Registration requested but not required...call the rectory at 315-336-5072

Need childcare while you attend the series?

Take advantage of the FREE basketball clinic provided by Copper City Basketball program, also at St. Aloysius Parish Center, for kids in grade 1-6.



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OR

Stop in the Parish Office
Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM
315-316-0505

Altar Rosary Society



This weekend is our final weekend for Our Annual Multiple Basket Raffle we will be choosing the winners after the 10 AM mass October 1st.



The **SaveAround** coupon books are now available. The cost remains unchanged at \$25.00.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

St. Peter's Parish 1st Annual Oktoberfest Covered Dish Dinner. October 12th at 6pm in the church hall. Sign up at all the exits of church. If you would like to bring a dish please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

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

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

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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

September 12, 2023

Families	83
Adults	99
Children	42
Seniors	33
Unique	3
Total Fed	177

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, October 12th 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](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

OCTOBER INTENTION

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

October 1, 2023: Twenty-Sixth Sunday
(MT 21:28-32)

In today's gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

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.

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THEOLOGY UNCORKED WITH BISHOP DOUGLAS LUCIA

Theology Uncorked welcomes back **Bishop Douglas J. Lucia on Thursday, October 19th at 6:30 PM** at Hart's Hill Inn, Whitesboro, NY. Bishop Lucia will speak about **FORGIVENESS: Our call to offer it and FORGIVENESS: Our privilege to accept it.**

Have your questions ready for Bishop Lucia and enjoy a glass of wine and some light fare on us as we receive all the Believers, the Curious and the Skeptics!

Registration is required by October 16th. Please call the Good News Center Monday—Friday 8:30 AM—4:30 PM at 315-735-6210 to reserve your spot today!

Free food, Talk and wine. * (First glass of wine is on the house!) Please join us for an enlightening night of conversation!

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

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