

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
November 5, 2023*



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:8-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 4, 2024 Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00am **ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim
BETTY ANN DRAPER (2nd Anniv) by Bill and Mary Draper
 5:00pm **EDWIN F. O'BRIEN** by Nancey * **MARK OPPER** (Recovery) by Jack Opper

Sunday, November 5, 2023 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am **IZZO FAMILY** by Their Estate * **GARY D. KOSTER** (B'day) by his Wife
 10:00am **STANLEY GRZYIEC** (Anniv) by Victoria O'Brien * **RICH CURTIS** (for healing) by Kim Ocuto
 6:00pm **ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim * **ELSIE BEERS** by Kathy DeRuby

Monday, November 6, 2023

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

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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

Thursday, November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

Friday, November 10, 2023 Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

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

Saturday, November 11, 2023 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop, Veterans Day

8:00am **NO MORNING MASS TODAY**
 5:00pm **MARY ANN LYMAN** by John Giarrusso * **EDWARD HELLWIG** by Jim and Jackie Watson
JOSEPH AND JOYCE D. MCMAHON (Wedding Anniv) by the McMahon Family

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am **ROBERTA C. DAVIES** (Anniv) by the Martin Family * **MIRANDA GIFFORD** by Mark and Patti Gifford
 10:00am **CORNELIUS O'BRIEN** (B'day) by Victoria O'Brien * **FATHER GABRIEL BERKO** by Kathy Chase
WINDSOR THOMAS (Wedding Anniv) by Loving Wife
 6:00pm **PEARL MELLIS** (B'day) by Family * **JOHN H. ROBERTS II** (Anniv) by Loving Family

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

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

Michelle A.	George DeFabio	Jesse Johnson	Jim Ocuto	Jean Sereno
Barbara K. Acchino	Barry Dunning	Lena Johnston	Mark Opper	Thomas Serra
Georgie Amodio	Melissa Dunning	Megan Jones	Debbie Pacicca	Bradley Sharpstene
Leonard Amodio	Paul Eisinger	Jennie Kemp	Al Pallas	Emmalynn Sharrow
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Carol B.	Carol Fasick	Bill "Dobbie" Link	Rachel Pawlikowski	Freja Emily Simpson
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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

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Pastor: Father Seán O'Brien
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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.

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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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JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

November 5, 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
Parents Session with Class
for Children**
November 5th
9:00-9:50 AM

Monday Night Classes
November 6th
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

2nd Year Confirmation
November 5th
4:30 PM dinner,
5:00 PM Class,
6:00PM Mass

First Sacraments
November 12th
9:00-9:50 AM

Monday Night Classes
November 13th
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

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FORMATION IN A MINUTE...

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... for the Lord himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise."

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead. It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

Let us pray

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in 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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of November 5, 2023

FOR

CHRIS HANSEN (Anniv)

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MARY ANN LYMAN

By Pete Wood and Faith Biondi

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This 8 part series will teach you how to seek out sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life. Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. You will learn how to gather, gain and grow in wisdom, and you will experience the joy it brings to your life.

Tuesday at 6:15-7:30

St. Aloysius Parish Center on Floyd Ave

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS (11/7) (Session 7) IS ON WISDOM IN AGE

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE INSURANCE

Bryan McCormick from Chatham Street Advisors, 315-371-0046, will present information about **Medicare Part C & D** for people 65 and older on **Wednesday November 8th at 10am at St Aloysius Parish Center.**
Deadline for Medicare Insurance Open Enrollment is December 7th

ST ALOYSIUS WILL BE OPEN TO WALKERS FOR THE WINTER. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

For those that would like to send cards or letters to
Dc. Ben Schrantz his address is:
Dc. Ben Schrantz
401 Michigan Ave.
Washington, DC 20017

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!

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

41st Annual Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 11th, 2 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse.

The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will specially honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th and beyond 50th anniversary in 2023.

If celebrating your 25th, 50th, or 50th+ anniversary, please contact the parish office to receive a special invitation from Bishop Lucia.



THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE

PREPARING FOR HIS EUCHARISTIC REIGN

The Syracuse Catholic Women's Commission will host the 13th Annual Women's Conference at the Convention Center at the Oncenter.

Saturday, November 11, 2023



Immaculée Ilibagiza
is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide who has committed herself to teaching how peace, hope, and forgiveness can be lived in the presence of persecution. She is the author of *Left to Tell*.



Fr. Joseph Esper
A priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit, he has appeared on EWTN, many Catholic radio shows and written over a dozen books including *After the Darkness*.



Daniel O'Connor
Theologian, author and professor of philosophy, his latest book *Thy Will Be Done* is written in preparation for the reign of the Divine Will.

Rome parish pastors will provide bus transportation, leaving

St. John's Church parking lot at 6:45am.

For more information or to **Register on-line**, visit **www.SyracuseCatholicWomens.org**.

Mail in forms can be found at our church entrances.

Contact **Mary Wahl at 315.617.3478** if you plan to attend or have questions.

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!

Altar Rosary Society

We extend our **THANK YOU** to all who supported last weekend's bake sale. As always we sincerely appreciate your continued support. Without you our fundraising efforts would not be fruitful.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual **Thanksgiving dinner** will be on **Thursday, November 16 @ 6pm in the church hall**. Tickets will be on sale **November 4-5 & 11-12 after all masses**. The traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be catered by Eddie's Paramount Diner @ **\$18.00 per ticket**. Flyers are posted throughout the church with details. Any questions please contact Diane Sjodahl @ 315-271-1881.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual **Christmas Party** will be on **Tuesday, December 12** at the Franklin Hotel. Details to follow.

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

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

NOVEMBER

Diane Sjodahl
Mary Ellen Utter

MERRY MAKERS

(NEW LOCATION)

St Peter's Church Hall, 200 N James St.
(Enter from parking lot in the rear)
November 8, 6-9 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

KNITTERS, CROCHETERS & SEWERS

Light H'ors D'œuvres, refreshments, and desserts will be served.

Bring a dish to pass if you like.

Contact: Cate 315-225-7900

For more information

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

October 31, 2023

Families	84
Adults	102
Children	61
Seniors	29
Unique	6
Total Fed	198

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.

Veterans Day Memorial Service



Prayer for Peace

Sunday Veterans Day 2023
November 19th
3-4pm

Personalized commemorative In-Memory candles and/or Veterans pins may be purchased by contacting St. Peter's Church at 315-336-5072. Forms available at stmarysstpeters.com/veteransday

Available after Mass, November 4th & 5th and November 11th & 12th



Pope Francis asks us to pray for one of his published intentions each month. To pray with the Pope daily visit: clicktopray.org

NOVEMBER INTENTION

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

November 5, 2023: Thirty-First Sunday
(MT 23:1-12)

In today's Gospel Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience, and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.

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

RITES OF READER AND ACOLYTE TO BE CONFERRED

John MacGaffick, our candidate for the diaconate and completing his fourth year in the Deacon Formation Program, will be receiving the Rites of Reader and Acolyte
5:10 pm Sunday November 5, 2023
at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,**
Syracuse with
Bishop Douglas Lucia presiding.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir, Greeters, Funeral Ministry. Please call the rectory for more information: 315-336-5072

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FLAGS FOR HEROES 2023

The 9th annual **Flags for Heroes** will take place **November 2nd through 12th** on **Utica's Memorial Parkway**. The display of 1,000 eight-foot US Flags may be sponsored for **\$35**, honoring our military, veterans, fallen servicemen and women, first responders, heroes. Proceeds benefit Sitrin's Military Program, helping veterans and service members faced with physical, psychological, and emotional changes in their lives. The **Recognition Ceremony** is **Saturday, November 11th at 3PM** in the Parkway Recreation Center. To sponsor a flag or become a field sponsor, call us at **315-735-6210** or visit <https://www.thegoodnewscenter.org/flags-for-heroes-2/>.

GOOD NEWS LUNCHEON

Join us as we welcome back **Rev. Carol D. Jubenville** and **Fr. John Buehler** for our **Good News Luncheon Series** on **Monday, November 20th from 11am – 1pm**. We invite you to set this time aside and come to remind ourselves of this special gift given to us in Jesus. A time to reflect. A time for joy. A time to celebrate our Savior. The cost is \$12 per person or \$10 for 1992 Society Members, 300 Club members are free. **Please register before November 13th**. Call us at **315-735-6210** or visit us at <https://www.thegoodnewscenter.org>.

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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