

*St. Peter's Parish  
Rome, New York  
December 3, 2023*



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time  
will come." - Mk 13:33

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, December 2, 2023

- 8:00am **MARILYN MCLIESH** (Anniv) by Kim Ocuto  
**FOR THE INTENTION OF CONVERSION OF THE JOHNSON FAMILY**  
 5:00pm **CHESTER MASZTAK SR** by Son Stanley \* **MARK OPPER** (Recovery) by Jack Oppen

## Sunday, December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30am **ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim  
**THERESA GIFFORD** (B'day) by Mark and Patti Gifford  
 10:00am **LORETTA MARCHIONE** In Memory from Daughter \* **JACK KELLY** by Family  
 6:00pm **JUDITH S. KOZMA** by John and Sheila Wilson \* **WILLIAM DEHIMER** by John and Sheila Wilson

## Monday, December 4, 2023 Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 7:00am **THE IZZO FAMILY** by Their Estate \* **DOROTHEA ISELO** by A.L.B.  
 5pm-6pm **ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT ST. PAUL'S**

## Tuesday, December 5, 2023

- 7:00am **JANE ZICK** by Michele and Stephan Granacki \* **MARIAN NILES** by A.L.B.  
 5pm-6pm **ADVENT CONFESSIONS, 6PM BENEDICTION AT ST. PETER'S**

## Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Saint Nicholas, Bishop

- 7:00am **GEO SAWNER** by A.L.B.  
 5pm-6pm **ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

## Thursday, December 7, 2023 Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

## Friday, December 8, 2023 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00am **JOHN J. DELUTIS** by Mom, Rick, Nancy, and Court  
 8:00am **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 9:00am **ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
 12:10pm **ST. LEO'S CHURCH**  
 5:30pm **ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

## Saturday, December 9, 2023 Saint Juan Diego, Cuauhtatoatzin

- 8:00am **RICH CURTIS** (Healing) by Kim Ocuto \* **JAMES CORNISH** (5th Anniv) by his Wife, Dawn  
**MICHAEL J. SKINNER, JR** by Mother  
 5:00pm **FRANCIS E. WILSON** (Anniv) by Family \* **FRANK AND ROSE O'BRIEN** by Nancey  
**ALVAN AND FLORENTINE PALLAS** by Nancey

## Sunday, December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30am **IRENE MEYERS** (Anniv) by Family \* **KIMBERLY WOOD** (Healing) by Family  
 10:00am **CHARLES M. SPROCK** by Gary and Kelly Colangelo \* **FATHER GABRIEL BERKO** by Jim and Kathy Chase  
 6:00pm **DENNIS SANITA** (For Healing) by Niece, Kim \* **JIM OCUTO** (For Healing) by Daughter, Kim

Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation from St. Peter's Church are now live streamed & available on the parish website:  
[www.stmarysstpeters.com](http://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 Oppen	Thomas Serra
Georgie Amodio	Melissa Dunning	Megan Jones	Debbie Pacicca	Bradley Sharpstene
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Melody Darrow	Joshua Hedrington	Sonia Myers	Lisa Ryder	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
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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  
**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](http://www.smspfaith.com)  
Email: [spcdre@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:spcdre@twcnny.rr.com)

### **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.

**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.

### **HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE** Friday December 8, 2023

7:00am ST. PETER'S CHURCH  
8:00am ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH  
9:00am ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
12:10pm ST. LEO'S CHURCH  
5:30pm ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

### **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.

### **St. Peter's Collection**

November 19, 2023

November 26, 2023

Regular	\$10,702.62	Regular	\$10,378.00
Electronic	\$1,611.28	Electronic	\$1,240.37
Make-ups	\$187.00	Make-ups	\$146.00
Human Development	\$898.00		

**Total \$11,764.37**

**Total \$13,398.90**

**Fuel \$3,564.00**

**Mission \$267.00**

**Thanksgiving \$474.00**

**No Shave November  
\$1,117.00**

*Thank you for your support.*

### **HELP US GROW WITH ELECTRONIC GIVING**

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## FAITH FORMATION

### JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

December 3rd, 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

December 3rd  
9:00-9:50 AM

#### Monday Night Classes

December 4th  
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM  
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

#### First Sacraments

December 10th  
9:00-9:50 AM

#### 2nd Year Confirmation

Rite of Election Mass and  
Sponsor Session

December 3rd  
10AM Mass

With Class to Follow

#### Monday Night Classes

December 11th  
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM  
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

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

## Please Pray for Our Clergy



Prayer cards and information to remember a clergy member during Advent are available at the exits of church.

St. Peter's Music Ministry

## Christmas Concert

featuring St. Peter's  
**Music Monday Group  
Adult Choir**

Performing:  
Various Christmas  
Selections

**December 17th 12PM**  
Live Stream at [stmarysspeters.com](http://stmarysspeters.com)

**St. Peter's Church**  
200 N. James St. Rome

We are asking all  
who attend to bring an  
item or make a free will  
donation for our food bank.  
(In Mission of the Christ Child)

### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of December 3, 2023

FOR

**LISE BAUER** (Anniv)

By Family

### DONATIONS WINDOW/RESTORATION/MEMORIAL FUND

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By Joseph and Barbara Chubbuck



REMEMBER  
our fallen U.S. veterans.

HONOR  
those who serve.

TEACH  
your children the value of freedom.



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Wreaths will be placed on veterans graves,

December 16th in conjunction with

National Wreaths Across America Program

At: St. Peter's, St. John's, St. Mary's,

Evergreen, Wright Settlement

and Westernville Cemeteries

If you would like to purchase a \$17 wreath for  
a loved veteran, send your check to:

"Wreaths Across America" in care of

Joe Maurer, P.O. Box 36,

Rome, NY 13442-0036

You can also include the military history of your  
loved veteran in the brochure made for the event.

To volunteer helping place the wreaths,

Email or call Joe at

([jmaurer1215@gmail.com](mailto:jmaurer1215@gmail.com)) 315-725-9673

Please visit [www.wreathsassamerica.org](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org)

### A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,

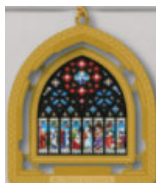
for all those suffering or afraid,

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.

**2023 Christmas Ornaments**

The **2023 Christmas Ornaments** of the Mary Window will be available in the Vestibule of the church each Sunday from **8 AM to 11:30 AM from November 26th through December 17th.** We've been able to keep the price at **\$25.** Previous ornaments will also be available.

Contact **Diane Sjodahl at 315-271-1881** or **dsjodahl@gmail.com** to make other arrangements.

**ANNUAL PARISH WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**December 12  
Franklin Hotel**

**\$22.00 per ticket**

**Menu**

**Baked Chicken, Roasted Potatoes,  
Baked Ziti,  
String Beans & Salad**

*If you are able please bring a dessert to pass.*

**Cash Bar @ 5:30pm / Dinner at 6pm.**

**Tickets will be available after all Masses**

**December 2-3  
December 9-10**

**Altar Rosary Society****RELIGIOUS ARTICLE SALE / BAKE SALE**

December 2-3 after all Masses

**SAVE A ROUND COUPON BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

Please contact Joan Combs at 315-334-3516  
if you are interested.

**Altar Rosary Society breaks in  
January & February.**

We resume our activities in March. 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****DECEMBER**

Mary Ann Cox  
Joan Combs

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**MERRY MAKERS**

*Next Meeting in the Church Hall  
December 13, 6-8 p.m.*

*(Come and see all the items we make)*

**KNITTERS, CROCHETERS & SEWERS**

*All Are Needed*

*Light H'ors D'oeuvres, Refreshments and Desserts  
Will Be Served.*

*(Bring a dish to pass if you like)*

**Contact: Cate 315-225-7900**

*For more information*

**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.*

**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

November 21, 2023

November 28, 2023

Families	98	Families	83
Adults	125	Adults	114
Children	82	Children	80
Seniors	27	Seniors	28
Unique	7	Unique	3
Total Fed	241	Total Fed	225

*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, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Council Hall, 112 Ridge Street, Rome. The meeting will be at 7PM at 6:30PM by the Holy Rosary.

*Be a hero to your  
unborn baby.*

*Choose 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.

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)

### **DECEMBER INTENTION**

#### **For Persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

December 3, 2023: First Sunday of Advent

Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

### **ROME HEALTH'S TREE OF LIGHTS**

The tree lighting will take place in the  
**main lobby of Rome Health on  
Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 6:30 pm.**

This year the Rome Health Women's Imaging Center will be honored for their many years of service to the Rome Community. This year's sponsor is Sovena.

### **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.*

## **THE GOODNEWS CENTER – HELPING FAMILIES, TOUCHING LIVES**

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### **CHRISTMAS TRIVIA NIGHT**

The Good News Center will host their first ever **Christmas Trivia Night, Thursday, December 7th at 6 PM**. Test your knowledge of mostly religious Christmas topics to compete for prizes all while enjoying a social evening bringing together friends and family of all ages. Get ready for some friendly competition, good food and a few laughs. The evening will start with a **family style dinner** including shepherd's pie, merry berry salad, Christmas rolls, dessert, and beverages. Trivia starts at 6:30 PM with teams of **6 per table for \$80 (must register entire table together to receive discounted price) or \$15 per person**. Individuals will be placed on a team. The game will consist of 50 questions and prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places. Winners will be announced at 8 PM.

### **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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