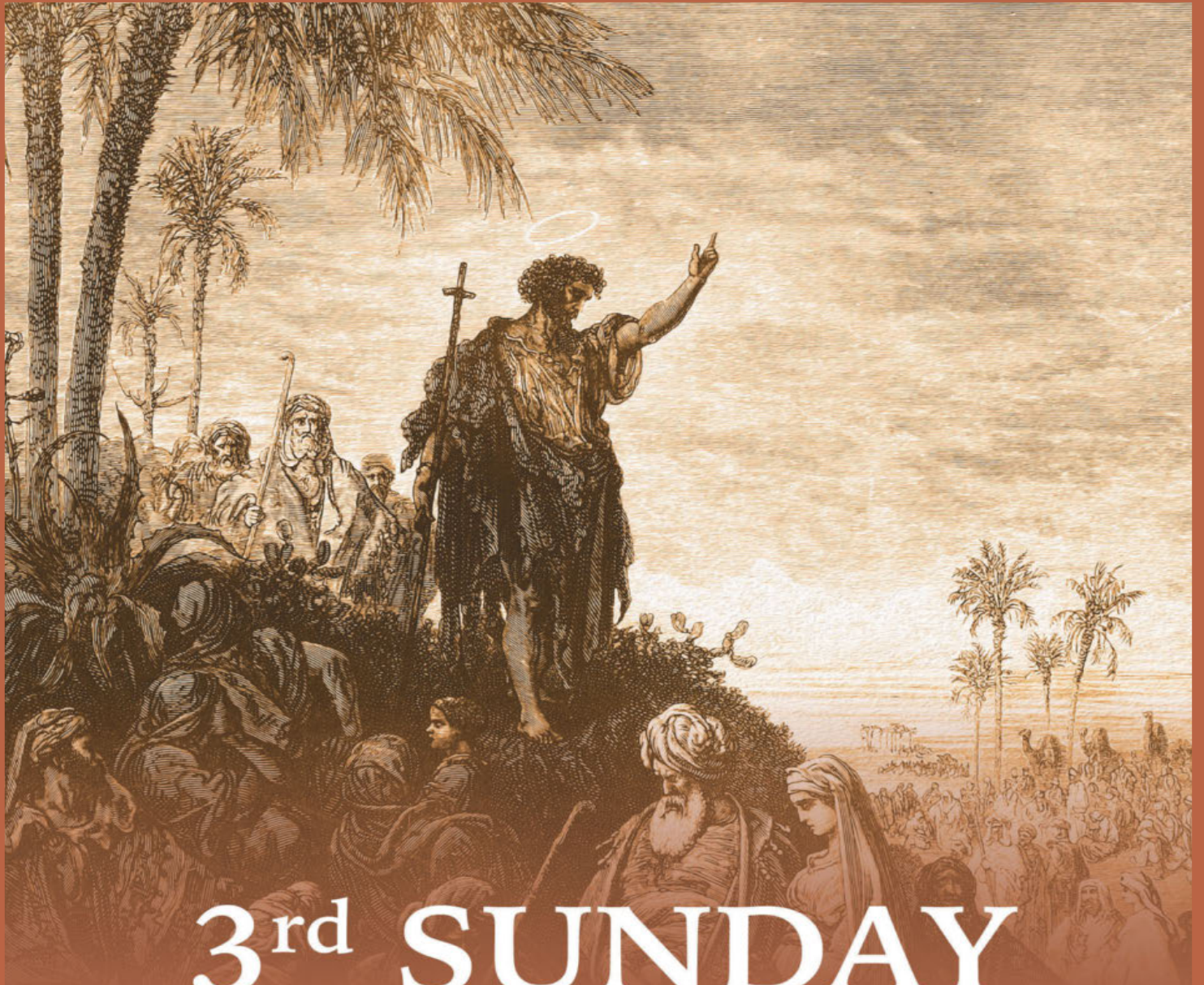


*St. Peter's Parish  
Rome, New York  
December 17, 2023*



# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, December 16, 2023

8:00am **MATTHEW RAZZANO** (B'day) by Children  
 5:00pm **DORIS AND MICHAEL PALINSKI** by Family \* **NICHOLAS ALEXANDER HALE** by Grandparents, Livermore  
**PATRICIA CHARNEY** by Family

## Sunday, December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30am **THOMAS S. DAVIES** (Anniv) by the Martin Family \* **MARY MEYERS TAYLOR** (Anniv) by Family  
 10:00am **HELEN O'BRIEN** (Anniv) by Victoria O'Brien \* **CARL J. MASSET JR.** by Family  
 6:00pm **JEAN ERNEWEIN** by Daughter, Judy  
**FORREST "RED" HOUSE** by Children and Grandchildren

## Monday, December 18, 2023

7:00am **IZZO FAMILY** by Their Estate \* **VERNA SKELTON** (For Healing) by Frank and Ann  
 5pm-6pm **ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT ST. PAUL'S**

## Tuesday, December 19, 2023

7:00am **MARIAN NILES** by Bob, Kim, Marlee  
**CHARLES M. SPROCK** by Patricia A. King  
 5pm-6pm **ADVENT CONFESSIONS, 6PM BENEDICTION AT ST. PETER'S**

## Wednesday, December 20, 2023

7:00am **WALTER STEINBRICKNER AND JOSEPH ESCHÉ** by Their Estate  
**FOR THE INTENTION OF THE CONVERSION OF THE JOHNSON FAMILY**  
 5pm-6pm **ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

## Thursday, December 21, 2023 Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

## Friday, December 22, 2023

7:00am **ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim \* **TIM UTTER** by Ginny Craiglow  
**GERRY LOU STANTON** (1st Anniv) by Jeanne McElhinney

## Saturday, December 23, 2023 Saint John of Kanty, Priest

8:00am **STEPHAN PAUL GRANACKI** by Family  
 5:00pm **SISTER VIRGINIA DUNN** by Joanne Gaffey \* **MARILYN PALINSKI** by Family  
**CHARLIE SPROCK** by Family

## Sunday, December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am **FRED GIFFORD SR** (B'day) by Mark and Patti Gifford \* **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim  
 10:00am **JOSEPH FUSCO** (Anniv) by Victoria O'Brien \* **JACK CERJAN** (Anniv) by Dave and Jean Bauer  
 5:00pm **PRO POPULO**

Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation from St. Peter's Church  
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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 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 Weekly Collection

December 10, 2023

Cash and Envelopes	\$11,299.30
Electronic	\$2,780.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,079.92</b>

### St. Peter's Special Collections

December 10, 2023

Immaculate Conception	\$1,166.00
Christmas Flowers	\$626.00
Fuel	\$140.00
Cathedraticum	\$572.00

*Thank you for your support.*

### CHRISTMAS 2023

**Sunday (Vigil) Masses**  
5:00pm With Children's Pageant  
12:00 MIDNIGHT

**Monday (Christmas Day) Masses**  
10:00am and 6:00pm

### 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

### Faith Formation Office 315-336-5066

Online at: [www.smspfaith.com](http://www.smspfaith.com)  
Email: [spcdre@twcny.rr.com](mailto: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.

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### JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

December 17, 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 17th  
9:00-9:50 AM

#### Monday Night Classes

December 18th  
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM  
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

#### First Sacraments

December 24th  
NO CLASSES

#### 2nd Year Confirmation

December 17th  
4:30 PM dinner,  
5:00 PM Class,  
6:00PM Mass

#### Monday Night Classes

December 25th  
NO CLASSES

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

Childrens Christmas Pageant  
December 24th Immediately preceding the  
vigil Mass

Join us as the story is told of our Lord's  
birth with song and is reenacted by the  
children of our parish.



## Please Pray for Our Clergy



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

The Rome Area Veterans Support Group  
Presents:

**A Performance by the Mohawk Valley  
Chapter New Horizons Barbershop Chorus**



Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM

St. Paul's Church  
1807 Bedford St.  
Rome, NY

#### Program to include:

- ◆ Patriotic Songs
- ◆ Holiday Season Favorites
- ◆ Show Tunes

Reception to follow in the Parish Center.

Performance to Aid Our Veterans in their Support of Legal Refugees Settling in Rome

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## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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# Christmas Concert

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Performing:  
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Selections

**December 17<sup>th</sup> 12 PM**  
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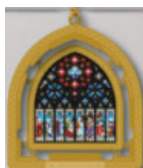
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who attend to bring an  
item or make a free will  
donation for our food bank.  
(In Mission of the Christ Child)

## 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 through December 17th**. We've been able to keep the price at **\$25**. Previous ornaments will be available.

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

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**Third Thursday of the month 6:15-8 PM**  
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**Theology Uncorked welcomes**  
**Rev. Sean P. O'Brien, Thursday, January 18, 2024**  
*Happy New Year from Theology Uncorked!*

You are invited to join us as we welcome Rev. Sean P. O'Brien, who will be sharing with us "Confession - how it reunites us with the faith community."

Rev. O'Brien is currently the Pastor at St. Mary - St. Peter Church in Rome, NY.

Reservations required by January 16, 2024  
Please call The Good News Center at 315-735-6210.

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For those that would like to send cards or letters to  
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## 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.*

## Altar Rosary Society



The December 12th Christmas Party was well attended. As always at our parish wide gatherings we enjoy great company, great food and an enjoyable evening.

**CONGRATULATIONS to our Winter Raffle winners:**

**Basket of Cheer—Bob R.  
Quilt—Annette W.**



**Thank you to all who purchased tickets and helped support our Altar Rosary Society**

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

Please contact Joan Combs if you have any questions @ 315-334-3516.

**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  
January 10, 6-8 p.m.*

## KNITTERS, CROCHETERS & SEWERS

*All Are Needed - All are Welcome  
Find out what we do and see what we make  
We need many more hands*

*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*

## 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

**December 5, 2023**

<b>Families</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Unique</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Fed</b>	<b>168</b>

*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, January 11th at Council Hall, 112 Ridge Street, Rome. The meeting will be at 7PM preceded 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  
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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 17, 2023: Third Sunday of Advent

Today's gospel reports, "There is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that do not start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at Mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

### **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**

### **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.**

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### **PAL (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.

The primary goal of **PAL** is to provide **HOPE** through education for people dealing with the pain of having an addicted loved one. The guiding principles of PAL are confidentiality, respect, acceptance and support. Differences in opinion are embraced without judgment and we provide an atmosphere of understanding and the freedom to talk. Everyone experiences the journey at their own pace and is supported by the group. **Meetings are FREE** and open to the public; participants must be 18 or over. **Meetings are held every other Monday except holidays 6:00 - 7:30 PM at the Good News Center.**

**Please call 315 735 6210 to register for meetings.**

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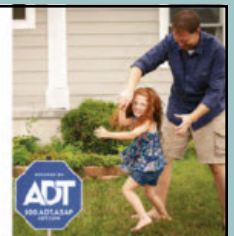
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