

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
December 24, 2023*

4th

Sunday
OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

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**

Monday, December 25, 2023 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

12:00am **PRO POPULO**
 9:00am **PRO POPULO**
 6:00pm **PRO POPULO**

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

7:00am **JOSEPH UTTER** (Anniv) by Family * **JEREMIAH C. HARPER** by Brothers
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HURLEY FAMILY by Family

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00am **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SPROCK FAMILY** by Family * **TIM HURLEY** by Ginny Craiglow
WILLIAM REID SR by Wife and Children

Thursday, December 28, 2023 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

Friday, December 29, 2023 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

7:00am **CHRISTINE REID** (1st Anniv) by Husband William Reid * **DOROTHEA ISELO** by Tim Wick
IN MEMORY OF THE TWINS by Gramma

Saturday, December 30, 2023 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00am **ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim
JOAN WILLIAMS (Anniv) by Daughter, Jodi * **RICH CURTIS** (Healing) by Kim Ocuto
 5:00pm **LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DUNN FAMILY** by Joanne Gaffey
MARK OPPER (Recovery) by Jack Oppen

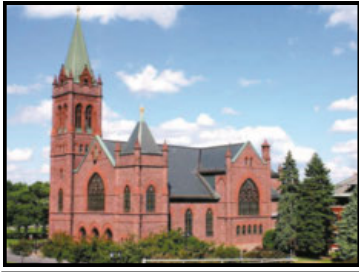
Sunday, December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Saint Sylvester I, Pope

7:30am **KIMBERLY WOOD** (Healing) by Family * **MICHAEL J. KUNKEL** by Family
 10:00am **TIMI GAMBLE** (30 days) by Merry Makers * **MARK OPPER** (For Healing) by Jack Oppen
 6:00pm **PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN, CAROL STANTON AND GERRY LOU STANTON** by The Stanton 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.	Barry Dunning	Megan Jones	Clair Papademetrious	Alexander Simpson
Barbara K. Acchino	Melissa Dunning	Jennie Kemp	Rachel Pawlikowski	Freja Emily Simpson
Georgie Amodio	Paul Eisinger	Theresa Lanigan	Barbara Pazdur	Spencer Robert Smith
Leonard Amodio	Robyn Engle	Bill "Dobbie" Link	Jim Pekarski	Sharon Sprague
Jayne Atwood	Beatrice Ferguson	Michael Loso	Carol Piatt	Kelly Stevens
Carol B.	Judith Ann Fesner	Anne Lubecki	Norma Plopper	Lillian Stutmann
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James Brooks	Joanne Gaffey	Russell Marchione	Francine Riolo	Larry Utter
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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
**** January 7th 7:30 am Mass moves to 8:00 am ****

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
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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 17, 2023

**Due to the Christmas Holiday, Collection
Numbers for This Week will be posted in Next
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Christmas 2023

Sunday (Vigil) Mass
5:00pm With Children's Pageant
12:00 MIDNIGHT
Monday (Christmas Day) Masses
10:00am and 6:00pm



New Year's Vigil Mass Sunday 6:00pm
New Year's Day Mass Citywide at St. Peter's 9:00am

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@twcnny.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.



FAITH FORMATION

JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

There will be no Jesus Little Friends on December 24th and December 31st. Have a Happy New Year!

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 24th
NO CLASSES

2nd Year Confirmation

December 31st
NO CLASSES

Monday Night Classes

December 25th
NO CLASSES

Monday Night Classes

January 1st
NO CLASSES

First Sacraments

December 31st
NO CLASSES

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.

SURRENDER FOR SERENITY

is an ongoing AL=Anon meeting held on
Thursdays from 5:30-6:30
at St. Aloysius Parish Center.
All are welcome.

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 December 24, 2023

FOR

JOSEPH UTTER (Anniv)

By Family

DONATIONS WINDOW/RESTORATION/MEMORIAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF
WALTER, JEAN, AND AMY FRYKHOLM

By Laurie Frykholm

DONATIONS MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

By Charles Lupica

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 7, 2024

8:00am
10:00am
6:00pm

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

DIVORCE *Care*

Separated & Divorced Support Group

Find help and healing
for the hurt of separation and divorce

You don't have to go through separation or divorce alone.

During this difficult time your friends and family have been very supportive, but they just don't grasp the level of your pain and frustration. They try to be helpful, but they just don't get it. The Separated and Divorced Support group is there for you led by people who have gone through it and know what you are dealing with. This confidential group is FREE and open to anyone trying to rebuild their life after the pain of a broken marriage.

Every other Sunday 5-7 PM (except holidays)
at The Good News Center

For those who prefer to do so, the program is also offered virtually.
Please call to register for both in-person or virtual meetings,
Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, 315-735-6210.

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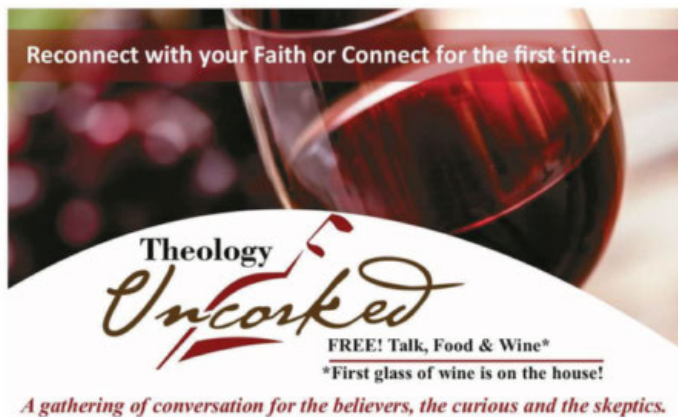
JANUARY 7, 21 FEBRUARY 4, 25 MARCH 10 APRIL 7, 21 MAY 5, 19
JUNE 2, 23 JULY 14, 28 AUGUST 11, 25 SEPTEMBER 8, 22
OCTOBER 6, 20 NOVEMBER 3, 17 DECEMBER 8, 22



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Theology
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FREE! Talk, Food & Wine*
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A gathering of conversation for the believers, the curious and the skeptics.

Third Thursday of the month 6:15-8 PM
Hart's Hill Inn, Whitesboro, NY

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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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!

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

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

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 12, 2023

Families	68
Adults	84
Children	44
Seniors	27
Unique	1
Total Fed	156

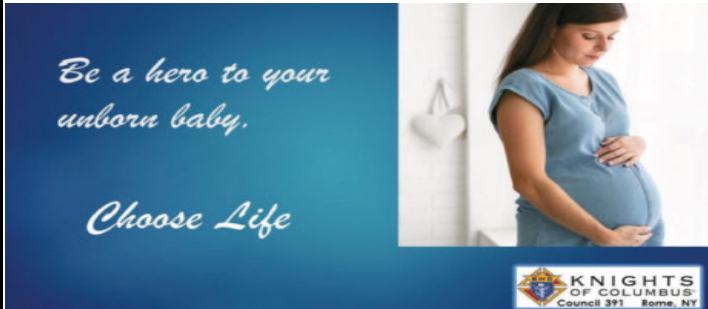
Thanks to all the volunteers that staff the Mission Food Pantry each week and to all of the parishioners that generously support the Mission with food donations and financial contributions.



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.



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.

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

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 24, 2023: Fourth Sunday of Advent

QUESTION: What do you call a family, which began with an unmarried pregnant teen, and had a twelve-year-old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel:

- (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you."
- (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

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.**

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