

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
December 31, 2023*



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

MASS INTENTIONS

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
 5:00pm LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DUNN FAMILY by Joanne Gaffey
 MARK OPPER (Recovery) by Jack Opper

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 Opper
 6:00pm PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN, CAROL STANTON AND GERRY LOU STANTON by The Stanton Family

Monday, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary, The Hol Mother of God

9:00am PRO POPULO

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

7:00am JOE GOETZ by SAA Class of 1958
 JIM OCUTO by Daughter, Kim

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00am BILL RUANE by The Sprock Family
 IRVING STONE (Anniv) by Richard Ondrako

Thursday, January 4, 2024 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

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

Friday, January 5, 2024 Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:00am TIM UTTER by Gretchen Sprock * WILLIAM HERRIG by Paul Grande

Saturday, January 6, 2024 Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00am DENNIS SANITA (for Healing) by Niece, Kim
 ERNIE AND CHRIS by Deborah Lisberg
 5:00pm LARRY CORDSEN (Anniv) by Family
 MARK OPPER (Recovery) by Jack Opper

Sunday, January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am CANIO A. SABIA (57th Anniv) From Children
 10:00am PATTY MCCORDUCK by Lynda and Ross Barto
 CHRIS DILLON (2nd Anniv) by Kitty Dillon
 6:00pm FRANK J. COSTELLO (Anniv) by 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.

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Pat DeMatteo	Jesse Johnson	Mark Opper	Thomas Serra	



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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 8:00 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

Cash and Envelopes	\$11,052.85
Electronic/Online	\$1,879.22
Total	\$12,932.07

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

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.

St. Peter's Special Collections

December 17, 2023

Immaculate Conception	\$196.00
Christmas Flowers	\$145.00
Fuel	\$45.00
Cathedraticum	\$100.00
Mission of the Christ Child	\$522.00

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JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

There will be no Jesus Little Friends on 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

2nd Year Confirmation
December 31st
NO CLASSES

First Sacraments
December 31st
NO CLASSES

Monday Night Classes
January 1st
NO CLASSES

www.smspfaith.com

2nd Year Confirmation
January 7th
4:30pm dinner
5:00pm Class
6:00pm Mass

First Sacraments
January 7th
Orientation with Parents and
Children
9:00-9:50am

Monday Night Classes
January 8th
Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00pm
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30pm

Congratulations to
Judy Palitti,
the recipient of this year's
Immaculata Award. Judy
received the
Immaculata award on
December 10th, at the
Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception,
Syracuse. Judy is a lifelong
member of our parish and
has volunteered for many
years as a Lector,
Eucharistic minister, in the
Altar Rosary Society,
Mass of Remembrance, and
Faith Formation.



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 31, 2023

FOR

PETER AND PATRICIA CHARNEY

By Family

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By Edwin W Herr, Sr

DONATIONS MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

IN MEMORY OF
DAVID BOVI

By Margaret Bovi

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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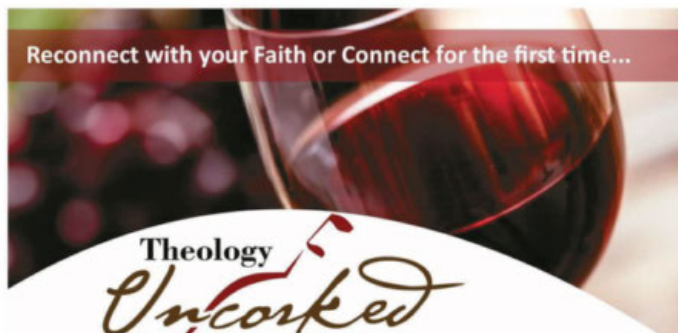
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Theology Uncorked welcomes
Rev. Sean P. O'Brien, Thursday, January 18, 2024

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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*From the Pastor,
Thank you for the many cards this
Christmas. I appreciate the
thoughtfulness and kindness. As
we begin 2024, let us walk in faith,
as a family of faith together.
God Bless & Happy New Year*

Rev. S. P. O'Brien

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

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

We resume our activities in March.

We continually look for new members to bring their
time & talent to our organization.

We are now **recruiting male members** as we are in
need of men interested in being part of our
organization. **We do have men who are
planning to join the Altar Rosary Society!**

**If you are interested in being an important part of
a "WORKING" organization please call**

**Mary Wahl @ 315-617-3478 or
Tina Brognano @ 315-571-6707.**

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

JANUARY

Donnamae O'Brien
Fran Rose

MERRY MAKERS

*Next Meeting in the Church Hall
January 10, 6-9 p.m.*

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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 19, 2023

Families	73
Adults	97
Children	56
Seniors	31
Unique	1
Total Fed	185

*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 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 31, 2023: Holy Family Sunday

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph were not "perfect" parents. If you have ever been "amazed" and "astonished" at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you "didn't understand" your children or felt "anxious" about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

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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