

*St. Peter's Parish  
Rome, New York  
January 7, 2024*



"WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO  
DO HIM HOMAGE." - MT 2:2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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) by 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

### Monday, January 8, 2024 The Baptism of the Lord

7:00am JAMES WILLIAMS, JR by Daughter, Jodi \* THE IZZO FAMILY by Their Estate

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024 First Week in Ordinary Time

7:00am TIMI GAMBLE by John Stanton, Anne DiCarlo  
 EDNA KELLY by Doug and Gwen Dean

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

7:00am TOM REILLY by Gretchen Sprock \* RICH CURTIS (for Healing) by Kim Ocuto

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

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

### Friday, January 12, 2024

7:00am CHRIS HANSEN (B'day) by Sharon Hansen \* DOROTHEA ISELO by Joe and Carolyn Ferlo

### Saturday, January 13, 2024 Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am ANTOINETTE AND MARK SANITA by Granddaughter, Kim \* IN HONOR OF LADY FATIMA by Pete Wood  
 5:00pm EDWARD HELLWIG by Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Robinson  
 MARY ANN LYMAN by Christine Betrus

### Sunday, January 14, 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am KIMBERLY WOOD (Healing) by Family  
 MICHAEL J. KUNKEL by Family  
 10:00am IRENE MEIER by Helen Lewis and Family  
 LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FAITH FORMATION TEAM  
 6:00pm GARY SHARPE by Cousin  
 JACK SKEA by Friend

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	Lena Johnston	Mark Opper	Thomas Serra
Barbara K. Acchino	Barry Dunning	Megan Jones	Debbie Pacicca	Bradley Sharpstene
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Jayne Atwood	Robyn Engle	Theresa Lanigan	Rachel Pawlikowski	Freja Emily Simpson
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Raymond Barbar Jr.	Joan Fiaschetti	Anne Lubecki	Carol Piatt	Kelly Stevens
Marietta Booton	Diana Fowler	Francis Lust	Norma Plopper	Lillian Stutmann
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Lorayne Calicchia	Scott Ginsburg	Russell Marchione	Francine Riolo	Larry Utter
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Pat DeMatteo	Jesse Johnson	Terri Nichols	Jean Sereno	Patricia Zeller





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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**

### **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 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.

### **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.

### **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.

**HEARING AIDS:** Assistive hearing devices are available for loan at the altar rail and in the front vestibule before mass.

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

**December 24, 2023**

**Cash and Envelopes \$8,932.00  
Electronic/Online \$1,510.87  
Total \$10,442.87**

**December 31, 2023**

**Cash and Envelopes \$11,613.50  
Electronic/Online \$1,603.12  
Total \$13,216.62**

### **St. Peter's Special Collections**

**December 25, 2023**

**Christmas Collection \$15,322.75**

**January 1, 2024**

**Solemnity of Mary \$2,648.00**

*Thank you for your support.*

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

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS**

January 7, 2024  
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**

<p><b>First Sacraments</b> Parent's Session with <b>Children</b> January 7th 9:00-9:50 AM</p> <p><b>2nd Year Confirmation</b> January 7th 4:30 PM dinner, 5:00 PM Class, 6:00PM Mass</p>	<p><b>Monday Night Classes</b> January 8th Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM</p> <p><b>First Sacraments</b> January 14th No Classes</p> <p><b>Monday Night Classes</b> January 15th No Classes</p>
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**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

Will burn the week of January 7, 2024

FOR

**MARY ANN LYMAN**

By Pete Wood

**DONATIONS**  
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**IN MEMORY OF**  
**MARION H. STOOK**  
**ROBERT A. STOOK**

By Cindy Thurston

**DONATIONS**  
**MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD**

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**STEVEN ROUSSEAU**

By Bernadine (Bunny) Rousseau

*Many Thanks to the Griffin Charitable Foundation for their Mission of the Christ Child Grant.*

*Many Thanks to those who donated to the Joey Chubbuck Tree that benefited Connected Community Schools, Abraham House, Hospice, and the J.M. Chubbuck Foundation*

*Many Thanks to those who donated the Hats, Mittens, and Underwear placed under the Giving Tree.*



**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.

**2024**

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

 **The Good News Center**  
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**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.

St. Peter's Music Ministry

**Sunday Melodies**

featuring:

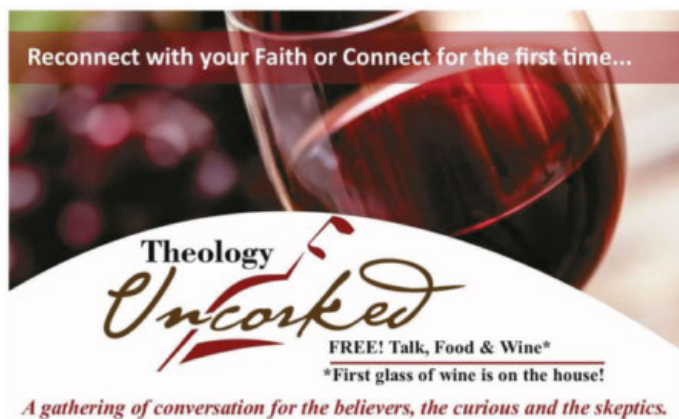
**JONATHAN BURGDORF (piano)**  
**ISAAC PAZ (violin)**  
**OWEN PAZ (cello)**

Performing:  
Selections for  
Piano & Strings

**January 28th 12PM**

**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)



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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### NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

### 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.

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

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### MERRY MAKERS

*Next Meeting in the Church Hall*  
*January 10, 6-9 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 19, 2023

Families	73
Adults	97
Children	56
Seniors	31
Unique	1
<b>Total Fed</b>	<b>185</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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

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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)

### **JANUARY INTENTION**

#### **For the Gift of Diversity in the Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

January 7, 2024: Epiphany Sunday

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Do not let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.



*Many thanks for all the cards, gifts  
and treats this Christmas.*

*May everyone have a Happy, Healthy  
New Year,*

*Deacon Nick*

### **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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### **THEOLOGY UNCORKED**

Theology Uncorked, a gathering of conversation for the believers, the curious, and the skeptics, meets the third Thursdays of the Month 6:15 - 8 PM at Harts Hill Inn, Whitesboro, NY. There will be talk, food and wine (first glass of wine is on the house!). **Thursday January 18, 2024 welcomes Rev. Sean O'Brien, Pastor, St Peter's Church, to discuss:**

**"Confession - how it reunites us with the Faith Community"**

**Please call the Good News Center at 315 735 6210 to register for free by January 16, 2024.**

### **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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