

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
March 17, 2024*



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:00am **PRO PROPULO**
5:00pm **MICHAEL PALINSKI** (B'day) by Family

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day

8:00am **VLADIMIR WILLIAMS** by Mom * **ALSTON J. HUEY SR** (Anniv) by Family
MARLENE HUEY FRANKLIN (4th Anniv) by Family
10:00am **CHARLIE SPROCK** by Family * **THERESA LANIGAN** by Pat Austin
6:00pm **ARTHUR AND BETTY (RIEGLER) O'CONNOR** by Family * **MARY PAT ROBERTS SCOTT** (Anniv) by Family

Monday, March 18, 2024 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00am **REV. JOSEPH I. RITCHIE** (Anniv)
12:10pm **REV. J. ROBERT LONG** (Anniv)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am **MIKE SPROCK** by Family * **DANIEL AUNGIER** by Marion Waite
12:10pm **ROY (PEANUT) AUSTIN** (27th Anniv) by Loving Family
LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CSJ ASSOCIATES
5:00-6:00 pm **CONFESSIONS AND BENEDICTION**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

7:00am **THERESA LANIGAN** by Peter and Julie Sestito
12:10pm **MSGR. JEROME F. MCCARTHY** (Anniv)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

7:00am **PRO PROPULO**
12:10pm **REV. WILLIAM BISHOP** (Anniv)
6:30pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Friday, March 22, 2024

7:00am **REV. WILLIAM J. GLYNN** (Anniv)
12:10pm **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim

Saturday, March 23, 2024 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00am **MSGR. FRANCIS J. CULKIN** (Anniv)
5:00pm **REGINA PELTZ, SNJM** by Joanne Gaffey * **JANE BIRCHENBURGH** by Joanne Gaffey

Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00am **JACK ROTOLO** (B'day) by Michelle and Stephan Granacki
MARGARET BUCZEK (Anniv) by Children and Grandchildren
10:00am **MARGARET HOUSE** by Children * **DONALD L. GRIFFIN** by Mary Anne Medlin
6:00pm **MARY JACKSON** by Kate Stephan * **BRENDAN JACKSON** by Kate Stephan

Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation from St. Peter's Church
are now live streamed & available on the parish website: www.stmarvssstpeters.com.

Please remember our families, friends and parishioners in your prayers.

Michelle A.	Paul Eisinger	Jennie Kemp	Barbara Pazdur	Sharon Sprague
Barbara K. Acchino	Robyn Engle	Bill "Dobbie" Link	Jim Pekarski	Kelly Stevens
Georgie Amodio	Beatrice Ferguson	Michael Loso	Carol Piatt	Lillian Stutmann
Leonard Amodio	Judith Ann Fesner	Anne Lubecki	Norma Plopper	Blanche Sweatman
Jayne Atwood	Joan Fiaschetti	Francis Lust	Datie Ponath	Barbara Thomas
Carol B.	Diana Fowler	Karen Martin	Nicoletta Powell	Anne Toepp
Marietta Booton	Julianna Fusco	David, Liz, Mitzi	Patrick Quinn	Lori Trifeletti
Robert Brady	Lauri Fusco	Marcelletta	Bill Reese	Rylin Turley
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James Brooks	Augusta Ginsburg	Russell Marchione	John Ritchie	Fr. Corey VanBuren
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Tuesday
9am-1:00pm
Wednesday * Friday
9:00am-12:00pm

**Pastor: Very Rev. Seán P. O'Brien, VF
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Immanuel Agbulu
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
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Maintenance Director: Mark Lagasse
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**Altar Rosary Society: Mary Wahl
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PARISH COUNCIL

**Pastor: Father Seán O'Brien
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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.

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU CONFESSIONS

March 4th - March 27th

**Monday 5:00-6:00 pm at St. Paul's
Tuesday 5:00-6:00 pm followed by Benediction
at 6:00pm at St. Peter's
Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm at St. John's**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**March 15th at St. Leo's 7:00 pm
March 22nd at St. Peter's 7:00 pm**

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm at St. Paul's

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 pm at St. Peter's

HOLY SATURDAY

At individual parishes

8:00 pm at St. Peter's Church

EASTER SUNDAY

At individual parishes

8:00am * 10:00am * 6:00pm at St. Peter's Church

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.



FAITH FORMATION

JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

March 17, 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

First Sacraments

March 17th
9:00-9:50 AM

First Sacraments

March 24th
9:00-9:50 AM

Monday Night Classes

March 18th

Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

Monday Night Classes

March 25th

Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

2nd Year Confirmation

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

www.smspfaith.com

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.

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY ONEIDA

Registration is now open for grades 7-12!. Prospective students and the public are invited to visit by appointment. Discover our faith-filled spirit and family atmosphere! Holy Cross Academy is an independent, JR-SR high school teaching in the Catholic tradition and faithful to the Magisterium. Busing is available from 10 districts. The school is located at 4020 Barrington Rd, Oneida. Call 315-363-1669 for more information or visit holycrossacademy.com.

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

March 12, 2024

Families	71
Adults	76
Children	56
Seniors	25
Unique	5
Total Fed	162

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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of March 17, 2024

FOR

MARK JACKSON

By the Stephan Family

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.

PASSION PLAY

Friday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church
Come join us in the Dramatization of the Passion of Christ.
It will be a play you won't forget..
Free admission. All are welcome to attend.

ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT MEETING GROUP

Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room at St. John's Church, Rome, NY.

*****NEW TIME: 5:30 PM*****

St. Peter's Weekly Collection

March 10, 2024

Cash and Envelopes	\$9,919.45
Electronic/Online	\$1,647.71

Total \$11,567.16

St. Peter's Special Collections

Catholic Schools	\$50.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$718.00
Mission of the Christ Child	\$296.00

Thank you for your support.

HELP US GROW WITH ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your weekly offerings. Scan the QR code or go to www.stmarysstpeters.com and click on Donate. Complete the electronic giving authorization form to get started.



Welcome Father Immanuel Agbulu

St. Peter's Altar Rosary Society is hosting a welcome reception for Fr. Immanuel on

Sunday, March 24th after the 8am & 10am Masses in the church hall.

Beverages & refreshments will be served.

All are invited to attend to welcome and to meet our new priest to St. Peter's.

SPRING CLEANING

At St. Mary's and St. Peter's Cemeteries

Please remove all winter decorations by

APRIL 1ST

Thank you

BANNS OF ORDINATION

John J. MacGaffick is a candidate for the Sacrament of Holy Orders for the Permanent Diaconate. Bishop Lucia formally asks St. Peter's parish community to affirm his ordination Saturday May 11, 2024, and to accept his ministry. He also asks that if anyone knows any reason why John should not receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders to make such fact known to our pastor
Fr. S. P. O'Brien

EASTER WINDOW MEMORIAL SIGN



Donate \$25.00 to the **Window Restoration fund** and have a **memorial sign** with the name of a loved one placed with a floral arrangement in a church window during the Easter season. Windows are very limited, so **call the rectory to reserve a window as soon as possible.**

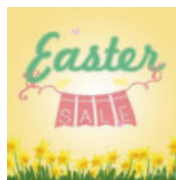
PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

*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.

Altar Rosary Society

The St. Patrick's / St. Joseph's Dinner was well attended. As always we enjoyed our gathering as a parish family with exceptional company, great food & a fun time for all!



Altar Rosary is sponsoring an Easter/Bake sale after all Masses this weekend.



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

MARCH

Donnamae O'Brien
Diane Sjodahl

MERRY MAKERS

*Our next Meeting/Get Together will be on
April 10, 6-9 p.m.*

Remember, you do not have to be an expert to join.

Please tell us who needs a "Merry Makers Made Just for You Bag"

Merry Makers Request Forms can be found in the vestibule on the table. Place them in the collection basket during weekend Masses.

Donations for Merry Makers may be placed in our burlap basket which is in the Sacristy entrance that is marked "Merry Makers".

Donation guidelines:

Yarn - clean, full skeins of yarn, preferably worsted weight, #4. We also accept baby weight, and bulky yarns.

Material - new and unused, at least 1 yard x 45" wide.

Handmade Items - children/adult sizes of mittens, hats, scarves, lap robes/throws, walker bags, chemo caps, baby clothes, etc.

For more information: Cate (315)225-7900



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, April 11th at Council Hall, 112 Ridge Street, Rome. The meeting will be at 7PM preceded at 6:30PM by the Holy Rosary.

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unborn baby*

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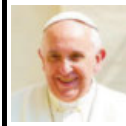
The Knights are looking for interested Catholic males over 18 to join and help support our area churches and community. For information to learn about the Knights call **315-337-4010** or join online at [koofc.org/join us](http://koofc.org/join-us) and use **Council 391**. We will be automatically notified.

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.

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

MARCH INTENTION

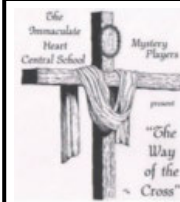
For the New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

March 17, 2024: Fifth Sunday of Lent (John 12:20-33)

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.



St. Paul's Church
Palm Sunday
March 24th
7:30pm

Lent calls to mind many ancient traditions in the Catholic Church, one being the Stations of the Cross.

The Immaculate Heart Central High School Mystery Players from Watertown, New York, present, in a very creative way, the centuries old stations. Meditation and contemplation on the death and resurrection of Jesus is the central mystery in the prayer life of the Catholic Church. The Mystery Plays of the Middle Ages focused on the presentation of this central mystery. Connected to ancient Mystery Plays, the IHC Mystery Players bring the stations to the modern level through the use of special lighting, music, pantomime, and paraliturgical readings. Using the sanctuary of the church as a stage, The Paschal Mystery is recreated in a moving, dramatic presentation.

We strongly encourage everyone to attend this unique and powerful prayer experience.

Please be advised that small children may be frightened due to the nature of the play.

Please refrain from taking pictures during the actual event.

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Join The Good News Center along with Rev. Amedeo "Padre" Guida our Spiritual Director as we travel to the Italian Shrines for a **14 day pilgrimage September 23-October 6, 2024**. Round-trip bus transportation leaves from The Good News Center to JFK Airport. Take in Rome (with its iconic sites, fountains, and four Major Basilicas), and attend the Papal Audience with the Holy Father. Walk in the footsteps of St. Padre Pio and St. Francis of Assisi. Not to mention time to view the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano. From Assisi, you will make your way to Florence – recognized as the "Cradle of the Renaissance". Visit the marvelous Churches, buildings, and museums that make it so unique, as well as the historical relics and artistic masterpieces by the greatest masters! And to finish with Venice – the "City Paved in Water", famous for its Basilica, palazzi, ancient bridges, monuments, and piazza's! For pricing, full trip itinerary and to make reservations:

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