

St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
March 23, 2025



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

“If you do not repent, you will all perish
as they did!” - Lk 13:3

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

8:00am **JANE FITSIK** (B'day) by daughter, Pat
 5:00pm **ELIZABETH M. BELLMAN** (Anniv) by Evanciew and Palitti Families * **MICHAEL PALINSKI** by Family

Sunday, March 23, 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00am **JACK ROTOLO** (B'day) by Steve and Michele Granacki * **MARLENE (HUEY) FRANKLIN** (Anniv) by Family
 10:00am **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim * **MARK OPPER** (For Healing) by a Friend
 6:00pm **MARK AND BRENDAN JACKSON** by Kate Stephan * **BARBARA PAZDUR** by Joe and Lorraine Griffo

Monday, March 24, 2025

7:00am **ALICE FIORI** by the Giovanni Libertella Family
 12:10pm **THE IZZO FAMILY** by Their Estate

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

7:00am **RITA STONE** by Marion Waite
MR. AND MRS WALTER STINEBRICKNER AND JOSEPH ESCHE by their Estate
 12:10pm **ROBERT J. PABIS** by Wife and Family

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

7:00am **CHRISTOPHER DESTITO** (B'day) by RoAnn Destito and Family
 12:10pm **OTTO PANARA** by CSJ Associates

Thursday, March 27, 2025

7:00am **BOB ORDWAY** by Mom
 12:10pm **CAROL PIATT** by Dale and Judi Rashford

Friday, March 28, 2025

7:00am **ANGELINE HATFIELD** by Daughters, Patti, Elaine and Elinor * **JENNIFER RICE** by Family
 12:10pm **ERNIE AND CHRIS** by Deborah Lisberg
 7:00pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at St. Peter's

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:00am **ED SPROCK, SR.** by the Sprock Family * **BOB ORDWAY** by Nancy and Vince Janik
 5:00pm **GERRY SEARS** by Kathleen and Tom Yoxall * **CAROL PIATT** by the Powell/Pinti Families

Sunday, March 30, 2025 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00am **ROY "PEANUT" AUSTIN, III** by Loving Family * **LAZETTA TALLARINO** by Ocuto Family
 10:00am **FRANK CIHOCKI** by the Giovanni Libertella Family * **LAWRENCE F. MESSENGER, JR.** by Ocuto Family
 6:00pm **LORNA KAIER** by her Estate
DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS OF FRANK B. AND NELLIE KAIER by their Estate

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

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

Michelle A.	Denise Dunn	Megan Jones	Clair Papademetrious	Freja Emily Simpson-
Barbara K. Acchino	Fr. Harold Dunn	Ted Kehoe	Rachel Pawlikowski	Spencer
Georgie Amodio	Barry Dunning	Jennie Kemp	Barbara Pazdur	Robert Smith
Leonard Amodio	Melissa Dunning	Agnes Koster	Jim Pekarski	Sharon Sprague
Jayne Atwood	Michael Eastup	Bill "Dobie" Link	Carol Piatt	Brian Stevens
Carol B.	Paul Eisinger	Michael Loso	Datie Ponath	Kelly Stevens
Steven Berthold	Beatrice Ferguson	Anne Lubecki	Nicoletta Powell	Lillian Stutmann
Patrick Bewick	Judith Ann Fesner	Francis Lust	Patrick Quinn	Blanche Sweatman
Robert Brady	Diana Fowler	Karen Martin	Kathleen Redden	Joshua Tomassi
Jimmy Brognano	Julianna Fusco	David, Liz, Mitzi	Bill Reese	Anne Toepp
James Brooks	Lauri Fusco	Marcelletta	Sally Reid	Lori Trifeletti
Carla Cacciatori	Joanne Gaffey	Geoff Marchione	Francine Riolo	Rylin Turley
Lorayne Calicchia	Nicole Gamble	Russell Marchione	John Ritchie	Keith Utter
Mary Carmody	Augusta Ginsburg	Amelia Mastrangelo	Kelly Homan Rodoski	Larry Utter
Laurie Carey	Scott Ginsburg	Patti Mastrangelo	Catherine Roman	Fr. Corey VanBuren
Adam Cordsen	Amanda Gold	Nicole Mathe	Robert Roman	Don Van Dreason
Kathy Chase	Josh Gold	Marybeth Matyasik	Fran Rose	Deborah Verminski
Annie Cimo	Gail Greene	Brian McQueen	Pat Rushford	Francis Rosario Vitale
Sara Cosnett	Kara Hawkins	Sarah McQueen	Lisa Ryder	Vito Waterman
John Cordsen	Denis Hartman	Carol Misiaszek	Jacqueline Schachte	Lois White
William Cramer	Christine Hayden	Ann Moster	John Schachte	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Alex D'Argenio	Joshua Hedrington	Sonia Myers	Brian Schilling	Ellie Wood
Melody Darrow	Billy Jo Hildenbrandt	Beverly Nasci	Naomi Schipano	Kim Wood
Sr. Rosaire DeMare	James Hopping	William Newberry	Jean Sereno	John Wright
Pat DeMatteo	Joan Jacobs	Terri Nichols	Bradley Sharpstene	Patricia Zeller
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St. Peter's Parish

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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
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Immanuel Agbulu
Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher
Deacon: Deacon John MacGaffick
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
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 Timothy Sestito

PARISH ORGANIZATION and PARTICIPATION

Altar Rosary Society: Mary Wahl
Scripture Study: Betty Pettinelli
Funeral Preparations: Barbara Thomas
Hospital Ministry: Deacon John MacGaffick
St. Aloysius Catholic Center: Julie McCormick
ASL Interpreters: Gabby Griffin
 Mary Margaret VanDamme

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Deacon Nick Rosher	Dale Rashford
Laura Evanciew	Pat Reilly
Nancy Janik	Barry Russo
Mark LaGasse	Joseph Stanton
Laura Mack	Kate Stephan

Please contact a council member with any questions or concerns you have regarding the upcoming merger.

Faith Formation Office 315-336-5066

Online at: www.smspfaith.com
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St. Peter's Cemetery

E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty Street, Rome 315-336-3110

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.

St. Peter's Weekly Collection March 16, 2025

Cash and Envelopes	\$11,024.28
Electronic/Online	\$1,777.05
Total	\$12,801.33

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 Special Collections March 16, 2025

Ash Wednesday	\$30.00
Black & Native American	\$75.00

Thank you for your support.

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.

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FAITH FORMATION

JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

March 23, 2025, 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 23rd
 9:00-9:50 AM

March 25th
 6:30 PM

Explanatory Mass Rehearsal

Monday Night Classes
March 24th
 Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM
 Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

First Sacraments
March 30th
 6:00 PM

Explanatory Mass
 No Morning Class

Monday Night Classes
March 31st
 Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM
 Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM

2nd Year Confirmation
March 30th
 6:00 PM Mass
 Meet in Social Hall 5:45 PM

OCIA
Mondays
 6:00 PM

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS!

Disciple Maker Index SURVEY NOW OPEN. Follow the link

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x6a6a6>
 or QR code



to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities.

Fellowship gathering to assist parishioners to complete the survey will be after **3/29 and 3/30 Masses.**

Share your perspective now to help strengthen our parish and better prepare Sacred Heart for the future!

For more information, contact **Julie McCormick** via email JULMCC5197@gmail.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 18, 2025

Families	97
Adults	132
Children	66
Seniors	30
Unique	5

Total Fed 233

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 23, 2025

FOR

CODY TARKOWSKI

By Cookie Valentine

LENTEEN SERVICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7PM

March 28th - St. Joseph's

April 4th - Transfiguration

April 11th - St. John's

CONFESSIONS

Mondays - St. Paul's
 5PM- 6PM

Tuesdays - St. Peter's
 5PM-6PM with Benediction

Wednesdays -St. John's
 4:30PM-6PM

MARCH 2025 BAPTISMS



AMELIA ROSE LACOVISSI
CALLUM PATRICK MILLER
COOPER OLMSTEAD
HATCHER WILLIAM OLMSTEAD
ROBERT THOMAS TARDUGNO

Congratulations and Welcome

Rosary Society

Next schedule meeting - Thursday, April 17th in church hall. All are invited & are welcomed to attend.

Annual Easter Sale/Bake Sale April 5-6th.

Baked good donations are welcome.

Spring Basket Raffle April 5-6th, 12 -13, & 19-20

Details to Follow!

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**
 We are actively Recruiting Male Members as well!!!

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

MARCH

Barbara Brady
Bernadette Curry

MERRY MAKERS

Our Next Meeting

April 9

6-9 pm

In St. Peter's Church Hall

Remember, you do not have to be an expert to join.
As always, we continue to need more Sewers, Knitters & Crocheters

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

For more information: Cate (315)225-7900



COFFEE AND QUESTIONS

Thank you for your questions!

Fr. Immanuel will answer the questions about our faith and traditions from the coffee pot on **Thursdays, March 27th and April 3rd**

at 6:30pm at St. Aloysius.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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Face to Face Meetings on **Thursdays in March** at
5:30-6:30 at St. Aloysius Center, 400 Floyd Ave.
Meeting night moving to Wednesdays April 1st.



Joint Parish Planning
"Creating One New Parish for All!"

Meet our Clergy
Father Immanuel Agbulu



As we continue our journey to our new Parish, we would like to introduce our clergy. These priests and deacons have not only played an integral role in our future planning, but they are our spiritual leaders who will guide us in the creation of a strong Catholic Community.

In this column we introduce Father Immanuel Agbulu.

Where are you from?

I am from Benue State, in the Middle Belt Region of Nigeria, West Africa.

Tell us a little about your family.

I am the seventh (7th) of thirteen (13) children, ten (10) boys and three (3) girls. My father was in the Nigerian Navy, and I was born and bred in the barracks.

What is your educational background?

I was schooled and graduated from institutions in Nigeria, Rome, Italy, and Brazil.

What drew you to the religious life?

When I was 14, I fell deeply and passionately in love with the Blessed Virgin and wanted to serve her Son. As my relationship with both grew, I was led to the priesthood.

How long have you been a priest?

In June I will celebrate my 18th year as a priest.

Where else have you been assigned to serve and in what capacity?

In my time as a priest I have served in various capacities in three countries prior to coming to St. Peter's in Rome, NY.

- Missionary in the Amazon - Brazil
- Parochial Vicar, Retreat/Novena Mission Team member, Director of Spirituality Center, Archdiocesan Director of Retreat Centre - Nigeria
- Hospital Chaplaincy - Upstate University Hospital, Community Hospital and Crouse Hospital – Syracuse, NY

Fun Fact: What is something that people may not know about you or may be surprised to know about you?

I am a huge fan of soccer, and my favorite ice cream flavor is coconut.

What is the best part of being in your position of a priest?

Having to bring heaven to earth in the celebration of the sacraments.

What challenges do you feel we will be facing over the next 1-5 years?

Having to continue all the good works we have done so well in the past in new ways, and the need to accept what we don't like for the sake of the common good/the mission of Christ.

What is your hope for the future of our new Parish?

Becoming that one huge ocean of grace that flowed from the three rivers of joy.



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 FAMILIES IN CRISIS.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

March 23, 2025: 3rd Sunday of Lent (LK 13:1-9)

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.



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In this column we introduce Deacon John MacGaffick, our newest deacon.

Where are you from?

I was born August 7, 1966, at Eglin AFB, Florida. My father separated from the Air Force about 4 months later, and we eventually settled on Grand Island, NY.

Tell us a little about your family.

I am the only child of my parents. My father died Sep 28, 2023, and my mother is currently living with us.

I am married to Mary Arinna. We've been married since September 30, 1991, and we have one son, Jeremiah, who is 29 years old.

What is your educational background?

I achieved a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management and Master's in Public Administration before I retired from the Air Force in 2010. Since then, I have earned my Doctorate in Public Administration.

What drew you to the religious life?

I had been wanting to serve God for several years but was unable to do so until after I had converted to Catholicism. After I had joined the Church, I felt God calling me as I was observing Deacon Nick Rosher during the Mass.

How long have you been a deacon?

My seven wonderful classmates and I were ordained this past May 11, so less than one year.

Where else have you been assigned to serve and in what capacity?

St Peter's has been my one and only assignment thus far.

Fun Fact: What is something that people may not know about you or may be surprised to know about you?

I was a trombone player in high school.

What is the best part of being in your position of a deacon?

The part of the diaconate I enjoy the most is being able to assist people with spiritual needs. Being able to do this makes me grateful to God for his gift of ordination.

What challenges do you feel we will be facing over the next 1-5 years?

The most formidable challenge I see is our new parish being able to provide for the needs of the parishioners with fewer masses and fewer clergy. There will be a need for increased participation and assistance from the laity to accomplish this. The other major challenge I see is keeping our young adults in the faith, as many of them feel like they've been set adrift after Confirmation.

What is your hope for the future of our new Parish?

My hope is that the members of the parish can come together as one team and further the kingdom of God in what is an increasingly irreligious world.

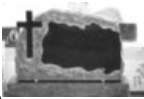


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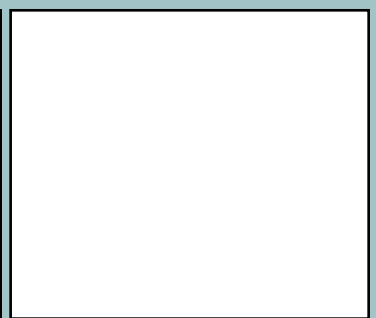
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