

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
April 27, 2025*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



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Milah Hedrington
Olivia Horowitz
Eric Kieffer
Caroline Kimmel
Elouise Knight
Eamon Laverty
Colden Longo
Sofia Lozada
Bryce Olney
Benjamin Rainbow
Britton Scouten
Madison Tyler*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 26, 2025 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am **ERNIE AND CHRIS** by Deborah Lisberg
 5:00pm **CORA SUE HOWE** (B'day) by Family * **ARTHUR O'CONNOR** by Family
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DEHIMER FAMILY by Debbie DeHimer

Sunday, April 27, 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

8:00am **LOUISE BLANKENSHIP** by Jackie Favata * **TERRY BURNS** (50th Anniv) by Family
 10:00am **MR. AND MRS. FRED GIFFORD, SR.** by Mark and Patti Gifford
DORIS MCCARTHY (B'day) by Bob McCarthy and Family
 6:00pm **LORNA KAIER** by their Estate
DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS OF FRANK AND NELLIE KAIER by their Estate

Monday, April 28, 2025 St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

7:00am **CHESTER MASZTAK** by brother, Stanley * **RICHARD JOHNSON** by Helen Fitsik

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 St. Pius V, Pope

7:00am **AMBROSE F. CAREY, JR.** (33rd Anniv) by Wanona Carey * **CLARE RAZZANO** (Anniv) by Family

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 St. Pius V, Pope

7:00am **EDWARD T. ONDRAKO** (Anniv) by son, Richard * **RON CUSHMAN** (26th Anniv) by wife, Connie

Thursday, May 1, 2025 St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer

7:00am **PATRICIA MCCORDUCK** by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones
MR. AND MRS. WALTER STINEBRICKNER AND JOSEPH ESCHE by their Estate

Friday, May 2, 2025 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00am **BOB ORDWAY** by Pat Johnson * **MR. AND MRS THOMAS WALSH** by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones

Saturday, May 3, 2025 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

8:00am **THE IZZO FAMILY** by their Estate * **FRANK P. DESTITO** (Anniv) by wife, Judy
 5:00pm **KATHY DESTITO** (for Healing) by Frank Destito and family * **GERALDINE SEARS** by Jesse Didio

Sunday, May 4, 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00am **KEVIN AUSTIN** by Peter, a friend * **JIMMY LEE BARNETT** by Marie Kunkle
 10:00am **DR. AND MRS. ROBERT B. WHITE** by daughter
FRANCES AND JOSEPH COLUCCIO (B'days) by Family
 6:00pm **LAZETTA TALLARINO** by The Ocuto Family
LYNN (BRADY) INGHAM by Mom and Dad and the Brady Bunch

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

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 April 20, 2025

Cash and Envelopes	\$14,297.21
Electronic/Online	\$1,683.75
Total	\$15,980.96

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 April 20, 2025

Flowers	\$85.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$215.00
Holy Land	\$621.00

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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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.





FAITH FORMATION

JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

There will be no Jesus Little Friends on April 27, 2025

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

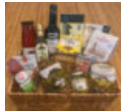
<p>First Sacraments April 27th Celebration of First Holy Communion at 10:00 AM Mass</p> <p>Monday Night Classes April 28th Grades 1-6 6:00-7:00 PM Grades 7-8 7:30-8:30 PM</p>	<p>2nd Year Confirmation April 27th 4:30 PM Dinner, 5:00 PM Class, 6:00 PM Mass</p> <p>Monday Night Classes May 5th Grades 1-8 6:00-7:00 PM Last Class</p>
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Altar Rosary Society



The winners of the Basket Raffle that was drawn on Easter Sunday after the 10am Mass are:



- Basket No. 1: Larry Riolo
- Basket No. 2: Sherry Skogland
- Basket No. 3: Maureen Reilley

Congratulations to our winners and thank all of you for your continued support in our fundraising efforts.

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

MAY
DonnaMae O'Brien
Laurie

MERRY MAKERS

Our Next Meeting

May 14, 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

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of April 27, 2025

FOR

BRENDAN G. JACKSON

By Kate Stephan



MAY CROWNING

May 4th, 2025

Immediately following the 6PM Mass
In the courtyard (weather permitting)

Join the Children of our First Eucharist class in celebrating our Blessed Mother Mary.



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Solemn Vespers with Benediction St. Peter's Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 5:00PM
Solemn Vespers,
followed by Benediction – 5:30PM
May 23rd

Future Dates:

June 20, July 18, August 22, September 19,
October 24, and November 21



MAY 2025 BAPTISMS



Krue Theodore Knapp
Orson Eustacchio Rutledge-Johnson
Maverick Anthony Snyder
Theodore Arthur Starczewski
Noah Christopher Theall
Sophia Mae White

Congratulations and Welcome

Holy Cross Academy Drama Club Presents Cinderella

The Holy Cross Academy Drama Club will perform the classic musical Cinderella



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May 2nd & 3rd at 7:00 PM and

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For more information, contact Holy Cross Academy at 315-363-1669.

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

April 15, 2025

April 22, 2025

<p>Families 86</p> <p>Adults 119</p> <p>Children 69</p> <p>Seniors 28</p> <p>Unique 1</p> <p>Total Fed 217</p>	<p>Families 85</p> <p>Adults 108</p> <p>Children 74</p> <p>Seniors 23</p> <p>Unique 3</p> <p>Total Fed 208</p>
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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

**Safe Environment Initial Training
May 7th St. Peter's Church**

You can sign up for 1:00PM OR 6:30PM
Pre-registration is required and can be completed at:
<https://syracusediocese.org/initial-safe-environment-training-for-adults>
No Walk-ins

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

April 27, 2025: Divine Mercy Sunday (JN 20:19-31)
Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel.
In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.



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

Meet our Clergy
Father Seán O'Brien



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 Seán O'Brien.

Where are you from?

I was born in Binghamton, NY and graduated from Vestal Senior High School.

Tell us a little about your family.

I am the eldest of two children. My sister is an attorney. Our dad was a glazer, and our mother was a barber.

What is your educational background?

I studied to be a radio announcer prior to entering the seminary. I graduated from HCCC, Wadhams Hall Seminary College (Ogdensburg, NY) and St. Mary's Seminary (Baltimore, MD).

What drew you to the religious life?

While in community college I was slowly drawn away from Radio/TV and closer to serving in the church, as a priest.

How long have you been a priest?

I was ordained on June 5, 1993.

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

My first assignment was at Our Lady of Lourdes, in Utica NY, as the assistant. From there I have been the pastor of St. Patrick's/St. Mary's in Forestport/Otter Lake; Christ Our Light in Pulaski; Christ Our Hope in Boonville; and St. Matthews/St Mary's/St. Francis in East Syracuse/Minoa/Bridgeport. I came to Rome in 2019.

I also served as a chaplain, in the United States Navy Reserve, from 1991-2020.

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

I drove a 1924 Model T Ford from Utica to Detroit (and back) with no breakdowns.

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

Bringing God's people to Him, through the Mass and other sacraments.

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

I think our biggest challenge will involve trust and courage. Trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit and having the courage to move through unfamiliar waters.

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

My hope for the future of our new parish is: As we come together, I hope we set the example for our young people of the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity.



Pope Francis asks us to pray for one of his published intentions each month. To pray with the Pope daily visit: clicktopray.org

MAY INTENTION FOR WORKING CONDITIONS

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

***Pope Francis, the 266th Successor of St. Peter
17 December 1936 - 21 April 2025***

With the passing of Pope Francis on April 21st we need to pray for the Church that the Holy Spirit will guide the Cardinals on the choice of his successor.

Keep him in your prayers.



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Meet our Clergy Deacon Michael Gudaitis



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In this column we introduce Deacon Michael Gudaitis.

Where are you from?

I grew up in Meriden, CT, the second oldest of five children growing up in a poor working-class household. I attended St Rose Catholic School 1st-8th grade, and graduated Maloney High School in 1977. I enlisted in the Air Force in Sept. 1977, and was assigned to Griffiss AFB, Rome, NY in March 1978. My next assignment was Howard AFB Panama, March 83, then Raleigh, NC, June 85, followed by Hanscom AFB MA in April 88, where I met my first deacon and God planted the seed for me to eventually become a Deacon. Next, Dayton, OH in May 93, and Rome Lab in 95. I retired from the AF in 1999, worked for L3 Corporation for 10 years, and now I am working full time at Rome Lab.

Tell us a little about your family.

I met my wife Jean here in Rome and we were married in 1981. My son Edward was born in Rome in 1982, and my daughter Catherine was born in Concord, MA in 1989. We settled here in Rome in 1995, and Jean's mom Lally Loria and sister Natalie Loria live with us here.

What is your educational background?

I have a BSEE 1987 from NC State University, MSEE 1990 from UMass Lowell. And MSCS 1994 from Air Force Institute of Technology. In preparation for the Diaconate, I completed Formation for Ministry in Liturgy 1995-1997, and Diaconate formation 2004-2008.

What drew you to the religious life?

When I met my first deacon in 1993, I felt that God was calling me to become a deacon. And my friends and family encouraged me. I asked God to guide me in whatever role He had in mind for me. I patiently prayed and waited for His call until He gave me His sign to apply in 2004.

How long have you been a deacon?

I was ordained May 17, 2008.

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

I started at Transfiguration Church in Rome, then began serving at St John the Baptist when Fr. Paul Angelicchio became pastor in 2011. In addition to serving at every weekend Mass, I also have the St. Jude Novena at Transfiguration every Monday at 7; I serve as the chaplain for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA); and I assist with Confirmation preparation and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). I also have a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

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

I have been to the North and South Pole.

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

I love interacting with people, listening to their stories after mass, celebrating their joys in Baptism, Confirmation, and Weddings, and bringing comfort in their times of sorrow.

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

I think our patience and kindness will be tested as we form our new community and adjust to all the changes.

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

I hope that we have a positive outlook and consider all the new opportunities we will gain in our expanded community.

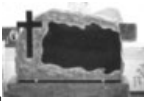


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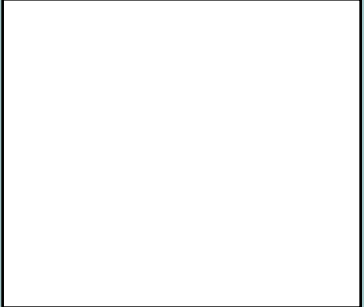
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