

*St. Peter's Parish*  
*Rome, New York*  
*May 25, 2025*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**I WILL**  
COME BACK  
TO YOU.

— JOHN 14:28 —

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, May 24, 2025**

8:00am **JACK HURLEY** by the Sprock Family  
 5:00pm **KATHY DESTITO** (for Healing) by Frank Destito and Family  
**ANN AND BILL HOUSER** by daughter, Sybil

**Sunday, May 25, 2025 6th Sunday of Easter**

8:00am **SALOME HUEY** (Anniv) by Family \* **VINNIE HEDRINGTON** by Jake and Carli Pohl  
 10:00am **HELEN O'BRIEN** (B'day) by Victoria O'Brien  
**MARY JANE WHOOTEN** (B'day) **AND WILLIAM WHOOTEN** by Family  
 6:00pm **MARY (PAUL) MOON** by Nancy Scott \* **ANN BROGNANO** by Ron and Helen Miner

**Monday, May 26, 2025 St. Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial Day**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

NO MASS

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025**

7:00am **TERRI LANIGAN** (B'day) by Jack and Ellie Destito  
**ORLANDO A. DESTITO** (B'day) by RoAnn Destito and Family

**Thursday, May 29, 2025 The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope**

7:00am **MR. AND MRS. WALTER STINEBRICKNER AND JOSEPH ESCHE** by their Estate  
**JIM OCUTO** by daughter, Kim

**Friday, May 30, 2025**

7:00am **SALLY REID** by Colleen and Mike Dunn \* **RICHARD CANFIELD** by Scripture Study Group

**Saturday, May 31, 2025 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00am **FRANCISCO DINI** by Giuliana and Robert Feeney and Family  
 5:00pm **KATHY DESTITO** (for Healing) by Frank Destito \* **KIMBERLY BATES** by Kathy Miller

**Sunday, June 1, 2025 The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter**

8:00am **LAWRENCE F. MESSENGER, JR.** by the Ocuto Family \* **MARION WAITE** by CSJ Associates  
 10:00am **JOHNNY VERGALITO** by Karen Costello \* **FRANK J. COSTELLO** by wife, Karen  
**MICHELLE ADEY** (Anniv) by Family  
 6:00pm **ANN BROGNANO** by Mission of the Christ Child \* **ALBERT PALLAS** (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](http://www.stmarysstpeters.com).

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

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Barbara K. Acchino	Kathy Destito	Lena Johnston	Debbie Pacicca	Robert Smith
Georgie Amodio	Denise Dunn	Megan Jones	Clair Papadametrious	Sharon Sprague
Leonard Amodio	Fr. Harold Dunn	Ted Kehoe	Rachel Pawlikowski	Brian Stevens
Jayne Atwood	Barry Dunning	Jennie Kemp	Jim Pekarski	Kelly Stevens
Carol B.	Melissa Dunning	Agnes Koster	Nicoletta Powell	Lillian Stutmann
Steven Berthold	Michael Eastup	Arlene Lewis	Patrick Quinn	Blanche Sweatman
Patrick Bewick	Paul Eisinger	Bill "Dobie" Link	Kathleen Redden	M/M Bernard Tarkowski
Robert Brady	Billy Evans	Michael Loso	Bill Reese	Joshua Tomassi
Jimmy Brognano	Beatrice Ferguson	Anne Lubecki	Sally Reid	Anne Toepp
James Brooks	Judith Ann Fesner	Karen Martin	Francine Riolo	Rylin Turley
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Lorayne Calicchia	Juliana Fusco	Marcelletta	Kelly Homan Rodoski	Keith Utter
Mary Carmody	Lauri Fusco	Geoff Marchione	Catherine Roman	Larry Utter
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William Cramer	Gail Greene	Sarah McQueen	John Schachte	Lois White
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Mary Beth Dante	Denis Hartman	Ann Moster	Naomi Schipano	Ellie Wood
Alex D'Argenio	Christine Hayden	Sonia Myers	Jean Sereno	Kim Wood
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### NOTE:

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
MAY 26-30, 2025**

**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 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

### 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)

### 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.

**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.

### PARISH COUNCIL

**Pastor:** Father Seán O'Brien  
**President:** Larry Riolo  
**Trustees:** Bernard Kaier,  
Timothy Sestito

### 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.**

### St. Peter's Cemetery

E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

### St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty Street, Rome 315-336-3110

### St. Peter's Weekly Collection May 18, 2025

Cash and Envelopes	\$11,305.25
Electronic/Online	TBD
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,305.25</b>

### St. Peter's Special Collections May 18, 2025

Mother's Day	\$217.00
Fuel	\$535.00

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### JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

May 25, 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

May you have a blessed and joyful summer.

See you in the fall.

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### \*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*



**Vacation Bible School  
2025**

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315-272-9319

### THE MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

*Mission numbers will be reported in next week's  
Bulletin.*



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

*You are invited!*



Do you love to sing or play a musical instrument?

Join us for a meet and greet for anyone interested in participating in the music ministry in the new Sacred Heart Community, on **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6:30 PM, in the Msgr. Culkin Hall (downstairs) at St. Peter's Church.** Please enter by the back door. Refreshments will be served.



**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**  
**June 20th**

Future Dates:

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

### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of May 25, 2025

FOR

**RICHARD CANFIELD**

By Scripture Study Group

### Altar Rosary Society

Our final meeting  
before summer break will be

**June 19th, 6pm**

**in the church hall.**

Regular monthly meetings will resume in September.

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 Frykholm**

**JUNE**

**Joan Combs  
Mary Ann Cox**

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### MERRY MAKERS

We meet once a month 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.

If you are interested in joining our group or  
For more information: Cate (315)225-7900



For your convenience, Safe Environment Training sessions will be provided on site at St. Peter's and at other locations throughout the diocese. Dates and times will be announced in the bulletin.

**Pre-registration is required and can be completed at:**  
<https://syracusediocese.org/initial-safe-environment-training-for-adults>

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE GROUP

Would you like to **get ahead** and **know more about next Sunday's readings** at mass? Come join our ongoing group that meets **EVERY Wednesday at 10am** in the **Social Hall at St. Peter's Church**. We listen and learn about the upcoming readings. All are welcome. No sign ups needed.

**Surrender for Serenity, Al-anon family group**  
**NOW AVAILABLE**, Join with ZOOM on  
 Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/947650599>  
**password 12345**

Face to Face Meetings on  
**Wednesdays at 5:30-6:30**  
 at St. Aloysius Center, 400 Floyd Ave.



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

### Meet our Clergy Deacon Ed Doyle



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 Deacon Ed Doyle.

#### Where are you from?

I was born in Rome NY and graduated from St. Aloysius Academy.

#### Tell us a little about your family.

I am the eldest of five children. My wife Martha also comes from a family of five children. We met at the University of Dayton (a Marianist university) in Ohio and were married in 1962 in Rocky River, Ohio. We have six children, 3 boys and 3 girls, all of which attended and most graduated from the University of Dayton. My wife is an Elementary Education graduate of UD, taught several years in catholic elementary schools, in the Rome CSD for 25 years, and 35 years of catechetical teaching in Rome parishes.

#### What is your educational background?

I have a BEE in Electrical Engineering from the University of Dayton graduating in 1961 and an Engineering Management Certificate from the Syracuse University Maxwell School. I was a supervisory Branch Chief at Rome Laboratory, (formerly RADC) at Griffiss AFB for 40 years, retiring in 1996. Following the Rome Lab position, I worked as Faith Formation Director for St. Paul's Parish from 1996-2007. My ministry includes OCC Facility chaplain with services for inmates, nursing home services (previously at Bethany Gardens) & presently at Terrace at Woodland, altar server training, and Religious Education teacher.

#### What drew you to the religious life?

Participation in Marriage Encounter and Cursillo weekends & support groups, music group director

& guitarist at St. Peter's (10 yrs.) & St. Paul's (20 yrs.), Lay Ministry program, FF Director (10 yrs.), liturgy committee, parish council, and program speaker - all of which allowed me to be in service to God's people.

#### How long have you been a deacon?

I celebrated my 25th Jubilee of Ordination on May 27, 2025.

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

I was ordained when Msgr. Bill Kelly was pastor, succeeded by Fr. Jim Queen, then Fr. Bob Kelly in St. Paul's parish.

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

I enjoy guitar, camping, traveling, and spending time with family including 16 grandkids and 10 greats!

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

Using my skills as a certified Spiritual Director in jail ministry and parish relationships where appropriate.

#### What challenges do you feel we will be facing over the next 1 - 5 years? What is your hope for the future of our new Parish?

Bringing four parishes together to successfully become one vibrant faith community is both a challenge and my hope!





## **JUNE 2025 BAPTISMS**



**Arlie Rose Keller  
Miles James King**

***Congratulations and Welcome***

## **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

May 25, 2025: Sixth Sunday of Easter (JN 14:23-29 )

Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees.

We are living today what we worried about yesterday.



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**Deacon Nick Rosher**



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In this column we introduce Deacon Nick Rosher.

### **Where are you from?**

I was born in Oneonta on October 13, 1946, and lived there until moving to Rome with my family on my birthday October 13, 1987.

### **Tell us a little about your family.**

I have been married to my wife Susan since August 29, 1971. We have a son, who is a pharmacist in Syracuse.

### **What is your educational background?**

My undergraduate work includes an Associate's Degree in administration, and a Bachelor's in sociology and psychology. My graduate work is in counseling and social work. My work life has included being a Child Protective Supervisor in downstate NY; an investigator for the NYS Labor Department; and a counselor for the NYS Department of Corrections for a quarter of a century.

### **What drew you to the religious life?**

A chaplain at Fishkill Correctional Facility, where I worked as a counselor, phoned the Diocese of Syracuse suggesting that I would be a good candidate for the diaconate and recommended that they talk to be about becoming a deacon. The diocese contacted me, and the rest is history!

### **How long have you been a deacon?**

I was ordained a deacon on May 11, 1996.

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

From 1996 to 2001, I was assigned to St Paul's in Rome, NY. In 2001, I received a call from the

Diocese requesting that I go to St Mary's, in Rome, NY to assist there when Fr. Paul Mathis went to the Middle East in military service. Then I went to serve at St. Peter's in Rome, NY, and continue to serve there today.

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

My ancestry is that I am one half Italian, one quarter Irish and one quarter Native American (Crow Tribe).

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

In essence, the best part of being a deacon is seeing people happier after an encounter with me and leaving church than they were before encountering me or leaving church. I also enjoy baptizing and working with first communion candidates.

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

Having people filled with love and joy, and acceptance of each other in our new parish. Finding ways to help parishioners accept change. Finally, making sure we have the means to pay the bills of the new parish.

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

It is my hope that we all accept each other and accept that we made the right choices.

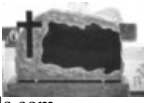


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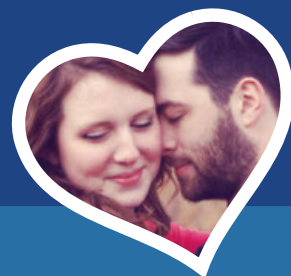
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