

# *Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish*

*St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph's, St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches*

*January 4, 2026*



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WE SAW HIS  
STAR AT ITS  
**RISING.**

— MATTHEW 2:2 —



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 3, 2026 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 8:00am **JOHN GAROFALO, SR.** by Theresa Holmes  
**GIACOMO (JACK) VALVO** by Christopher Powers  
4:00pm **BILL RUANE** by The Sprock Family \* **NANCY MICHIE** by Family  
**MATTHEW JAMES** by Mom, Kevin and Amanda  
6:00pm **REV. JOHN J. DALEY** (Anniv)

### Sunday, January 4, 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30am **JOSEPH PARRY** by Wife and Family \* **LARRY CORDSEN** (Anniv) by Family  
**DARLENE MONETTE** by Kathy Loreto \* **ANGELO VINCI** by Wife, Josephine and Family  
**MARY ANN GIARDINO REED** by Dee Parry  
10:30am **IRV STONE** by Richard T. Ondrako \* **CANIO A. SABIA** (Anniv) by Children  
6:00pm **REV. RONALD P. BUCKEL** (Anniv)

### Monday, January 5, 2026 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

- 7:00am **REV. PAUL A. MURPHY** (Anniv)

### Tuesday, January 6, 2026

- 8:00am **JAMES MICHAELS** by Sons \* **NORMA PLOPPER** (B'day) by Family

### Wednesday, January 7, 2026 St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

- 7:00am **MR. AND MRS. WALTER STINEBRICKNER AND JOSEPH ESCHE** by their Estate  
**LORNA KAIER AND THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRANK B. AND NELLIE KAIER FAMILY** by their Estate \* **FAITH HITCHINGS** by the DeBella Family

### Thursday, January 8, 2026 Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day

- 8:00am **JIM OCUTO** by Daughter, Kim \* **LUCY AND JIM DESALVO** by Family

### Friday, January 9, 2026 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

- 7:00am **REV. JOHN A. HAYES** (Anniv)  
5:00-6:00pm Confessions

### Saturday, January 10, 2026 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 8:00am **ANGIE MUSCARELLA** by Daughter  
4:00pm **NANCY MICHIE** by the Peterson and Ott Families  
**LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KIEFER AND LYON FAMILIES** by Family  
6:00pm **REV. W. ALFRED GOULET** (Anniv)

### Sunday, January 11, 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30am **FRANK PACICCA** by Grace, Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren  
**DARLENE MONETTE** by Theresa Holmes \* **MARY CICCOTTI** by Patty Martinelli  
**CHERYL KEGLEY** by Caroline Fisher and Gary Colangelo  
**TINA PROCOPIO** by Mom and Son  
10:30am **FRANK J. COSTELLO** (Anniv) by Wife and Family  
**MARK DEDOMINICK** by Peter and Julie Sestito  
6:00pm **JACK WATERS** by Family \* **JEREMY BURNS** by Kim and Debbie Dombrowski  
**THE IZZO FAMILY** by their Estate

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

#### **January 4, 2026: Epiphany (MT 2:1-12)**

Today's gospel tells us "all of Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!



**Pope Leo** 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 PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**St. John the Baptist Church**  
210 E. Dominick Street  
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**St. Joseph's Church**  
5748 Stokes Lee Center Road  
Lee Center, New York 13363

**St. Paul's Church**  
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**St. Peter's Church**  
200 N. James Street  
Rome, New York 13440

**Sacred Heart Office**  
Located at St. Paul's Church  
Office hours: Mon – Thurs 9 AM – 2 PM  
Fri 9 AM – 12 PM  
Phone number: 315-336-3082  
St. Joseph's Rectory open: Mon and Wed  
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Rev. Jim Tormey  
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**Deacon:** Michael Gudaitis  
**Deacon:** John MacGaffick  
**Deacon:** Nicholas Rosher

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**Director of Music:** Barry Russo  
**Facilities Manager:** Mark Lagasse  
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**Communications/Media:** Joseph Stanton

#### FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

**Director of Faith Formation:**  
Pre-K-6th - Ann Marie Hunzinger  
Located at St. Paul's Church  
315-336-3082  
315-886-6597  
**Director of Faith Formation:**  
7-8th and Youth Ministry - Robin Calandra  
Located at St. Paul's  
315-272-9319  
**Director of Sacraments - Jean Bauer**  
Located at St. Peter's Church  
315-336-5066

#### PARISH ORGANIZATION and PARTICIPATION

**Scripture Study:** Nick Pantazis  
**Funeral Preparations:** Barbara Thomas  
**Hospital Ministry:** Deacon John MacGaffick  
**St. Aloysius Catholic Center:** Julie McCormick  
**ASL Interpreters:** Gabby Griffin  
Mary Margaret VanDamme

#### 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 Sacred Heart Office.  
315-336-3082

**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:** At St. Peter's assistive hearing devices are  
available for loan at the altar rail and in the front vestibule before  
Mass.

#### SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKDAYS** M-W-F 7:00am St. Peter's Church  
T-TH 8:00am St. Peter's Church  
**SATURDAYS** 8:00 am St. John's Church  
4:00 pm St. Paul's Church  
6:00 pm St. Joseph's Church  
**SUNDAYS** 8:30 am St. John's Church  
10:30 am St. Peter's Church  
6:00 pm St. Peter's Church

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION Friday

5:00 - 6:00 pm at St. Peter's Church

#### SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM

1st weekend of the month at St. John the Baptist  
2nd weekend of the month at St. Peter's  
3rd weekend of the month at St. Paul's  
4th weekend of the month at St. Joseph's

#### SOLEMN VESPERS

1st Friday of the month at St. Peter's 5:30pm  
Contact Sacred Heart Office for more information:  
315-336-3082

#### CEMETERIES

(Office Hours: 8:00am - 2:00pm)  
315-337-8307/315-336-3110

#### SACRED HEART PARISH COLLECTION

December 21, 2025

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| Weekly                | \$26,281.00 |
| Christmas Flowers     | \$470.00    |
| Immaculate Conception | \$435.00    |
| Cathedraicium         | \$185.00    |
| Novena                | \$154.00    |
| Fuel                  | \$104.00    |

Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation from St. Peter's Church  
are live streamed & currently available on the website:  
[www.stmarvssstpeters.com](http://www.stmarvssstpeters.com).

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authorization form to get started.





## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

will be at all our Sacred Heart Locations.  
If you have any questions please contact Robin Calandra  
at 315 272-9319 or rcalandra@syrdio.org



## FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

**Monday Night Session**  
**Grades Pre K-6**  
**January 5th**  
6:00 - 7:15 PM

**Tuesday Night**  
**Grades 7-8**  
**January 6th**  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

**Thursday Afternoon**  
**Session**  
**Grades Pre K-6**  
**January 8th**  
4:00 - 5:15 PM  
**Held at St. Paul's**

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**First Sacraments**  
**Sunday**  
**January 11th**  
9:00 - 10:15 AM

**First Year Confirmation**  
**Grade 8**  
**Sunday**  
**January 11th**  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Second Year Confirmation**  
**Grade 9**  
**Sunday**  
**January 11th**  
4:30 PM Dinner  
5:00 PM Class  
6:00 PM Mass

**Held at St. Peter's**  
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**OCIA**  
**Wednesday**  
**January 7th**  
6:30PM-8:00PM  
**Held at St. John's**



The Footprints of  
God program starts  
Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, at  
9:45, after the 8:30  
Mass at St. John the  
Baptist Church  
downstairs in the  
Meeting Room.

Footprints of God: The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine is a documentary film series hosted by popular Catholic author, speaker, and apologist Steve Ray. Meet the people and see the places that shaped the salvation story through Scripture and Church history. It's a fast-paced, entertaining biography, travel documentary, Bible study, apologetics course, and Church history study rolled into one remarkable adventure!

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By Family

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## Altar Rosary Society



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## GREETING CARD MINISTRY



For many years,  
St. Peter's Church  
sends greeting cards to the sick and homebound  
and would like to extend this ministry to  
the entire Sacred Heart Parish.

Please contact the Parish office at 315-336-3082 to  
add someone to the list.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION at Adoration Chapel of St. John's Church

Open Every Day. To schedule an hour contact one of  
the Day Captains:

**Sunday**-Janine Wilhelm (H)315-337-9033 (C)315-886-1770  
**Monday**-Bernedette Kapps (H)315-337-5439 (C)315-225-5846  
**Tuesday**-Jesse and Anne Ruiz (H)315-339-5057 (C)315-225-567  
**Wednesday**-Caren Libertella - (C)315-533-6505  
**Thursday**-Chris and Brenda Klara - (C)315- 335-8918  
**Friday**-Cyndy Lamascola (C)315- 271-6369  
**Saturday**-Jean Gudaitis -315-339-9755 or 315-371-6136



### ***The Good News Center***

10475 Cosby Manor Road, Utica, NY 13502  
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Presents

January 15, 2026

@ 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm

*"The Fifth Gospel"; a  
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Father will explore the humble origins of sacred art as well as take us on a spiritual journey of more than 1800 years of its development and flourishing. A particular attention will be placed on the contemporary dimension of sacred symbols and how they can enhance and deepen our 21st century spiritual life.

Reservations are required by January 12, 2026.

To register visit:

<https://thegoodnewscenter.org/event/theology-uncorked-with-father-mark-kaminski/>

***THE PARISH CENTER AT ST ALOYSIUS WILL BE  
OPEN TO WALKERS FOR THE WINTER.  
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.***

### **MANY THANKS TO THE**

**Altar Rosary Society**

**FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION  
TO THE PARISH!**

*Their hard work organizing the many fund raisers  
during the year is greatly appreciated.*

### **DEVOTIONAL LAMPS**

Will burn the week of January 4, 2026 at St. John's Church

for **Santo Emmanuele, Richard & Sophia  
Gromelski, Safe Travel for Son & Daughter**

### **FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT ST. JOHN'S PARKING LOT**

**2nd Friday of the Month.**

**Next Drive: January 9, 2026, 2PM.**

**For more information contact Bob Bojanek**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The retreat, **"You Have Given All to Me, Now I  
Return It"**, a day for both men and women,  
**Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 8:30am-3:30pm**  
**at Notre Dame House in Canandaigua,**  
a place for "spiritual nourishment and renewal" in  
time for the Blessed Lenten Season. More details to  
follow.

For more information,

visit: <https://notredameretreat.org/events>

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

**A:** Michelle A., Barbara K. Acchino, Georgie Amodio, Jayne Atwood, **B:** Carol B., Joe B., Sandra Baker, Baby Barbara, Steven Berthold, Irene Betz, Patrick Bewick, Rose Blackburn, Jimmy Brognano, Kristin Brognano, James Brooks, R. Brown, K. Brown, Joseph Burgdorf, Steve Buzinski, **C:** Carla Cacciatori, Noel Cain, Lorayne Calicchia, Mary Carmody, Ben Caputo, Laurie Carey, Adam C., Kathy Chase, Chuck, Annie Cimo, Bill Clark, Joyce Collea, Christie Conley, Sara Cosnett, John Cordsen, William Cramer, **D:** Donna Dambrosio, Jeannine Damon, Mary Beth Dante, Melody Darrow, Daniel, Delores DeCarolis, Christine Delacruz, Sr. Rosaire DeMare, Dr. Patricia DeMatteo, George DeFabio, George DeSabo, Kathy Destito, Monica Dinitto, Fr. Valerian D'Souza, Denise Dunn, Barry Dunning, Melissa Dunning, **E:** Paul Eisinger, Billy Evans, **F:** Anthony Falchi, Marie Famalaro, Beatrice Ferguson, Neil Ferris, Judith Ann Fesner, David Fiore, Jean Fontana, Mason Foster, Diana Fowler, Jeff Frank, Julianna Fusco, Lauri Fusco, **G:** Joanne Gaffey, Nicole Gamble, Denise Giardino, Bernard Gilleece, Augusta Ginsburg, Scott Ginsburg, Ed Gliniski, Marilyn Goetz, Phil Goetz, Amanda Gold, Josh Gold, Danielle Gorski, Leonard and Betty Gratch, Gail Greene, Sarah Grogan, **H:** Brendan H., Margaret Haarsgaard, Jake Hanley, Kara Hawkins, Denis Hartman, Christine Hayden, Joshua Hedrington, Baby Henry, Billy Jo Hildenbrandt, Ryan Hoskins, **I:** Cheryl Iacone, **J:** Frank Jennie, Jesse Johnson, Cindy Justice, Priscella Mierek, Johnson, Lena Johnston, Megan Jones, Greg Joy, **K:** Ted Kehoe, Jennie Kemp, Mary Klahs, Agnes Koster, Justin Krystal, **L:** Pat Lamandia, Arlene Lewis, Bill "Dobie" Link, Natalie Loria, Michael Loso, Anne Lubecki, **M:** Pete Magnot, Kasey Malakie, Karen Martin, David, Liz, Mitzi Marcelletta, Geoff Marchione, Russell Marchione, Amelia Mastrangelo, Patti Mastrangelo, Nicole Mathe, Audrey Matt, Bill McHugh, Brian McQueen, Sarah McQueen, Gwen McSwain, George Mierek, MaryJane Miller, Carol Misiaszek, Michael Mizgala, Michelle Rossi Morgan, Kenneth Morrow, Ann Moster, Brian Mullin Jr, Darlene Mullin, Sonia Myers, **N:** Beverly Nasci, William Newberry, Terri Nichols, **O:** Miley Olivio, Mark Oppen, Bernie Owens, **P:** Debbie Pacicca, Clair Papadametrious, Tim Papeneuk, Rachel Pawlikowski, Nichole P, Jim Pekarski, Casmir Pietrowicz, Ed Polczynski, Anthony Procopio, Ophelia Marie Procopio, Petey Procopio, Sandy Procopio, Lee Prugar, **Q:** Patrick Quinn, **R:** Kathleen Redden, Bill Reese, P. Reschetnikow, Francine Riolo, Linda Rizzuto, Laura Roddy, Kelly Homan Rodoski, Catherine Roman, Robert Roman, Nick Romano, Pat Rushford, Joe Russell, Maggie and Caitlin Ruthie, Lisa Ryder, **S:** MES, Jesse Savard, Jacqueline Schachte, John Schachte, Brian Schilling, Tanner Selke, Jean Sereno, Emmalynn Sharrow, Luca Shepardson, Bob Shope, Joanna Shope, Alexander Simpson, Freja Emily Simpson, Robert Smith, Jennifer Smolik, Jack Snyder, Michael Spinelli, Sharon Sprague, Brian Stevens, Kelly Stevens, Alan Stinson, E. Stinson, Lillian Stutmann, Blanche Sweatman, Louise Ann Swire, Nancy Szmurlo, **T:** M/M Bernard Tarkowski, Ralph Terzini, Myron Thurston Karen Tomasi, Joshua Tomassi, Anne Toepp, Rylin Turley, Bernard Turi, **V:** Fr. Corey VanBuren, Don Van Dreason, Nick Vega, Deborah Verminski, Catjrum Voscps. Francis Rosario Vitale, Nancy Eannace Vitti, **W:** Vito Waterman, Carol Werbeck, Lois White, Ray "Dusty" Whitman, Ellie Wood, Kim Wood, John Wright, **Z:** Andy Zdziebko.

| <b>Group/Event</b>  | <b>POC</b>  | <b>Next Meeting/Event</b>                        | <b>Location</b>   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament (Every Tuesday)  | Nick Pantazis   | January 6, 2026<br>5 - 6PM                       | St. Joseph's Church                                       |
| Adult Continuous Faith Formation Bible Study: The Footprints of God                         | Nick Pantazis   | January 4, 2026<br>After the 8:30am Mass         | downstairs,<br>At St. John's Church                       |
| Altar Rosary Society (Monthly)  | Mary Wahl @ 315-617-3478 or<br>Tina Brognano @ 315-571-6707       | No meetings in January<br>or February            | St. Peter's Social Hall                                   |
| Bereavement at St. John's<br>(3rd Wednesday)  | Carm Zmudovsky 315-271-5637 or<br>Linda Iannotti 315-271-9537     | January 21, 2026 4:30PM                          | Rectory Basement Meeting<br>Room                          |
| Bereavement at St. Paul's<br>(2nd Sunday)   | Sacred Heart Office 315-336-3082                                  | January 11, 2026 2PM<br>Social Hour/Refreshments | Sacred Heart Parish Center at<br>St. Paul's Church        |
| Breakfast Bistro (1st Sunday)   | After 8:30 Mass   | January 4, 2026                                  | St. John's Church   |
| Catholic Daughters<br>(2nd Wednesday)   | Carol Furgol 315-336-5483   | January 14, 2026 6PM                             | St. John's Church   |
| Coffee and Donuts (3rd Sunday)  | After 8:30 Mass   | January 18, 2026                                 | St. John's Church   |
| Discalced Carmelites<br>(3rd Saturday)  | Crystal D'Ambrosi 315-313-2158                                    | January 17, 2026, 9AM                            | St. John's Social Hall Classroom                          |
| Good Samaritans   | All are Welcome   | TBD January 2026 2PM                             | Sacred Heart Parish Center at<br>St. Paul's Church        |
| Knights of Columbus<br>(2nd Thursday)   | kofc.org/joinus and mention<br>Council 391                        | January 8, 2026 7PM with<br>6:30PM Rosary        | 112 Ridge Street Rome, NY                                 |
| Marion Guild (2nd Thursday)   | Kathy Loreto 315-337-6812   | January 8, 2026 1:30PM                           | St. John's Social Hall                                    |
| Merry Makers (Monthly)  | Cate 315-225-7900   | TBD January 2026<br>6-9PM                        | St. Peter's Social Hall                                   |
| Novena to Our Lady of the<br>Miraculous Medal, St. Jude and<br>St. Peregrine (Every Monday) | Deacon Mike Gudaitis  | January 5, 2026 7PM                              | St. John's Church for those<br>affected by cancer         |
| Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer<br>Group & Hymns Evening Prayer                              | Fr. Gerard F. Lupa<br>Tom Gates                                   | January 7, 2026<br>6:30-7:30 PM                  | St. Paul's Center Chapel/Parlor<br>Area (Every Wednesday) |
| Praise and Worship<br>(1st Thursday)  | Play Christian music, short Bible<br>verse and reflection         | January 8, 2026<br>6:30 - 7:30 PM                | St. John's Church   |
| Rome Area Veterans<br>(1st Sunday)  | Jim Nichter 315-339-1221<br>or Gene Blackburn 315-225-1520        | February 1, 2026 1:00PM                          | Sacred Heart Parish Center at<br>St. Paul's Church        |
| Rome Catholic Men's Fellowship<br>(Every Saturday)  | Proverb 27:17 Iron sharpens iron,<br>and one man sharpens another | January 10, 2026<br>8:30 - 10 AM                 | Basement of St. John's Church                             |
| Surrender for Serenity Al-anon<br>Family Group<br>(Every Wednesday)                         | All are Welcome   | January 7, 2026<br>5:30-6:30PM                   | St. Aloyisus Center<br>(Handicap Accessible)              |

### ***SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRIES***

#### **BILL GAVIN FOOD PANTRY AT ST. JOSEPH'S**

Food Pantry Hours - Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 - 11:30,  
or by appointment. Call or text 315-794-5320

*Thank you to all who have helped us to keep our shelves stocked!*

#### **ST. PETER'S MISSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD**

The Food Pantry distributes free food every Tuesday to low and middle-income families from the Mission office located at 400 Floyd Ave.

**Due to the Christmas Holiday food distribution numbers for December 23 and December 30 will be reported in the next bulletin.**

*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. To join our volunteer team, please call or text the Mission at 315-271-4849*



***JANUARY 2026***

***Dominic James Doolen  
Victoria Muldoon***

*Congratulations and Welcome*

### ***TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO PRAY***

Kids will enjoy learning through simple rhymes while adults will also benefit from the solid truth in God's promises.



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