

St. Peter's Parish

*Rome, New York
January 16, 2022*

EULOGIES AT FUNERALS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Before I address the questions about family members delivering a eulogy during the Funeral Mass, let me start by wishing all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year as we begin 2022.

Since January 2020, here at St. Peter's Parish, eulogies have been discouraged during the Funeral Mass. This has been met with a mix of responses. Everything from families being angry, to families feeling relieved from the pressure that comes from public speaking at such a difficult time. The main question raised by some families is: "Why not?" Some think it is my personal decision or preference. Let me explain why and hopefully bring clarity and understanding with regards to eulogies not being delivered within the Funeral Mass.

Since 2012, it has been the policy of the Diocese of Syracuse to encourage a eulogy at the Vigil Service (wake/calling hours), after the Committal Service (cemetery service) or at the reception that normally follows the Fraternal Rites of Christian Burial. You can find this policy on the Diocesan website. The policy states, in part, "This liturgy (the Funeral Mass), offers comfort and consolation to those who mourn. The Mass lifts our hearts to God who will strengthen us in the days ahead and give us the grace of His comfort as we continue our journey of faith. Since the Funeral Mass leads us to reflect on Eternal Life, eulogies are discouraged....current liturgical guidelines strongly discourage this." Also, section 382 of the Revised Roman Missal states; "At the Funeral Masses, there should be a short homily, but to the exclusion of a funeral eulogy of any kind."

It is not that I won't allow a eulogy, based on my personal preference as a Pastor, but rather it is my obligation as a Pastor to follow the policy of the Diocese of Syracuse. I know that the loss of a loved one is very difficult. It is an experience we all share at different times in our lives. Eulogies can be, by sharing memories and stories, a great source of Consolation. At the Vigil Service, after the Committal Service, or at the reception are wonderful opportunities to share these memories and support each other in love.

I hope this clears up confusion, answers questions and brings understanding to this topic which gets raised on occasion. Please keep me in your prayers that I may be a good pastor, and know that you are in my prayers.

Thank you and God Bless.

Rev. J. P. O'Brien

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 15, 2022 Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am **BOB ROOD** by Mom
BILL RUANE by Mellony Spinelli
 5:00pm **PETER CHARNEY** (B'day) by Family
JAMES & ELLEN DUNN by Joanne Gaffey
SISTER VIRGINIA DUNN, SNJM by Joanne Gaffey
MR. & MRS. ARTHUR O'CONNOR by Mike & Colleen Dunn

Sunday, January 16, 2022 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30am **BILL RUANE** by Richard & Patricia Johnson
JOSEPH FUSCO JR. by Anthony & MaryAnn Rotolo
WILLIAM LYNCH by Ann Peach Lynch
 10:00am **WILLIAM LENNON** by Altar Rosary
NINA DANIELLO by Dawn McLellan
CAROL FASICK by Altar Rosary
GAYLORD H. MILLER (B'day) by Daughter, Kathy
 6:00pm **PRO POPULO**

Monday, January 17, 2022 Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:00am **FR. LOUIS P. TROTTA, C.M.** by Cindy Thurston

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00am **DUAL GIANNECCHINI** (Anniv) by Family
VLADIMIR WILLIAMS by Mom

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

7:00am **HARRY CLAPPER** (Wedding Anniv) by Wife, Betty
MARIAN NILES In Loving Memory by her Grandchildren, Bob, Kim & Marlee

Thursday, January 20, 2022 Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr

7:00am **ELVERA SMITH** (B'day) by Children
BILL RUANE by Mellony Spinelli

Friday, January 21, 2022 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

7:00am **DON F. KING** by Patricia Johnson
ERNESTINE KING by Patricia Johnson

Saturday, January 22, 2022 Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn Children**8AM MASS ONLY CITY WIDE DAY OF PRAYER CELEBRATED AT TRANFIGURATON CHURCH**

8:00am **ANTOINETTE & MARK SANITA** by Granddaughter, Kim
DARLENE TELLER by Pete Wood & MaryAnn Lyman
 5:00pm **FRED PACICCIA, JR** (3rd Anniv) by Wife, Children & Grandchildren
ELEANOR CONIGLIO by Joanne Gaffey
SISTER VIRGINIA DUNN, SNJM by Mike & Colleen Dunn
JOSEPH FUSCO JR. by George Ferguson
DONALD NIEMETZ by Alex, Laura, Nicholas & Alex Evanciew

Sunday, January 23, 2022 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30am **DAVID CONSTABILE** by Frank & Sharon Puma
 10:00am **PHIL MURPHY** by Mike Adey, Brian Miller, Joe Stanton
DONNA SCHIELS by Denti School Staff & Family
ANTOINETTE & MARK SANITA by Granddaughter, Kim
WILLIAM LENNON by Merry Makers
 6:00pm **LAWRENCE POWELL** by Nickie, Karen, Gail & Debbie
MARY SHANNON by Brother, Tom

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.

Georgie Amodio	Judith Ann Fesner	Paul LaSalle	Dale Newman	Brian Schilling
Leonard Amodio	Joan Fiaschetti	Teresa LaSalle	Tari-Lyn Orton	Bradley Sharpstene
Jayne Atwood	James Flemming	Joan Leahy	Debbie Pacicca	Patricia Sterling
Fr. Gabriel Berko	Diana Fowler	Bill "Dobbie" Link	Clair Papadametrious	Thomas Serra
Paula Bailey	Julianna Fusco	Michael Loso	Rachel Pawlikowski	Emmalynn Sharrow
Raymond Barbar, Jr	Lauri Fusco	Lori Losowski	Barbara Pazdur	Alexander Simpson
Chris Bousalis	Joanne Gaffey	Anne Lubecki	Jim Pekarski	Freja Emily Simpson
Jimmy Brognano	Augusta Ginsburg	David, Liz, Mitzi	Joseph Petrelli	Spencer Robert Smith
James Brooks	Scott Ginsburg	Marcelletta	Carol Piatt	Sharon Sprague
Carla Cacciatori	Amanda Gold	Geoff Marchione	Datie Ponath	John Stark
Lorayne Calicchia	Gail Greene	Russell Marchione	Paul Powers	Gabriel Steiff
Stephanie Calicchia	John Hedrington	Pattie Mastrangelo	Patrick Quinn	Neil Sutherland
Mary Carmody	Joshua Hedrington	Nicole Mathe	Bill Reese	Blanche Sweatman
Adam Carpenter	Mike Henry	Marybeth Matyasik	Francine Riolo	Anne Toepp
Annie Cimo	Billy Jo Hildenbrandt	Brian McQueen	John Ritchie	Barbara Thomas
John Cordsen	William Herrig, Jr.	Carol Misiaszek	Catherine Roman	Rylin Turley
Tom Delpico	Jerry & Joan Jacobs	Kathy Miller	Robert Roman	Sr. Rosaire DeMare
Barry Dunning	Jesse Johnson	Michael Mizgala	Lisa Ryder	Vito Waterman
Paul Eisinger	Lena Johnston	Ann Moster	Kelly Sabia	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Robyn Engle	Megan Jones	Sonia Myers	Jacqueline Schachte	John Wright
Carol Fasick	Jennie Kemp	Beverly Nasci	John Schachte	Bernice Young

Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.



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Office Hours:
 Monday * Tuesday *
 Thursday *
 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-4:00pm
 Wednesday * Friday
 9:00am-12:00pm

Pastor: Very Rev. Sean P. O'Brien, VF
Parochial Vicar: Father Bernard Menard
Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher
Pastoral Associate: Laura Mack
Seminarian: Ben Schrantz

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS 7:00 am
SATURDAYS 8:00 am * Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
SUNDAYS 7:30 am * 10:00 am * 6:00 pm
HOLIDAYS 7:00 am * 12:10pm * 6:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation: Laura Mack
First Sacraments Coordinator: Jean Bauer
Music Ministry: Barry Russo
Office Administration: Sharon Hansen
Administrative Assistant: Kathy Miller
Maintenance Director: Mark Lagasse
Cemetery Superintendent: Kate Stephan
Communications/Media: Joseph Stanton

**PARISH ORGANIZATION
 and PARTICIPATION**

Altar Rosary Society: Mary Wahl
St. Peter's Senior Group: W. Warren Sickles, Jr.
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Miller
Scripture Study: Betty Pettinelli
Funeral Preparations: Barbara Thomas
Hospital Ministry: John MacGaffick
St. Aloysius Catholic Center: Julie McCormick
ASL Interpreters: Mary Margaret VanDamme
 Gabby Griffin

PARISH COUNCIL

Pastor: Father Sean O'Brien
President: Kevin Barry
Trustees: Bernard Kaier,
 Lawrence Riolo Jr., Timothy Sestito,
 Barbara Thomas

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
 Next meeting February 8, 2022
 6:30pm at St. Aloysius Center

St. Peter's Cemetery

E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty Street, Rome 315-336-3110

Faith Formation Office

315-336-5066

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**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.

St. Mary's/St. Peter's Collection

January 2, 2022

January 9, 2022

Regular Collection	\$9,211.91	Regular Collection	\$6,464.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,018.73	Electronic Giving	\$3,118.91
Make-ups	\$175.00	Make-ups	\$657.00
Added Christmas	\$1,900.00	Total:	\$9,582.91
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,579.00	Mission of the Christ	\$320.00
Total:	\$13,884.64		
Mission of the Christ Child	\$1,525.00		

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. If anyone needs Communion in any pew, please indicate that to the Minister of the Eucharist who will assist the person in need.

HEARING AIDS: Assistive hearing devices are available for loan in the Sacristy before Mass.



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

Orientation for First Communion Class for Parents and Children - 9:00AM

Confirmation
5PM Class
6PM Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

NO CLASSES

For information about classes and schedules please visit our website

or stop by the Faith Formation Office.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing our faith together!

www.smspfaith.com

Follow us at: St. Mary's/St. Peter's Faith Formation Facebook page.

JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022
At the 10AM Mass

MEMORIAL FUND

KATHERYN STROWBRIDGE
by Joseph & Barbara Chubbuck

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of **January 16, 2022**
for **JIM GRIFASI** by Wife & family.

MISSION of the CHRIST CHILD

VLADIMIR WILLIAMS by Mom
JOSEPH FUSCO by Mary Carmel & Bill Wolf
FRANK GLASSO by Eileen Ginsburg

WINDOW FUND

FRANK GLASSO by Eileen Ginsburg
RON & ETHEL WOOD by Pete Wood
JOSEPH FUSCO by Carla Till
JOSEPH FUSCO by Brendan & Rachel Knight

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DISCOVER THE MESSAGE GOD HAS FOR YOU THROUGH THE PROPHETS A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING THOMAS SMITH

10 weeks on Wednesdays starting January 19, 2022. 6:00PM—7:30PM at St. Aloysius Center 400 Floyd Ave.

Cost-Registration to purchase online access and get a workbook.
<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/prophets-messengers-of-gods-mercy>

Everyone is welcome for fellowship and to watch the video even if they don't purchase the study set.

Online access allows you to do the study at home if you can't make all the sessions during the winter months. Call St. Peter's Parish to register.

GREETING CARD MINISTRY

If anyone knows of a St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parishioner who is ill, in a nursing home or home bound, and would like to receive a greeting card, call Debbie Pinti 315-337-5982 or email debbiepinti5@gmail.com with the person's name and address and our team will gladly send them a greeting card to brighten their day.

Thank you in advance for all your help!

**OFFICE OF FAMILY/RESPECT LIFE
& PUBLIC POLICY**

***ON OUR KNEES PRAYER and
FASTING CAMPAIGN***

On January 22 each year, the Catholic Church in the United States observes a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children to mark the Supreme Court decision, **Roe v Wade**, on January 22, 1973, that legalized abortion throughout the United States.

In 2018, Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after fifteen weeks of gestation. This law was challenged and the case, known as **Dobbs v Jackson's Women's Health Organization**, is awaiting a decision by the Supreme Court. Oral arguments were heard on December 1, 2021 and a decision is expected in June 2022.

Saturday, January 22, 2022 our daily 8AM Mass will be celebrated at Transfiguration Church for a City Wide Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children.

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 315-281-9492.

January 4, 2022 The Mission Served:

Households - 39
Children - 36
Adults - 51
Seniors - 21

Total People Fed: 108

January 11, 2022 The Mission Served:

Households - 33
Children - 19
Adults - 39
Seniors - 16

Total People Fed: 74

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.

Altar Rosary Society

There are no meetings/events in January or February. We will resume with an event in March; details to follow as we get closer to the date.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support of our organization and we wish you a Happy New Year filled with Love, Health, Peace and Happiness.

THE MERRY MAKERS

KNITTERS, CROCHETERS & SEWERS

To anyone who can knit, crochet or sew:

The **MERRY MAKERS** is a group of knitters, crocheters & sewers who currently knit and crochet hats, mittens and scarves for local school children. For cancer patients we make chemo caps, lap robes and prosthesis (to fit into mastectomy patient's bras). We also make adult bibs, masks and walker bags. We give all these items to the local school nurses, cancer & infusion centers, local adult facilities and to individuals upon request.

If you or someone you know are in need of these items or if you would like to join us in this endeavor, please call **Cate Powers at (315)337-2289 or (315)225-7900.**

If you have items to drop off, or if you need more yarn, please call ahead. (315)337-2289

Thank you all for continuing to produce so many beautiful items for the people we care about.

RESCHEDULED MEETING:

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022
6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.**

Light h'ors d'oeuvres will be served. We will discuss the many activities of this past year.

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

JANUARY: Mary Ann Cox
Joan Combs
FEBRUARY: Barb Brady
Judy Panara

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 act they perform for us in our time of need, and give us peace. Amen.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **COUNCIL #391**

112 Ridge Street
Rome, New York

There will be no January meeting.

The next business meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council #391 will take place at **7PM Thursday, February 10, 2022** at Council Hall, 112 Ridge Street, Rome. It will be preceded at 6:30PM by the Holy Rosary.

As of now, masks are not required. Members will be notified of any changes.

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

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 kofc.org/joinus and use **Council 391.**



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.



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

JANUARY INTENTION

FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY
We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



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SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

You don't have to go through separation or divorce alone. During this difficult time your friends and family have been very supportive, but they just don't grasp the level of your pain and frustration. They try to be helpful but they just don't get it. The Separated and Divorced Support group is there for you led by people who have gone through it and know what you are dealing with. This confidential group is **FREE** and open to anyone trying to rebuild their life after the pain. **Meetings are every other Sunday from 5pm-7pm. Meetings are January 23, 2022, February 6, 2022, February 20, 2022, March 6, 2022, and March 20, 2022.**

DON'T GIVE UP ON ME an Evening with Darryl Strawberry

Join the Good News center in welcoming keynote speaker, former MLB Player Darryl Strawberry, 8 time All-Star (1984-1991) and 4 time World Series Champion (1986, 1996, 1998, 1999) on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at Hart's Hill Inn. Strawberry states **“I finally found purpose in life.”** His personal struggles of addiction, divorce and marriage issues, are all supported by the **FREE** programs offered by the Good News Center. All proceeds from this event will benefit those programs.

For complete details and to order tickets call the **Good News Center at 315-735-6210** or visit www.thegoodnewscenter.org. Tickets are \$75 each. Doors open at 5:30PM. Dinner and autograph signing included. Signed memorabilia raffles are also available that evening.



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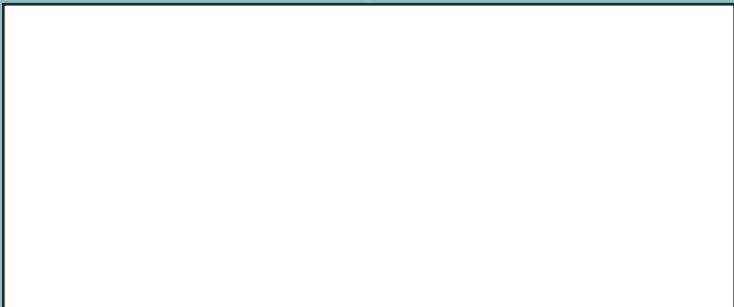


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