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A Spring Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Fr. Peter Clem & The Basilica of St. Mary of Alexandria, VA

This Catholic journey features four nights in Rome and two nights in Assisi, with a day-trip to Orvieto along the way. Daily Mass - the cornerstone of each day - will be complemented by a touring program that will immerse the pilgrims in the incredible history, heritage, and relics of our Catholic Faith. Highlights include an Audience with the Holy Father in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas of Rome, the Catacombs, the Duomo of Orvieto, and the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi.

Roundtrip airfare from Washington Dulles and centrally-located hotels will be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the trip private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast and daily dinner are included in the price. One daily meal (either lunch or dinner) is the only item not included in the price.

April 6 - 13, 2026

\$3660 per person, Airfare Included

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/basilicaofsaintmary2026 or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com.



The Itinerary

Every day of pilgrimage will include the celebration of Holy Mass, locations to be determined based on availability. Additionally, every day will include breakfast and either lunch or dinner. Thus pilgrims will be provided two meals daily. The exception would be on travel days when pilgrims will receive one meal.

Monday, April 6

Departure

Departure information TBD.

Tuesday, April 7

Arrival | St. Paul Outside The Walls

Welcome to Italy! Upon arrival we will meet our tour director and private coach and depart immediately for the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of Saint Paul

and the second-largest church in the world, second only to St. Peter's. We will celebrate Holy Mass together and then enjoy a guided tour of this incredible relic of early Christianity. We will then proceed to our beautiful hotel where we will check in and take some time to freshen up before having dinner together and retiring for the evening.

Holy Mass: St. Paul Outside the Walls

Wednesday, April 8

Papal Audience | St. Peter's Basilica

Today we will walk to St. Peter's Square and attend an Audience with the Holy Father. Make sure to bring religious articles, which the Pope will bless at the conclusion of the Audience! After the Papal Audience, we will celebrate Holy Mass in San Lorenzo in Piscibus. At the conclusion of Mass, we will break for some free time to explore the area, see the sights and enjoy an independent lunch.

After free time for lunch, we will return to St. Peter's Basilica where we will receive a guided tour of the greatest church in the world - built over the tomb of St. Peter himself. After our tour we will have free time for prayer and exploring before everyone returns to our hotel for a group dinner.

Holy Mass: San Lorenzo in Piscibus

Thursday, April 9

The Lateran | The Catacombs | St. Mary Major

Today we will visit the Cathedral of Rome, "the Lateran." Built by Constantine in the 4th century, this church is known as the "Mater et Caput" - the mother and head of all the churches in the entire world, as it officially became the seat of the bishop of Rome upon the legalization of Christianity under the emperor Constantine the Great. In addition to a guided tour of the Lateran we will also have the opportunity to venerate the relics of Christ's Passion, such as a relic of the True Cross and the Holy Stairs - the very stairs that Christ once walked in the Praetorium of Pontius

Pilate. The stairs must be climbed on one's knees out of respect for our Lord and the suffering he endured.

We will then make our way "outside the walls" to the Catacombs of St. Sebastian. Here we will descend underground on a tour of the Catacombs of Saint Sebastian, where we will venerate this great saint and martyr. We will then board our motorcoach and depart for the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. Upon our arrival we will break for some free time to explore the area, see the sights and enjoy an independent lunch.

After lunch, we will meet at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major where we will have Mass in the Sistine Chapel (not to be confused with the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican). After Mass there will be a guided tour of this incredible church, which dates back to the 5th century! We'll then enjoy a group dinner before retiring for the night.

Holy Mass: Basilica of St. Mary Major

Friday, April 10

The Centro Storico | Free Afternoon

Today we'll learn all about the Catholic Counter-Reformation, highlighting the saints, religious orders, art and architecture that all played a part in this great movement. This tour will take us through the "Centro Storico", the historic center of Rome, where you will explore Rome's most favorite and photographed places.

We will begin our tour with the Piazza Navona - in Roman times the stadium of Domitian. The baroque church of Sant'Agnese crowns the piazza and honors St. Agnes who was martyred there. Opposite the church is Bernini's celebrated Fountain of Four Rivers. The nearby Pantheon is one of the most fascinating and architecturally important buildings ever constructed. This Christianized pagan temple is the only fully intact building from Roman antiquity, completed around 125 AD by the Emperor Hadrian. Built as a domed structure dedicated to the planetary deities, in the year 609 it was consecrated as a

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church and dedicated to Saint Mary and the Martyrs. We'll then enjoy a free rest of the day before returning to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Holy Mass: Chiesa Nuova

Saturday, April 11 **Orvieto | Assisi**

Following breakfast, we will depart immediately for the Seraphic City, Assisi. On the way there we will stop in the beautiful city of Orvieto, home to one of Italy's finest Gothic cathedrals, the Duomo of Orvieto, which serves as a solemn reliquary for the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, the first Church-approved Eucharistic miracle and the impetus behind the institution of the Feast of Corpus Christi! Here we will celebrate Holy Mass, and afterwards we will break for some free time to explore the area, see the sights and enjoy an independent lunch.

After enjoying free time in Orvieto we're back on the bus and headed to Assisi. Prior to reaching the medieval city center of Assisi we will visit the

original home of the Franciscan order, and the place of St. Francis's death at the Porziuncola chapel inside the great baroque Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. We will then proceed to Assisi and check-in at a local hotel or religious guesthouse. We'll then enjoy a welcome group dinner together in Assisi.

Holy Mass: Duomo (Cathedral) of Orvieto

Sunday, April 12 **Assisi**

Today begins with Mass and a tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. We will then enjoy a guided tour of Assisi, which includes visits to the Basilica of Santa Clare, the Cathedral of San Rufino, and so many other sacred churches and burial sites. On this tour you will explore the life and legacy of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, walking in their footsteps and praying at their tombs. Along the way there will be free time for an independent lunch, shopping, exploring and sightseeing. In the late afternoon we will convene

in the church of Saint Mary Major, the resting place of Blessed Carlo Acutis, for some time of prayer. We will then enjoy a final farewell dinner together.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Francis

Monday, April 13 **Departure**

Following an early breakfast we will depart for FCO airport for our return flights home. Buon viaggio!

Holy Mass: TBD





More Details

► Final Cost

- \$3660 per person, Airfare Included
 - \$2690 per person, Land Only
 - \$970 per person, Airfare Only

► Payment Schedule

- \$300 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration
- \$1680 - Due October 6, 2025
- \$1680 - Due December 6, 2025

► Price Inclusions

- Roundtrip Airfare on United Airlines (from Washington Dulles Airport)
- Six nights lodging in double occupancy room
 - Four nights at the four-star A. Roma Lifestyle Hotel (or similar) in Rome
 - Two nights at the four-star BV Grand Hotel (or similar) in Assisi
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional English-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Daily lunch or dinner (without choice of menus)
- Water at meals
- Deluxe a/c coach when required (note that we will still walk 4-8 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip
- Gratuities for the tour manager and bus driver

► Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- One daily meal
- Beverages other than water at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)



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