

## St. Mary's /St. Peter's Parish

200 N. James Street

Rome, New York 13440

Pastor: Father Sean P. O'Brien

Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher

Pastoral Associates:  
Sister Rosaire Anne De Mare, CSJ  
Mrs. Laura Mack



Visit us online at  
[www.stmarysstpeters.com](http://www.stmarysstpeters.com)



November 24, 2019



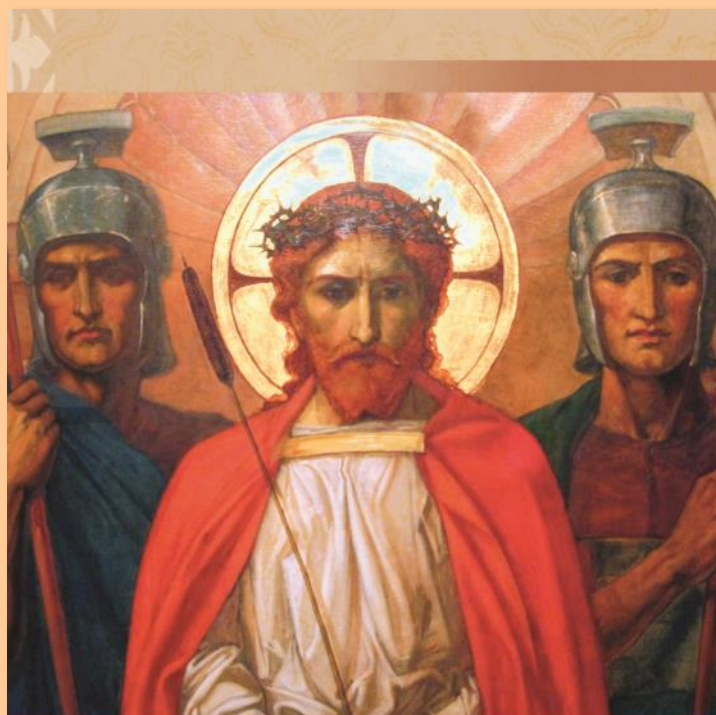
**St. Mary's Oratory**  
210 W. Liberty Street

**St. Peter's Cemetery**  
E. Dominick St. Rome  
315-337-8307  
**St. Mary's Cemetery**  
W. Liberty St. Rome  
315-336-3110

**St. Peter's Church**  
200 N. James St.  
Rome, NY 13440  
**Parish Office 315-336-5072**  
Fax 315-336-0855  
Email:  
[smsprectory@twcny.rr.com](mailto:smsprectory@twcny.rr.com)  
**Office Hours:**  
Monday 10:30 am - 3:30pm  
Tuesday thru Friday  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
**Religious Education**  
Office 315-336-5066  
Online at:  
[www.smspfaith.com](http://www.smspfaith.com)  
Email: [spcdre@twcny.rr.com](mailto:spcdre@twcny.rr.com)

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Faith Community of St. Mary's/St. Peter's is centered in the Eucharist and is dedicated to serving the Spiritual and Social life of the people of God, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit..



### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPI

### Religious Article Sales

December 7th and 8th weekend  
Loaf breads may be donated.

**St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish**  
**Annual**  
**Christmas Party**

Sponsored by  
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Altar Rosary Society

Friday  
**December 13, 2019**  
5:30 p.m. Cash Bar - 6:00 p.m. Dinner

*Buffet Style Dinner*  
Baked Ham \* Baked Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy \* Broccoli w/Lemon Butter Sauce  
Baked Ziti w/Meat Sauce \* Tossed Salad  
Dessert \* Coffee/Tea

**Franklin Hotel**  
301 S. James St. Rome

**\$22** per-person

Tickets available after Mass  
Nov. 23rd-24th, Nov. 30th-Dec. 1st, Dec. 7th-8th

**DOOR PRIZES!**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, November 23, 2019 St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot and Blessed Miguel Pro, Priest and Martyr**

8:00 am Mass for Anthony Bauer by Jennifer Evans  
 11:00 am **Memorial Mass for Rose Fenton**  
 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Jane A. Martin (birthday) by Fred, husband and Richard Fahy Marilyn, wife and Marilyn Palinski by family and Vincent Falconio (4th anniv) by Anthony, Nickie, Larry and Debbie

**Sunday, November 24, 2019 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

8:00 am Mass for John F. Kelly by family and Stanley Baldigo by family  
 10:30 am for Dominick Marchione by Loretta, daughter and Philip Bates (1st anniv) by Kitty Dillon and Shirley K. Oppen by Jack and Mark Oppen and family and Forrest and Margaret House by Family

**Monday, November 25, 2019 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr (Lk21: 1-4)**

7:00 am Mass for Jean Moles by Joe and Marilyn Moles and Delores Twomey by Judy Ernenwein

**Tuesday, November 26, 2019 (Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11)**

7:00 am Mass William Holmes by McKeever Family and Patricia Russell by Rita Stone and Patricia Bucknell by Mary Ellen and Diane

**Wednesday, November 27, 2019 (Dn 5:1, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19)**

7:00 am Mass for Todd Pinti by family and Margaret Balfoort by Barb, Tari Chubbuck and Families

**Thursday, November 28, 2019 THANKSGIVING DAY**

**9:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered for all our parishioners living and deceased**

*Canned goods and cash/checks will be collected for "In Mission of the Christ Child"*

**Friday, November 29, 2019 (Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33)**

7:00 am Mass for Pat Burns (50th Wedding anniv.) by loving wife and Marion H. Stook (4th anniv.) by Cindy Thurston

**Saturday, November 30, 2019 St. Andrew, Apostle (Rom 10: 9-18; Mt 4:18-22)**

8:00 am Mass for Gail Lupica by M/M Richard De Prospero  
**2:00 pm Wedding Mass for Tricia Barry and Zachary Johnson**  
 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Joe Simons (2nd anniv) by Mary, wife and Anthony Bauer by Jennifer Evans and Frances Ott by Joseph and Margaret Beasock and Pedro E. Pineiro for healing and recovery from surgery by Sandi Pineiro, sister and Elizabeth Czajkowski (2nd anniv) by Bill and Mary Draper

**Sunday, December 1, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 am Mass for Robert Rapke by daughter and Mary Pat Roberts Bates by Mom and Dad  
 10:30 am Mass Shirley K. Oppen by Jack and Mark Oppen and family and Susan McSweeney by Patricia Mumpton and Fremont Plopper (birthday) by Norma, wife and children Monty, Patricia, Robyn and families

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION**

Saturday 4:00 pm  
or by appointment at the Rectory

**SACRAMENTS OF MATRIMONY/ MARRIAGE AND/OR SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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.

**HOSPITAL**

It is important that a family member indicate that the person being admitted to the hospital is a Catholic and belongs to a certain parish. Our Parish Ministers who are visitors go to the hospital almost everyday.

**NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome new members to our parish family. We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor and please call the rectory to register.

**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.

**Second collection this weekend Campaign for Human Development**

**November 17, 2019**

St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection  
 Regular Collection \$9786.58  
 Electronic giving 11/4 \$774.82  
 Electronic giving 11/11 \$531.33  
 Make up donations \$317.00

**Thank you for your support!**

**Help Us Grow:**

Did you know that your weekly contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account [or processed using your credit or debit card]? Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our parish. Simply scan the QR code using your phone's QR code reader or go to StMarysStpeters.com and locate **DONATE** in the menu. Questions? Give us a call: 315-336-5072



### PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Nov. 25th, **Adult Education Class** at St. Peter's School 400 Floyd Ave.  
from 6 pm to 6:50 pm with Father O'Brien

Wednesday, Nov. 27th, **Scripture Study** on **Matthew** at **6:00 pm**  
in St. Peter's Church Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 27th, **Scripture Sharing** to reflect on the Readings for Sunday  
Liturgy at 10:00 am in St. Peter's Church Hall. All are Welcome

Wednesday, Nov. 27th, **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center

Saturday, Nov. 30th, Nocturnal adoration at Transfiguration Church from 7 to 8 pm

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

**All at St. Peter's Church**

**SATURDAY** Vigil MASS 5:00 pm  
**SUNDAYS** 8:00 am, 10:30 am  
**Weekdays** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 am  
Saturday at 8:00 am  
**Holydays** 7:00am, 12:10pm and 5:30 pm Vigil

### The Sanctuary Lamp

will burn the Weeks of November 17th to 24th  
For **Grace Corbett** by Grandpa and Nanni

### MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

**In Mission of the Christ Child**

Donation from **Emmy Haley**

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Donation from

Margaret and Richard Corbett  
Cheryl Skogland

Wedding Bells will soon be ringing for

**Tricia A. Barry and Zachary Johnson**

**Felicia Bohning (Maret) and Ian Falitico**

*Congratulations and God bless you.*

### FAMILY PERSEPCTIVE

Provided by the Hope Appeal Funds

For the Feast of Christ the King

Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is a paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one's enemy.

### ALTAR CARE

**November**  
Mary Wahl  
Tina Brognano

### COLLECTION HELPERS

**November 24th**

Kathy Montague Joan Rhude  
Jeanine Damon

**December 1st**

Mary and Tom Shantz  
Sari Verrenti

### HOSPITAL VISITATION

**November 17th**

St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team 5

**November 24th**

St. Paul's Team 6



### Faith Formation

Sunday, Nov. 24th, First Penance class 9:15 am

Monday, Nov. 25th, Grades 1 to 6 from 6 - 7 pm

Monday, Nov. 25th, Grades 7 to 9 from 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 27th, No Classes

Sunday, Dec. 1st, No Classes

**December 11th**

**Symphoria**

THE ORCHESTRA OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

### The Messiah

Performed by the  
**Syracuse Symphoria**

**7:30 pm**

**St. Peter's Church**

*Please join us.*

**Please note:**

**Parish mailing address update:**

**St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish**

**200 N. James St.**

**Rome, NY 13440**

## ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



*The Thanksgiving Parish  
Turkey dinner was well attended.  
Great food and great company*

**Religious Article Sale and Baked Breads**  
Saturday and Sunday December 7th and 8th  
after all the Masses

St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish  
**Annual**  
**Christmas Party**

Sponsored by  
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Altar Rosary Society

Friday  
**December 13, 2019**  
5:30 p.m. Cash Bar - 6:00 p.m. Dinner

*Buffet Style Dinner*  
Baked Ham \* Baked Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy \* Broccoli w/ Lemon Butter Sauce  
Baked Ziti w/ Meat Sauce \* Tossed Salad  
Dessert \* Coffee/Tea

**Franklin Hotel**  
301 S. James St. Rome

**\$22** per-person

Tickets available after Mass  
Nov. 23rd-24th, Nov. 30th-Dec. 1st, Dec. 7th-8th

**DOOR PRIZES!**

As always we are continually seeking new members to join our organization. We encourage the ladies of our parish to attend a meeting or one of our social events to see what we are all about. Your time and talents would prove to benefit this wonderful, fun and productive organization.

### **Knitters and Crocheters:**

We knit and crochet Hats, Mittens & Scarves for the local school children,  
We also sew Chemo Hats and Walker Bags for Rome Hospital and for individuals in our area.  
Anyone wishing to join us is welcome to attend any or all our meetings, or just work at home alone.  
Contact Cate Powers at (315)337-2289  
(315)225-7900 for more information.  
*Cate Powers*

### **Special Note:**

We are sponsoring an exciting and beautiful  
**"Christmas Basket Raffle"** with the winner being  
announced at our annual Christmas Party.

### **Family Perspective for Thanksgiving**

*As we prepare for  
thanks giving, look back to all the  
moments God visited your family in  
unexpected blessings, or disaster avoided,  
or kindness and compassion received.  
Realize and give thanks for  
"The Lord is with you."*

Heavenly Father,  
on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our  
hearts to You and pray. We give  
You thanks for all You've done,  
especially for the gift of Jesus,  
Your Son. For beauty in nature,  
Your glory we see, for joy and  
health, friends, and family.

*amen.*



## **TREE OF LIGHTS**

Honor or Memorialize a loved one  
with the purchase of a light on the  
**Rome Memorial Hospital Tree of Lights.**  
A \$5.00 donation per name will help  
buy equipment for the hospital.

Donations need to be ordered soon in order for the  
name of the donor and honorees to be included on  
the scroll which will be displayed in the hospital  
lobby. The tree lighting ceremony and receptions  
will take place in the main lobby of the Hospital,

**December 8th at 6:30 pm**

*This year we are honoring **AMCARE**  
for their many years of service  
to the Rome Community.*

***Why was the notion of kingship so important to Jesus and his disciples? Didn't the rulers of the day oppress Israel? You'd think they would have distrusted the Jesus-as-king idea.***

Although the idea of kingship is not very important to our modern thinking, it was very important to Israel. In the early years of the Hebrew nation, the population wanted to strengthen itself politically and militarily. The people went to Samuel, their leader, and begged him to appoint a king so that Israel could be the same as other nations (1 Samuel 8:4–5). In response, Samuel appointed Saul as Israel's first king. In Israel, the king became the prime instrument of God. David, the shepherd, was considered Israel's greatest king.

Later, that area came under the harsh domination of foreign powers—the Persians, the Macedonians, and ultimately, Rome. Many of these empires exercised their power by appointing a king, often a foreigner, to rule locally. Since both the people of Israel and the early Christians understood the notion of kingship and recalled the glory days of David and Solomon, they developed a divinely inspired theology of the king as God's saving instrument. The theme of Jesus as king and prime instrument of God runs through the New Testament, reaching its fullness in Jesus' victory over death and his ascent to power at the right hand of the Father. In the Gospels, Jesus preaches that the kingdom of God is now in our midst. The good news is that all of us can enter this kingdom (Mark 1:15).

### **Reflections on Sunday's Readings Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

"The Solemnity of Christ the King was established by Pius XI in 1925, and later, after the Second Vatican Council, it was placed at the close of the Liturgical year. The Gospel according to Saint Luke presents, as in a great painting, the kingship of Jesus at the moment of his crucifixion. The leaders of the people and the soldiers taunt the first born of all creation' and put him to the test to see whether he has the power to save himself from death. Yet precisely on the cross, Jesus is exalted to the very 'height' of the God who is Love. It is there that he can be 'known.' Jesus gives us life because he gives us God. He can give God because he himself is on with God. From the One who 'is before all things, and in him all things hold together' the so-called 'Good Thief' straight away receives forgiveness and the joy of entering the Kingdom of Heaven....Jesus from the throne of the Cross welcomes every human being with infinite mercy.  
(Pope Benedict XVI)



### **Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts *The Church Exists to Evangelize***

In the Creed, immediately after professing our faith in the Holy Spirit, we say, "I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church." There is a profound connection between these two realities of faith: indeed, it is the Holy Spirit who gives life to the Church, who guides her steps. Without the constant presence and action of the Holy Spirit who gives life to the church, who guides her steps. Without the constant presence and action of the Holy Spirit, the church could not live and could not carry out the task that the Risen Jesus entrusted to her: to go and make disciples of all nations." Evangelizing is it the Church's mission. It is not the mission of only a few, but it is mine, yours, and our mission. The apostle Paul exclaimed, "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1Cor 9:16) We must all be evangelizers, especially with our life! Paul VI stressed that "Evangelizing, especially is....the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists to evangelize."

### **BE A MENTOR!**

Give the gift of time to a child! The Rome City School District is seeking volunteers to serve as mentors for elementary school children from late January to mid May 2020. Anyone willing to devote one hour a week is eligible. Each volunteer will be paired with same child weekly at the elementary school, under the guidance OF THE Site Coordinator who will remain on-site during the mentoring sessions. Mentors will receive in-service training and support. For more info and to sign up call 315-337-1700

### PARISH STAFF

**Director of Faith Formation**  
Laura Mack (315-336-5066)

**Organist**

**Office Administration**  
Sharon Hansen

**Administrative Assistants**  
Sister Rosaire Anne DeMare, CSJ

**Maintenance Directors**  
St. Peter's Mark LaGasse  
St. Mary's William Link

**Cemetery Superintendent**  
St. Peter's and St. Mary's  
Joseph Fusco

### PARISH ORGANIZATION and PARTICIPATION

Altar Rosary Society Mary Wahl

St. Peter's Senior Group  
W. Warren Sickles, Jr  
Readers and Eucharistic  
Ministers Kathy Miller  
Scripture Study Betty Pettinelli  
Prayer Group Barbara Thomas  
Funeral Preparations B. Thomas

Volunteers are needed as:  
Altar Servers \* Collection  
helpers  
Ushers \* Choir \* Greeters  
Please call the rectory for  
more information.

### Pope Francis

asks us to pray for one of  
his published intentions  
each month. To pray with  
the Pope daily  
Visit: [clicktopray.org](http://clicktopray.org)

### NOVEMBER DIALOGUE AND RECONCILIATION IN THE NEAR EAST

*That a spirit of dialogue,  
encounter, and reconcilia-  
tion emerge in the Near  
East, where diverse reli-  
gious communities share  
their lives together.*

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Meetings are held on the 2nd  
Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

#### Father Sean O'Brien, Pastor

Kevin Barry, President  
Betty Pettinelli, Vice President  
Joseph Maurer, Trustee  
St. Peter's  
Dale Rashford, Trustee  
St. Mary's  
Joseph Stanton, Trustee  
St. Peter's

Michael Adey  
Toni Belmont  
Ginny Craiglow  
Sister Rosaire Anne De Mare  
Edward Donohue  
Doug Holdridge  
Carol Kaun  
Joan Lamb  
Laura Mack  
Marguerite Maurer  
Patrick Reilly  
Deacon Nicholas Roshier

### Let us remember our family, friends and parishioners in our prayers

Georgie Amodio  
Paula Bailey  
Raymond Barbar, Jr.  
Doris Barry  
Joseph Beasock III  
Stella Beer  
Toni Belmont  
Karen Bieksza  
Ben Boulay  
James Brooks  
Lorayne Callicchia  
Stephanie Callicchia  
Mary Carmody  
Kay Cerato  
Barbara Colquhoun  
Nick Coonrod  
John Cordsen  
Tom Delpico  
Al Eisinger  
Paul Eisinger  
Robyn Engle  
Bill Evans  
Ron Fazio  
Judith Ann Fesner  
Rose Fenton  
Joan Fiaschetti  
Diana Fowler  
Julianna Fusco  
Lauri Fusco  
Michael Gans  
Augusta Ginsburg  
Scott Ginsburg  
Amanda Gold  
John Green

Gail Green  
Billy Jo Hildenbrandt  
Joan Hinman  
Joshua Hedrington  
John Hedrington  
David Johnston  
Lena Johnston  
Paula Johnston  
Mary Ann Kimmel  
Edwin Kindler  
Gary Koster  
Paul LaSalle  
Teresa La Salle  
Bill "Dobie" Link  
Lori Losowski  
Anne Lubecki  
David, Liz, and Mitzi  
Marcelletta  
Geoff Marchione  
Russell Marchione  
Terry Martin  
Mary McAdoo  
Brian McQueen  
Patricia Melioris  
Angie Messineo  
Tom Moonan  
Ann Moster  
Phil Murphy  
Beverly Nasci  
Tari-Lyn Orton  
Robert Pabis  
Debbie Pacicca  
Father Mark Pasek

Barbara Pazdur  
Rachel Pawlikowski  
Clair Papadametrious  
Jim Pekarski  
Roxanne Platt  
John Preski  
Dorothy M. Pomilio  
Patrick Quinn  
James Rank  
Dale Rashford  
Bill Reese  
Pam Riggelman  
Catherine Roman  
Robert Roman  
Lisa Ryder  
Kelly Sabia  
Brian Schilling  
Emmalynn Sharrow  
Francis Schwartz  
Alexander Simpson  
Freja Emily Simpson  
Kaye Skinner  
Russell Smith  
Spencer Robert Smith  
Blanche Sweatman  
Carol Tardugno  
Michael Testa  
Anne Toepf  
Jim Vacherse  
Vito Waterman  
John Wright  
David Williams  
Ray "Dusty" Whitman

*Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.*



CHRIST THE KING  
RETREAT AND  
CONFERENCE CENTER

For all events call: 315-446-2680

### FIRST FRIDAY DAY OF PRAYER

December 6th 10 am to 3 pm

Excepts from the book  
DONKEY BELLS ADVENT and  
CHRISTMAS

by Catherine Doherty will frame the  
conference and prayer experiences as  
we imaging hearing in our hearts bell  
of the donkey carrying Mary to Bethle-  
hem in our own inner journey to Christ-  
mas.

\$25 includes a delicious lunch  
Guided by Father Donald Karlen  
Retired pastor and Associate Priest at  
Madonna House, Call to register.

### ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

Monday, December 2nd  
from 10 am to 3 pm

By Father Manno, from Holy Family



The  
Good News Center

Call for more info and to register call  
315-735-6210

### THE THIRD OPTION

**Marriage Enrichment Program**  
MEETS EVERY OTHER SUNDAY;  
AT 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

Wish you had a better marriage or  
want to enhance your marriage.  
Learn to handle problems, resolve  
conflicts and communicate better

### WOMEN AT THE WELL

Meets 6:30 to 8:30 on the last  
Tuesday of each month.

Help to enrich your awareness of  
God in ones life and become more  
attentive to the ways He nourishes  
you each day. A way to receive  
insight and gain support  
Facilitated by Sister Mary Ellen  
Schopfer, CSJ

### ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament AT TRANSFIGURATION Church Chapel

Adoration times will be from 6 am to 9 pm with  
2 adorers required for each hour. To sign up or for  
questions call Bernadette Kapps at 315-337-5439.



### 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.*