

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



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December 8, 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

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Office Hours:

Monday 10:30 am - 3:30pm

Tuesday thru Friday

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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www.smspfaith.com

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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Second Sunday of Advent: *PEACE*

Advent is a season of beginnings and endings. With the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, new parents themselves, must have experience the ending of one pace of life and the beginning of another shaped by this tiny new baby.

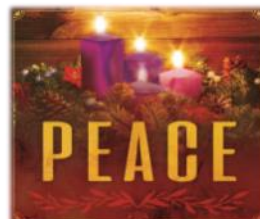
The second candle is lighted for *PEACE*.
Let us see *PEACE* in the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 11 and in Romans 15!!!

Reflect: We see *PEACE* in the readings.
Where do you see signs of peace in an anxious world?

Engage:
Slow down and reflect on your story. Bring your family together to share stories of gratitude and salvation.

Pray:
Gracious God, we seek you everywhere with expectant eyes that invite us to see peace in the world today. Amen.



LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7, 2019 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Mass for Jean Moles by Tom and Debbie Myslinski
 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Thomas S. Davies (anniv) by Fred and Family
 and Frank J. O'Brien by Family
 and Phillip Goetz, Jr. by Family
 and Helen and Louie Jennings by Luanne and Jon

Sunday, December 8, 2019 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass for Clarence and Catherine Hunziker by family
 and Margaret Balfoort by Kari and Barbara Chubbuck
 and James Cornish by wife Dawn
 10:30 am for Doris Reilly by Family
 and Shirley K. Oppen by Jack and Mark Oppen and Family
 and Jean Moles by Joseph and Carol Izzo

Monday, December 9, 2019 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 am Mass for Francis Wilson by family
 and Karen Deanne (anniv) by Charlotte and Sharon
 12:10 pm Mass for Jean Moles by Denise Falk and Anne Thayer, Stella DeSimone

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)

7:00 am Mass for William Joseph Brown (30 day memory) by Stella, sister & family
 12:10 pm Mass for Giovanna DiCioccio by Karen Carpenter
 and Anna Mae Staple by John and Anne Gannon

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 St. Damasus I, Pope (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)

7:00 am Mass for Chester and Frances Masztak by Stanley, brother
 12:10 pm Mass for Susan McSweeney by Jean Yost
 and Anna Anderson (birthday) by daughter

Thursday, December 12, 2019 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE **No Mass scheduled for today**

Friday, December 13, 2019 St. Lucy, Virgin (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)

7:00 am Mass for Jean Moles by Jane Izzo and Deanne Burke
 and Jean Johnson by Judy Ernenwein
 12:10 pm Mass for Barb Daignault by Char and Len

Saturday, December 14, 2019 St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Mass for In Memory of our Twins by Gramma
 and for David Williams by friends, Mary Lou and Kerri
 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Karen Deanne (birthday) by Sharon and Charlotte
 and Irene Meyers by Edna Bunal
 and Marilyn Palinski by Family
 and Richard H. McMahon, Jr. by Nancy and Tom Reilly & Family

Sunday, December 15, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass for John F. Kelly by family
 and Mary Jo Iselo Gruhlkey by Peter and Christine Iselo
 and William Brown by Tom and Pat Parry
 10:30 am for Joseph Mastrangelo by Barb and Joe Chubbuck
 and Joseph E. McMahon (anniv) by family
 and John Dickson by Judy, mother

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 is for CATHEDRATICUM

December 1, 2019

St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection
 Regular \$9,577.16
 Electronic Giving \$491.60
 Total \$10,068.76
 Make up donations \$516.00
 Christmas Flowers \$2922.00

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, Dec. 9th, the last **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** from 6:00 to 6:50 pm
at St. Peter's School on Floyd Ave.

Tuesday, Dec. 10th, **Parish Council Meeting** at St. Peter's School at 7 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 11th, **Scripture Sharing** to reflect on the Readings for Sunday
Liturgy at 10:00 am in St. Peter's Church Hall. All are Welcome

Wednesday, Dec. 11th, **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center

**Wednesday, Dec. 11th, Christmas Concert with Syracuse Symphoria
Orchestra at 7:30 pm in St. Peter's Church.**

Thursday, Dec. 12th, **Baptism Class** at 7 pm at St. Peter's School

Friday, Dec. 13th, Altar Rosary Society **Christmas Party** at the Franklin at 5:30 pm

ALTAR CARE

December
Breanna Kubik
Ashley Engle

COLLECTION HELPERS

December 8th

Cindy Thurston
Nancy Reilly Ann Cooperwheat
December 15th

Barbara Dunn Rose Egloff
Carol Kaun

HOSPITAL VISITATION

December 8th

St. Mary's/ St. Peter's Team 1

December 15th

St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team 3

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 December 8th and 15th
For **John F. Kelly** requested by Family

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

In Mission of the Christ Child

For **Rose Fenton** requested by
Laurie Fenton and Christopher Ambrose

Stained Glass Window Fund

For **Emma Healy** requested by
Ruth Augenstein



**The Light
Is On
For You**

**December 16th from 4 - 7 pm
St. Paul's Church in Rome.**

*This is the opportunity to have the
Sacrament of Reconciliation—Sacrament
of Penance during Advent.*

All Rome priests will be at St. Paul's.

Our Advent Project Praying for our Clergy

Leaflets were passed out with the names of the
clergy in the diocese.

Remember to write to the individual priest,
deacon or seminarian and pray for them daily.

From our experiences of last year they are ex-
tremely grateful for our prayers and remembrances
as individuals and the Parish as a whole..



Faith Formation

Sunday, Dec. 8th, 2ny Year **CONFIRMATION**
Rite of Election 10:30 MASS followed
by Candidate and sponsor's Session

Sunday, Dec. 8th, **First Penance Class** 9:15-10:15 am

Monday, Dec. 9th, **Grades 1 to 6** from 6 - 7 pm

Monday, Dec. 9th, **Grades 7 to 9** from 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 11th, **Grades 1 to 6** from 8 - 9 am

Saturday, Dec. 14th, **Celebration of First Reconciliation**
At 11:00 am

Parish Christmas Party for Children



Sunday, December 15

**1:00 - 3:00pm
St. Peter's Church Hall**

For children in Pre-K thru Grade 6

Children will spread Christmas cheer
with stories, crafts, songs and snacks.
This will also allow parents two hours of free time!
This is a free event sponsored by our 2020
Confirmation class. Donations of
nonperishable food items (for our Parish Mission)
will be gratefully accepted.

RSVP by December 11.

Information/registration forms are available at the
church entrances. If you have any questions or con-
cerns please feel free to contact the Faith Formation
Office at (315)336-5066.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



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!

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PRIZES!

Merry Makers of the Altar Rosary

Christmas Party, December 11, 6-9 pm.

911 N George St, Rome, NY 13440

**Heavy H'ors D'oeuvres, desserts and beverages
will be served. Come and celebrate a very
successful year of "Merry Makers".**

*Are you a Sewer, Knitter or Crocheter? Are
you interested in finding out about "Merry Mak-
ers"? You are invited to attend our party on De-
cember 11. Get to know our members and find
out more about what we do.*

315-337-2289 315-225-7900

Please RSVP by Sunday, December 8th

**We also have a beautiful big
Christmas basket on Raffle .
IT CONTAINS MANY CHRISTMAS
ITEMS FOR DECORATION AND
FOR FUN. Many of the items have been
homemade by our Merry Makers**

*St. Mary's/St. Peter's
Senior Group
Invites everyone*

Annual Christmas Dinner Party

*Monday,
December 16th @ 12:30 pm
St. Peter's Church Hall*

*Catered by
Eddie's Paramount Diner*

*For reservation contact
Warren Sickles 315-225-5106 or
Irene Hall at 315-337-5429.
Call before December 11th.*

THE ADVENT GIVING TREES

Blessed Mother's Altar

All the ornaments have been taken.

Thank you very much.

*If you cannot get the suggested gift
feel free to substitute similar
age appropriate gifts.*

*If you have questions call Anne
at 315-525-7311.*

"Do not wrap the gifts"

Sacred Heart Altar

*we are asking you to donate items that
will be distributed by the school nurses
for the need of so many students.*

When shopping...suggestions are:

Elementary Level:

*3T to 6T boys & girls underwear.
Unisex pants, Sweat pants for boys & girls
Size 5/6 unisex colors, hats, gloves
Socks, underwear, Hygiene items*

For High School:

Unisex Sweatshirts & sweatpants, sizes s-xxl

*Additional items: Hygiene kits,
Soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes
Deodorant sticks, feminine products,
cleaning wipes*

Dear Padre,

An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don't have the faintest idea what she meant!

Dogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: **the Immaculate Conception of Mary**, which we honor tomorrow, and **the Incarnation**, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now. Both dogmas speak of God's extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of **the Incarnation** is defined simply by St. John. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb when she accepted God's will by answering yes to the angel's announcement that she would bear the "Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32).

During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus' birth. Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.

COMING TO
ST. PETER'S CHURCH
Rome, NY

Symphoria
THE ORCHESTRA OF CENTRAL NEW YORK



"HOLIDAY BRASS"

Wednesday
December 11, 2019 @ 7:30 pm
Free-will donations will be accepted

Because **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** falls on a Sunday in Advent. The Feast has been moved to Monday, December 9th and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will be Mass at 7 am & 12:10 pm



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.*

St. Joseph's Music Ministry
under the direction of Scott Rutledge
Present their

33rd Annual Christmas Concert

Friday, December 13th @ 7 pm
at St. Joseph's Church, Lee Center
All are welcome.

**Sunday, December 15th at 3 pm the
Syracuse University Brass ensemble will
present a Christmas concert at
St. John the Baptist Church.**

**The Capitol is presenting a
TUBA Christmas Concert
December 17th @ 7 pm. Free.**

Please note:

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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

DECEMBER
The Future of the
Very Young
That every country
takes the measures
necessary to prioritize
the future of the very
young, especially those
who are suffering.

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 Rosher

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

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

Gail Green
Billy Jo Hillenbrandt
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
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David, Liz, and Mitzi
Marcelletta
Geoff Marchione
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Terry Martin
Mary McAdoo
Brian McQueen
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Tom Moonan
Ann Moser
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Barbara Pazdur
Rachel Pawlikowski
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Jim Pekarski
Roxanne Platt
John Preski
Dorothy M. Pomilio
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James Rank
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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 Toepp
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

"Be Our Guest"

Support Christ King Retreat House
Join us on Sunday, December 15th
For a special Matinee performance of
"Beauty and the Beast"

at Syracuse Stage
Reception at 12:30 pm
Production will begin at 2 pm
Cost \$60 person. Group \$40 person

NEW YEAR'S EVE REFLECTION

TUESDAY, December 31st
10 am to 3 pm
"A New Year. An End and Beginning"
Presented by Chris Silka, Director
Offering \$30 includes lunch.
Register: call 315-446-2680



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