

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

200 N. James Street
Rome, New York 13440
Pastor: Father Sean P. O'Brien



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

December 29, 2019

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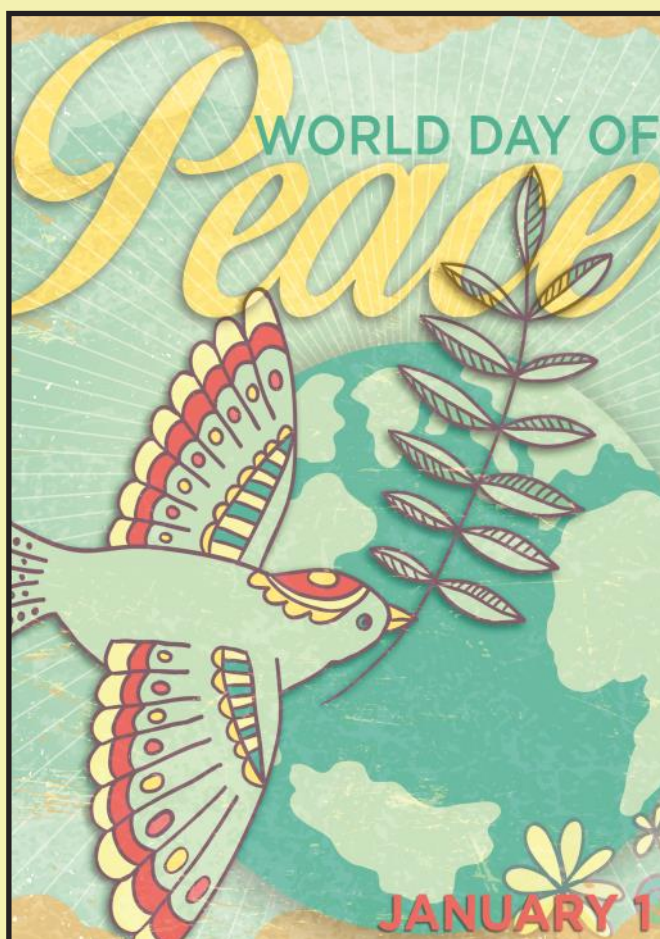
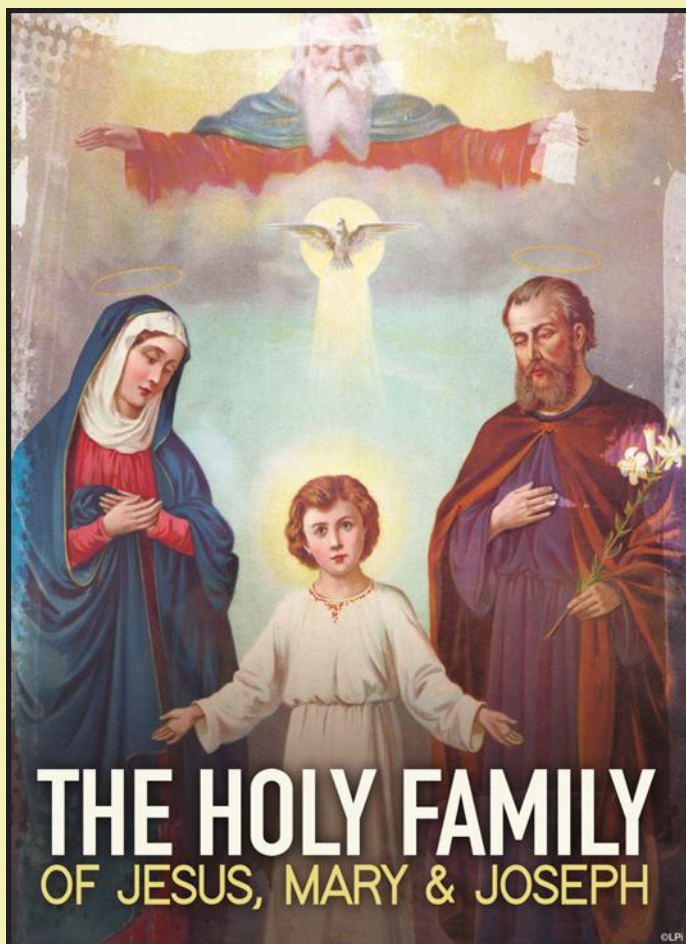
St. Mary's Oratory
210 W. Liberty Street

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

Visit us online at
www.stmarysstpeters.com



*We ask God's special Blessings for a happy and prosperous
New Year for all. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!***



LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, Saturday, December 28, 2019 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8 :00 am Mass for John Benedict (birthday) by children and grandchildren
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Joseph Utter (13th anniv) by family and Carol Hickok (anniv) by Sister, Mary and Arthur and Betty O'Connor by family and a Healing Mass for Mary McAdoo by Mom

Sunday, December 29, 2019 THE HOLY NAME of JESUS AND MARY

8:00 am Mass for Michael Iselo by Pete and Christine Iselo and Colleen and J. Michael Reilley by children and grandchildren
 10:30 am for Living and Deceased members of the Benedict Family and Shirley K. Opper by Jack, Mark Opper and family and Fremont Plopper (6th anniv) by wife Norma, Monty, Patricia, Robyn and Family

Monday, December 30, 2019 (1Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2: 36-40)

7:00 am Mass for Sister Virginia Dunn, HNJM (1st Anniv) by Family and Emma Healy by Joe and Pat LaMonica

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 Vigil of New Years Day St. Sylvester I, Pope

7:00 am Mass Diane Kozma and Barbara Coy by Rome Sister of St. Joseph Associates
5:30 Vigil Mass for OCTAVE of the NATIVITY of the LORD
 Mass for Jean Johnson by Roxanne Kenneally

Wednesday, JANUARY 1, 2020

OCTAVE DAY OF THE OF THE LORD'S NATIVITY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY
THE HOLY MOTHER OF THE LORD
Holy Day of Obligation
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Mass will be at 10 am and will be offered for WORLD PEACE



Thursday, January 2, 2020 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Bishops and Doctors of the Church

No Masses are scheduled

Friday, January 3, 2019 Holy Name of Jesus (1Jn2:22-28; Jn 1: 19-28)

7:00 am Mass will be offered for the People of the Parish and Naomi C. Mosca by Pat Perry and family

Saturday, January 4, 2019 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (1Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)

8 :00 am Mass for Richard McMahon, Jr. by Elaine and Mike Dixon
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Howard Hunziker by family and James and Ellen Dunn by family and Sister Virginia Dunn, HNJM (1st Anniv) by Family

Sunday, January 5, 2020 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 am Mass for Uncle Jack Iselo by Peter and Christine Iselo and Mary Parry by Ryan and Megan Popovich
 10:30 am for Shirley K. Opper by Jack and Mark Opper and family and Mary Remick (30 day Memorial) by the Shearman family



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.

No second collection this weekend

December 15, 2019

St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection	
Regular Collection	\$9812.20
Electronic giving	\$933.86
Total	\$10,746.06
Make Ups	\$850.00

*Thank you for your support!
 The report for 12/22 will be available next week.*

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

During this week our parish groups are not meeting.

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 week of January 29th
For **Vladimer Williams** by Mom
Week of January 5th and 12th
For **Patricia and Peter Charney**
by Family

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS
Church Endowment

For **Mary Nobis** requested by:
Jeremiah Mac Gaffick

Stained Glass Windows Fund

For **Mary Nobis** requested by:
Jeremiah Mac Gaffick

Church Restoration Fund

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The Christmas
“Midnight Mass”

at
St. Peter's
is available for
viewing on our Web Site
stmarysstpeters.com

FAMILY PERSEPECTIVE
Provided by the Hope Appeal funds

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting:
“but his parents did not know.” One of the reasons
parenting is so difficult is because our children
don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had
trouble with their teenager, why do we think
it will be easier for us?



ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE
January
Mary Wahl
Tina Brognano

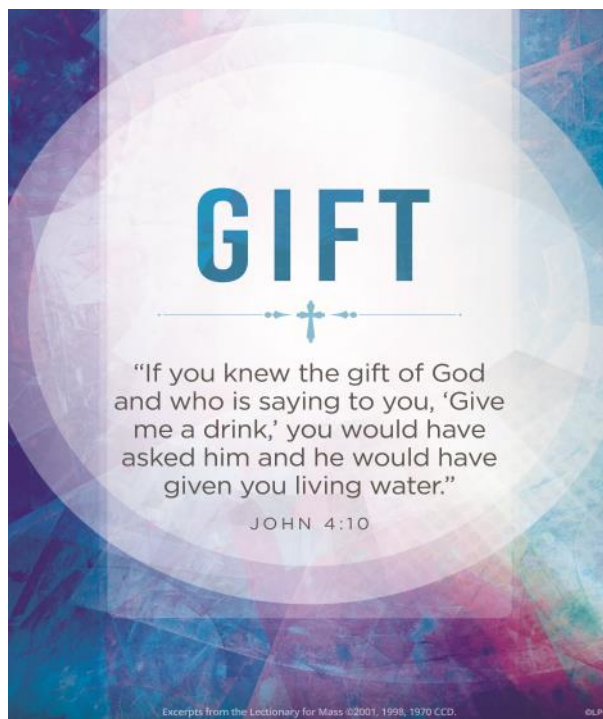
COLLECTION HELPERS
December 29th
Ted and Ann Kehoe
Cora Sue Howe
January 5th
Dale and Judy Rashford
Pat Austin

HOSPITAL VISITATION
December 29th
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team 5
January 5th
St. Paul's Team 6



Faith Formation

From December 29th to January 5th
there are no classes Scheduled.
Enjoy your vacation. Happy New Year!



Please note:

Parish mailing address update:
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish
200 N. James St.
Rome, NY 13440



*A Message from
Father Sean O'Brien*

Many, many thanks to all of you for your prayers and your many kindnesses, cards, cookies and wishes. As we move together into a New Year let us always walk with Christ and with the protection of his Blessed Mother, Mary. Happy New Year!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH and OUR CLERGY!!!



There will be no Altar Rosary Meetings during the months of January and February.

March will be the Annual PARISH WIDE St. Patrick's Day Dinner

catered by Eddie's Paramount Diner. Details to follow closer to the date. Our meetings will resume in April with our calendar year ending with a June "social" for all Members

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Meets at St. Paul's Parish Center on the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome if you need support due to the loss of a loved one, or for any reason, Please join them for their meetings. For more information. Call Celeste 315-794-9851

ROME AREA VETERAN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Meets at St. Paul's Parish Center On the first Sunday of each month. Call Gene Blackburn For info (315-225-1520)

Life Teen

Students in Grades 9-12 Meet Every Saturday evening at St. John's Church following the 4:30 Mass Following mass they meet at Transfiguration Church Youth Center 200 Ridge St. **For a social evening of sharing and Pizza.** Contact Robin Colandra 315-272-9319



Knights of Columbus
112 Ridge Street

The Knights are looking for interested Catholic males over 18 to join and help us support our area Churches and community. Call 315-337-4010.

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

St. Mary's/ St. Peter's Parish
Rome, NY 13440

A statement of the amount contributed during the year 2019.

Please fill the form below and drop it in the Collection basket or mail it to the St. Peter's Rectory 200 North James Street, Rome

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

C _____ S _____ Z _____

PHONE _____ ENVELOPE # _____

ACCOMPANIMENT and The Path of Discipleship

We are all called to be disciples and to make disciples! To be obedient to that call. It's important we know what a disciple looks like and how one is formed.

Join us to explore;
What it means to be a disciple
The importance of companions on the discipleship journey
The role of the parish in forming disciples

Sessions are from 1 to 3 pm or 6 to 8 pm in Utica Register at our [Catholic Faith.com](http://CatholicFaith.com)

A LITTLE REMINDER

It would be helpful if you carefully mark the amount of your contributions on your envelopes. *We appreciate your efforts. Thank you*

I've heard priests tell stories about Jesus' childhood, the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and St. Anne that aren't in the Bible. Where do these stories come from?

The Bible as we know it—a definitive collection of sacred texts as the word of God—came together in the fourth and fifth centuries. The same God that inspired authors to record his divine word also inspired the books of the Bible to be collected during the first centuries of Christianity. As such, the Bible itself is formed by tradition. Ancient texts, other than those officially accepted as fulfilling revelation (like Scripture), existed in the Church's early centuries. These are known as noncanonical sources. Many of the stories you hear, especially about the people you mention, come from those sources. In the Church's infancy, people were eager to hear as much as they could about Jesus and his family. In response, many stories about Jesus' childhood and family members were collected in a variety of written accounts—including the *Protoevangelium*, or gospel of James from the year 145 (not to be confused with the New Testament's Letter of James). Although they weren't included in the canon of the Bible, they became sources for stories passed from generation to generation that were accepted as a part of our tradition. For example, information about Mary's parents, including their names, Joachim and Anne, were derived from noncanonical texts. These sources may add color and flavor to our faith and devotion. But ultimately, everything we need for salvation is revealed in the Scriptures.

—*The Redemptorists*



Pope Francis Speaks to FAMILIES!! Faith Light Our Way

There is an urgent need....to see once again that faith is light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim. The Light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence. For a light to be this powerful, it cannot come from ourselves, it must come from a more primordial source: in a word, it must come from God. Faith is born of an encounter with the giving God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfillment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us. Faith, received from God as a supernatural gift, becomes a light for our way, guiding our journey through time.

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.



THE LEGEND OF THE POINSETTA

The legend of the poinsettia comes from Mexico. It tells of a girl named Maria and her little brother Pablo. They were very poor but always looked forward to the Christmas festival. Each year a large manger scene was set up in the village church, and the days before Christmas were filled with parades and parties. The two children loved Christmas, but were always saddened because they had no money to buy presents. They especially wished that they could give something to the church for the Baby Jesus. But they had nothing. One Christmas Eve, Maria and Pablo set out for church to attend the service. On their way they picked some weeds growing along the roadside and decided to take them as their gift to the Baby Jesus in the manger scene. Of course they were teased by other children when they arrived with their gift, but they said nothing for they knew they had given what they could. Maria and Pablo began placing green plants around the manger and miraculously, the green top leaves turned into bright red petals, and soon the manger was surrounded by beautiful star-like flowers and so we see them today.

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.

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.
 Al Barone
 Doris Barry
 Joseph Beasock III
 Karen Bieksza
 Ben Boulay
 James Brooks
 Lorayne Callichia
 Stephanie Calicchia
 Mary Carmody
 Barbara Colquhoun
 Nick Coonrod
 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 Hilldenbrandt
 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

Barbara Pazdur
 Rachel Pawlikowski
 Clair Papadametrious
 Jim Pekarski
 Roxanne Platt
 John Preski
 Dorothy M. Pomilio
 Patrick Quinn
 James Rank
 Dale Rashford
 Bill Reese
 Pam Riggleman
 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
 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

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY
 December 31st**

10 am to 3 pm A New Year.....

An End and a Beginning

A look back at the year that was and celebrate a year we are about to have. For reservations call 315-446-2680. Offering \$30 includes lunch.

Plan ahead..

February 26th. Ash Wednesday Day of pray with Sister Donald Corcoran

February 26th Young adult evening of Prayer with Father Nate Brooks 6:00 - 8:30 pm



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

EPIC

**A JOURNEY THROUGH
 Church History**

January 8th to June 3rd

10 am to 12 pm
 or 6 to 8 pm

\$30 per person
 Call to register



**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.