



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

January 5, 2020



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210 W. Liberty Street

St. Peter's Cemetery
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315-337-8307
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315-336-3110

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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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

-Mt 2:1b-2

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LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 6, 2020 St. Andre Bessette, Religious

7:00 am Mass for Peter Fitsik by Pat, Sister
 and Jean Johnson by Beverly "Cookie" Melioris
 and Canio A. Sabia by Children (anniv)

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest (1Jn 4:7-10; Mt 6:34-44)

7:00 am Mass for Mary Remick by Audrey and Dan Younkin
 and Toni Belmont by Stanley and Maridonna

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk. 6: 45-52)

7:00 am Mass for John P. Rhude by Family
 and Robert R. MacDonald, by daughter

Thursday, January 9, 2020 (Jn 4:19-5-4)

No Mass scheduled

Friday, January 10, 2020 (1Jn5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)

7:00 am Mass for Cody Anderson (living) by Megan Sandoval
 and Jean Moles by Mary Beth Recchio

Saturday, January 11, 2020

8:00 am Mass for Emma Healy by Mike and Betsy Gluck
 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for William Haley by Family
 and Larry Cordson (anniv) by Family
 and Agnes Falconio by Anthony, Nickie and Larry
 and Susan Grace (anniv) by family

Sunday, January 12, 2020 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 am Mass for Uncle Nick Iselo by Peter and Christine Iselo
 and Jackie Baynes by Family
 10:30 am for John Dickson by mother
 and Rose Fenton by Al and Nancy Pallas

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 25, 2019

Christmas Collection \$13,965.73

December 29, 2019

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

Regular Collection \$10,151.39

Electronic Giving \$501.05

Additional donations

Christmas \$1317.00

Make ups \$155.00

Thank you for your support!

Please note:

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

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

Wednesday, January 8th **Scripture Sharing** to reflect on the Readings for Sunday
Liturgy at 10:00 am in St. Peter's Church Hall. All are Welcome
Wednesday, January 8th **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center
Wednesday January 8th Scripture Study Matthew in St. Peter's Church Hall

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE
January
Mary Wahl
Tina Brognano

COLLECTION HELPERS
January 5th
Dale and Judy Rashford
Pat Austin
January 12, 2020
Lisa Austin
Ginny Criaglow Carol Rood

HOSPITAL VISITATION
January 5th
St. Paul's Team 6
January 12, 2020
St. Joseph's Team 7

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 January 5th and 12th
for **Patricia and Peter Charney**
requested by family

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

In Mission of the Christ Child
For **John and Chrissy Benedict** requested by
Cheryl, loving family
For **Deceased Members of the Fayette and Mellen Families** requested by
Ann and Roger Mellen
For **Sandra Fayette** requested by
Ann and Roger Mellen



Faith Formation

Sunday, Jan. 5th, **No Classes**
Monday, Jan. 6th, **Grades 1 to 6** from 6 -7 pm
Monday, Jan. 6th, **Grades 7 to 9** at 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 9th, **Baptism Class** at St. Peter's
School (St. Aloysius Parish Center)
Wednesday, Jan. 8th, **Grades 1 to 6** from 8 - 9 am
Sunday, Jan. 12th, **First Communion Orientation**
for Parents and children at 9:15 am
Sunday, Jan. 12th, **2nd year Confirmation** large
Group 10:30 am Mass with class until 1:00 pm

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

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

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 # _____

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?

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*

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



The Altar Rosary Society did enjoy our annual Christmas Party at the Franklyn Hotel. The food was delicious, the company was fun and we are sorry more parishioners did not join us.

The drawing for the large Basket of homemade items was won by **Joanne Koberstein** and the smaller basket was won by **Mary Oliver**.

We thank you for you support.

Sorry everyone cannot win.

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.

The "Merry Makers"

- No meetings in January
- Knitting & Crocheting Group: Our next meeting Feb. 12, 6 to 9 pm
- Sewing Group: Feb. 13, 10 am to 4 pm

For additional information call Cate Powers at 315-337-2289 or 315-225-7900

A message from Father Kennedy:

To the parishioners of Sr. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish I thank you for the tons of Christmas and New Years cards. They stimulated warm memories of the past, proving again the wonders of our faith, and express the Latin couplet "ego amo vos". Following the example of the Pope as he wished "Happy New Year in 53 languages. Here are 5.

**BON ANNEE,
BONOCOPO D'ANNO,
PROSPERA ANYO NEUVO,
GLUECHES NEUES YAHR,
SCUS-SLI-VEGA-NO**

A message from Deacon Nicholas Rosher

Thank you all for your many prayers, gifts and cards, and best wishes during this Christmas season and all year through.

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year. God bless you all.

Deacon Nick Rosher

MARCH FOR LIFE!

One-day Pilgrimage for adults and families
Washington, DC

January 23-24, 2020

Busses will be available call 351-472-6754

The Trip includes Mass with Bishop Lucia at the National Shrine, Cost \$25, Students \$50 adults for transportation, meals and a diocesan scarf

BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS!!!

"Prayer is the best
weapon we have; it is
the key to God's
heart. You must
speak to Jesus not
only with your lips,
but with your heart."

- St. Padre Pio



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)

Dear Padre,

When I was young, I had an abortion and left the Church. I came back five years ago. Then, on the thirtieth anniversary of my abortion, my father died suddenly. Now everyone who loved my dad is being punished for my sin.

Why wasn't my confession enough?

Sin is an unfortunate reality in our human lives. However, God's infinite mercy and love are also a reality. When we seek God's forgiveness, we are truly forgiven for and absolved of our sins. God neither holds our past transgressions against us nor seeks ways to punish us, and your father's death on the anniversary of your abortion truly was a coincidence. Please believe me when I tell you that your confession was more than enough.

Remember, though, our work does not end there. Once God forgives us, we must trust in his mercy and then begin the sometimes more difficult task of forgiving ourselves. Project Rachel—an excellent ministry that provides pastoral care, reconciliation, and counseling to women and men who have experienced the pain and trauma of abortion—can help you on your healing journey. To contact Project Rachel, call 888-456-4673 or visit Hope-AfterAbortion.com. Life is God's gift to us, and this Tuesday, January 22, is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Let's all make a point of praying for the unborn children in our world.

—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR



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.



New Year's Resolutions

A New Year's resolution is a tradition in which a person resolves to change an undesired trait or behavior, to accomplish a personal goal or other wise improve their life. According to recent polls, the most common New Year's resolutions include:

Exercise more, lose weight, eat more healthy, take a more active approach to health and improve finances.

It's not a bad idea to find ways to improve our lives and it seems that when we start a new year, that's as good a time to start as any.

However, making these resolutions is just the beginning. Carrying through on them is another issue. Here are a few hints that can help make them become a reality.

1. Start small, Make resolutions that you think you can keep.
2. Change one behavior at a time. It takes time to develop new habits. Allow yourself that time and be happy with small steps.
3. Talk about it. Share your experiences with family and friends.
4. Ask for support.

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

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

JANUARY

**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.
Al Barone
Doris Barry
Joseph Beasock III
Karen Bieksza
Ben Boulay
James Brooks
Lorayne Callicchia
Stepanie Callicchia
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
Joan Hinman
Joshua Hedrington
John Hedrington
David Johnston
Lena Johnston
Paula Johnston
Mary Ann Kimmel
Edwin Kindler
Gary Kostel
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
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

Plan ahead..

**For many
January Events
Call 315-446-2680**

February 26th.

Ash Wednesday Day of pray with Sis-
ter Donald Corcoran

February 26th

Young adult evening of Prayer with
Father Nate Brooks 6:00 to 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 self-
less act they perform for us in our time of
need, and give us peace. Amen.*