



St. Mary's /St. Peter's Parish
 200 N. James Street
 Rome, New York 13440
Pastor: Father Sean P. O'Brien

December 15, 2019

Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher

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



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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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Celebration of First Reconciliation
Saturday, December 14, 2019

Congratulations to the 2019 First Penance Class

Caroline Adey
Eva Brewer
Robert Centore
Ayden Corigliano
Siobhan Firsching
Tory Glover
Audrianna Granato
Caroline Holtslander



Madelyn Hummel
Madelynn Jayne
Paul Matwijec

Liviella Murphy
Alexis Peach
Khali Ross
Khaliel Ross
Jude Sestito
Emilio Tardugno
Malaya Tardugno
Spencer Woodman

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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 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

Monday, December 16, 2019 (Nm 23:2-7,15-17; Mt 21:23-27)

7:00 am Mass for Matthew F. Razzano (birthday) by family
 12:10 pm Mass for Jean Ernenwein by Judy, Daughter and William A. Gannon by John and Anne Gannon & family

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 (Gn49:29-33; Mt 1:1-17)

7:00 am Mass Rose Fenton by Sheila and David Semo
 12:10 pm Mass Jackie Baynes by Family

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 (Jer 23:5-8; Mat 1:18-25)

7:00 am Mass Valdimir Williams by Mom and Emma and Eddy Brady by Toni Belmont
 12:10 pm Mass for the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 19, 2019

No Masses scheduled for today.

Friday, December 20, 2019 (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)

7:00 am Mass for Marc Occhipinti by Family
 12:10 pm Mass for Mickey and Catherine Consilio by Mickey and Andrew and Elizabeth Ryan by Family and Leo and Doris Mullin by Family and Lena Lanzi (anniv) by son Anthony

Saturday, December 21, 2019 St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)

8:00 am Mass for Jackie Baynes by Family and Kay and Lambert Sullivan Kinkell by daughter
 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Michael and Marilyn Palinski by Family and for Francis and Margaret Sullivan by daughter, Mary Jane Lewis and Edward Ehrmann by loving family and Patricia Charney (birthday) by Family

Sunday, December 22, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass for Mary Meyers Taylor (Anniv) by family and Anna Morat by Pete and Christine Iselo and Toni Belmont by The Altar Rosary Society
 10:30 am for Carol Massett, Jr. by family and Martin Simons by Mom and Shirley K. Oppen by Jack, Mark Oppen and family and Amedeo and Teresa Beddia by Amedeo, Heidi, Hannah Libertella

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 13, 2019

St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection	
Regular Collection	\$10,828.30
Electronic Giving	\$583.99
Make up donations	\$744.00
Total	\$12,156.29
Cathedraticum	\$1514.10
Immaculate Conception	\$2084.00
Additional make ups	\$335.00

Thank you for your support!

At the Christmas Vigil Mass at the 5:00 pm
 a Nativity Pageant
 will be presented.
 The Gospel will be brought to life by
 the children of our parish

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 16th, **THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**
from 4 - 7 PM at St. Paul's Church for all the Parishes of Rome.
All the priests of Rome will be there.

Monday, Dec. 16th, **Seniors Christmas Party** at 12:30 pm in St. Peter's Church Hall
Catered by Eddie's Paramount Diner. Call for reservations 225-5106

Wednesday, Dec. 18th, **Matthew Scripture Study** at 6:00 pm in St. Peter's Church Hall.

Wednesday, Dec. 18th, **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. 18th, **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center

Wednesday, Dec. 18th, Sisters of St. Joseph Associates Monthly Meeting at 3:30 pm
in the St. Peter's Church Hall

ALTAR CARE

December
Breanna Kubik
Ashley Engle

COLLECTION HELPERS

December 15th
Barbara Dunn Rose Egloff
Carol Kaun
December 22nd
Bernie Kaier Alex Howe
John Sorbello

HOSPITAL VISITATION

December 15th
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team 3
December 22nd
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team 4

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 December 15th
for **John F. Kelly** requested by Family
The week of December 22nd for
Matthew Razzano by wife and children

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

In Mission of the Christ Child

For **Toni Belmont** by Hilda Vaccaro
For **Emma Healy** by Cindy and Ed Healy
Sue and Jim Mullin
Ruth Augenstein
For **Filomena Ballini** by the Ballini Family
Additional donation from **Bettina Favata**

In Mission of the Christ Child

Received \$1,966.00 from the Hunger Walk Committee
St. Mary's/St. Peter Parish's received a certificate for
having the most loose change
Sister Rosaire Anne collected over \$1000 and received
the certificate for the highest amount collected in Rome.

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 of 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

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

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

Monday, Dec. 16th, **Grades 1 to 6** from 6 - 7 pm

Monday, Dec. 16th **Grades 7 to 9** from 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 17th **Family Formation** 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 18th, **Grades 1 to 6** from 8:00 - 9:00 am

Sunday, Dec. 22nd, **No Classes**



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.

Please note:

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

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



Thank you

For your continued support with our fundraising efforts. Your purchases/donations for the religious article sale/bread sale is extremely appreciated.

The Annual Parish-wide Christmas Party

was held on Friday, December 13th at the Franklin. As always, the Franklin did not disappoint with a wonderful buffet. Those in attendance enjoyed great company, great food, Christmas music and festivities!!! Without your continued support we would not be able to generously monetarily gift our Parish and our Clergy Christmas gifts.

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 ARS Members

"MERRY MAKERS"

Thank you "Merry Makers" for making this a very successful year. It couldn't be done without all of your hard work.

No Monthly Meetings:

January and February

Knitters and Crocheters,

February 12th from 6-9 pm

Sewers, February 13th and 14th,
10 am - 4 pm

Anyone wishing to join "Merry Makers", please contact Cate Powers.
315-337-2289 or 315-225-7900

Sunday, December 15th at 3 pm

**Syracuse University
Brass Ensemble**

**will present a Christmas concert at
St. John the Baptist Church.**

*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.**

Mass Schedules for Christmas

St. Peter's Church:

5:00 pm Vigil Mass and Pageant
12:00 pm Midnight Mass with Choir
10:00 am Mass of Christmas day.

St. John the Baptist:

4:00 pm evening Mass
12:00 pm Midnight Mass
11:00 am Christmas day.

Transfiguration:

9:30 am Christmas day

St. Paul's:

4:00 pm and 7:30 pm evening Masses
11:00 am Christmas day

St. Joseph's:

4:00 pm and 10:00 pm evening
9:00 am Christmas day.



**Rome Catholic School
800 Cypress Street**

"Breakfast with Santa"

**Sunday, December 15th
8 am - 12:00 noon
Pictures with Santa,
Raffles and Craft Sales**

THE ADVENT GIVING TREES

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:

Size 3 - 6 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
"Do not wrap the gifts"

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

The Meaning of Christmas

Christmas is the season to expect
So little but to give so much,
To enrich the lives of others'
with a single touch.

Christmas is the time to
Show how much we care.
Christmas is the time to ensure
Peace on earth will always be there.

Christmas should not end
When we take down our tree, Christmas
should be burning
In your hearts for all to see,
Robert Louis Uanelli

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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

See **JOY**

Speak: "Jesus said, Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them" (Matt.11:4-5)

Read: Isaiah 35:1-19, Luke1:46-55, Matt11:2-11)

Reflect: When have you seen the promise of **JOY** in challenging times? How do you share with others the joy you find in Jesus?

Engage: Read James 5:7-10. How are you willing to be patient and wait for **JOY** today? How will you serve others as you wait?

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

Dear Padre,

The Church is steeped in symbolism, tradition, and "living metaphors," but it sometimes forgets common sense. Why smell up the church with incense? Why gussy up the Mass with horns, flutes, and guitars, at times turning holy Mass into a pseudohootenanny?

The Mass is our high point of worship. All other sacred actions and activities of the Christian life "are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 16).

The dignity and importance of worshipping the Father in and through Christ at Mass is expressed in communion with fellow believers, and ideally through a full sensory experience with all our heart, mind, and soul. In short, if something is worth doing, it's worth doing well—especially if "doing" opens us to the mystery of God's presence through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. "In the liturgy the sanctification of women and men is given expression in symbols perceptible by the senses and is carried out in ways appropriate to each of them" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)

Not all Mass occasions call for "smells, bells, toots, and flutes," but the visual beauty of the sacred surroundings, the sounds of sacred music, and the sacred words and actions that connect us to our traditions and to Christ's memorial institution, are intended to elevate us in our collective prayer to God. a sublime experience of the transcendent may be inhibited by sheer practicality, efficiency, and mundanity!—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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

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
Ray Barbar, Jr.
Doris Barry
Joseph Beasock III
Stella Beer
Karen Bieksza
Ben Boulay
James Brooks
Lorayne Callicchia
Stephanie 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
Juliana Fusco
Lauri Fusco
Michael Gans
Augusta Ginsburg
Scott Ginsburg
Amanda Gold
John Green
Gail Green

Billy Jo Hildenbrandt
Joan Hinman
Joshua Hedington
John Hedington
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 Noonan
Ann Moser
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 Rigglesman
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

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.

"Beauty and the Beast"

December 15th

At Syracuse Stage at 12:30 pm

Plan ahead..

February 26th. Ash Wednesday

Day of prayer.

With Sister Donald Corcoran 10:00
am - 3:00 pm

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



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

THE THIRD OPTION Marriage Enrichment Program

MEETS EVERY OTHER SUN-
DAY; 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 - 12 pm

or 6 pm - 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 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.*