

St. Peter's Church

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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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www.stmarysstpeters.com



December 1, 2019



St. Mary's Oratory

210 W. Liberty Street

St. Peter's Cemetery

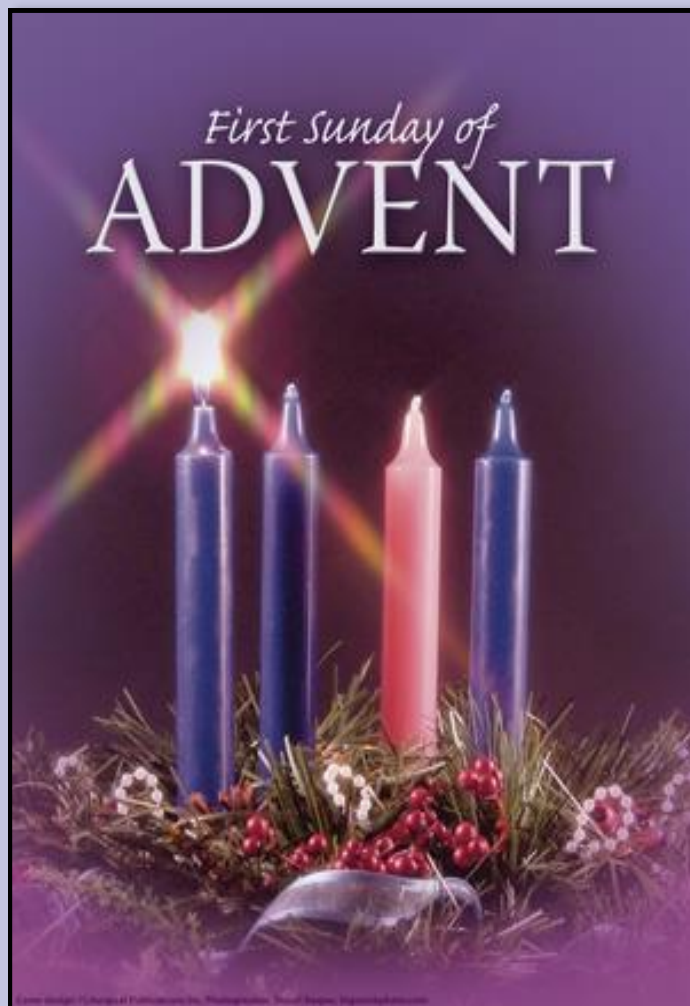
E. Dominick St. Rome

315-337-8307

St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty St. Rome

315-336-3110



First Sunday of Advent: **HOPE**

Advent invites us to slow down and experience God's presence, to embrace grace in new ways. Taking time to pause can help us to reflect on your life and talk to God? Where does the gift of **Hope** show up in your life each day? While lighting the candles of the Advent wreath, pause to reflect on where Hope is found.

Advent brings forth an expectant faith that births new life for you in the year to come and beyond.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" (Ps 122:1)

*We light one candle for **hope**.*

Let us see **hope** in the Lord!

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24: 36-44

Reflect: Where do you see hope in

Isaiah 2 and Matthew 24? Reflect on the **Hope** that God's light will shine on the mountaintop, revealing the goodness of new life.

Engage: Take a prayer walk with another person. This time apart with God can occur on a mountain, in your neighborhood, or just about anywhere. As you walk, look around you for signs of **hope**.

Pray: *Gracious God, we week you every where with expectant eyes that invite us to see **hope** in the world today.*

Amen.

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**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 Johnson5:00 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 & 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 Scott 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

Monday December 2, 2019 (Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)

7:00 am Mass for Delores Twomey by Janet and Paul Pileckas

12:10 pm Mass for Marianne Ritrosi by Fred Scaccia

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)

7:00 am Mass Chester Masztak, Sr. (anniv) by Stanley, Son

and Janet Kiser (5th anniv) by Gary, husband

12:10 Mass for Susan McSweeney by Joe and Gloria Talerico

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*(Is 2:56-10; Mt 15:299-37)*

7:00 am Mass for M/M Walter Stinebrickner and Joseph Esche by their Estate

and Margaret Rutledge (birthday) by Carol Rood and Ginny Craiglow

and Dorothy Ferlo (birthday) by Dorothea Iselo

12:10 pm Mass Frieda Hickey by Rose Mattia and Family

Thursday, December 5, 2019 (Is 26: 1-6; Mt:7:21,24-27)

No Masses scheduled.

Friday, December 6, 2019 St. Nicholas, Bishop (Is 29: 17-24; Mt 9:27-31)

7:00 am Mass for Thomas S. Davies by Fred Martin

and for Joan Burkhart by Family

12:10 pm Mass for Loretta Marchione by Loretta, daughter

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 for Frank J. O'Brien by Family

and for Phillip Goetz, Jr. by Family

and for Helen and Louis Jennings by Luanne

Sunday, December 8, 2019 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass for Clarence and Catherine Huniker by family

and for Margaret Balfourt by Kari and Barbara Chubbuck

and for James Cornish by the Cornish Family

10:30 am for Doris Reilly by Family

and for Shirley K. Oppen by Jack and Mark Oppen and Family

and for Jean Moles by Joseph and Carol Izzo

Second collection December 8th is CATHEDRATICUM**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

**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.**November 24, 2019**

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

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|--------------------|-------------|
| Regular Collection | \$10,210.46 |
| Electronic Giving | \$537.15 |
| Total | \$10,747.61 |
| Fuel Donations | \$4485.00 |
| Make ups | \$105.00 |
| Human Development | \$1533.98 |

Thank you for your support!

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 2nd, **Adult Education Class** at St. Peter's School from 6 pm to 6:50 pm with Father O'Brien

Wednesday, Dec. 4th, **Scripture Study** on **Matthew** at **6:00 pm** in the St. Peter's Church Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 4th, **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. 4th, **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 7 & 8, **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY Religious Article and Bread Sale** before and after all the Masses. This is an opportunity to purchase a religious article for a Christmas Gift.

ALTAR CARE

December
Breanna Kubik
Ashley Engle

COLLECTION HELPERS

December 1st
Mary and Tom Shantz
Sari Verrenti
December 8th
Cindy Thurston
Amy Balog John Sorbello

HOSPITAL VISITATION

November 24th
St. Paul's Team 6
December 8th
St. Mary's/ St. Peter's Team 1

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 1st. for **Fred Pacicca** requested by wife and children and grandchildren
December 8th for **John F. Kelly** by Family

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

In Mission of the Christ Child

For **Amedeo and Teresa Beddia** requested by Amedeo, Heidi, Hannah Libertella

For **Emmy Healey** requested by Bob and Joan Rosenburgh

Stained Glass Window Fund

Donation from Margaret and Richard Corbett
Cheryl Skogland

For **Emma Healey** requested by James Rizzo
Ray and Sue Ellen Patala
Shirley Wikiera

Church Endowment

For **Philomena Ballini** requested by The Ballini Family

Wedding Announcements:

Tricia A. Barry and Zachary Johnson
&
Felicia Bohning (Maret) and Ian Falitico

Congratulations! and God bless you.

Please note:

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



Faith Formation

Sunday, Dec. 1st No Classes

Monday, Dec. 2nd, **Grades 1 to 6** From 6 to 7 pm

Monday, Dec. 2nd, **Grades 7 to 9** from 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, **FAMILY FORMATION** from 6:30 to 8 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 4th, **Grades 1 to 6** from 8 to 9 am

Sunday, Dec. 8th, 2nd 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

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 concerns 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

**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,**

**The winner being announced at
our Annual Christmas Party.**

Merry Makers

Christmas Party, Dec. 11, 6:00-9:00 pm
911 North George St., Rome NY

Anyone interested in joining "Merry
Makers" is invited to attend our party on
Dec. 11th. Get to know our members and
find out more about what we do.

Please RSVP by Sat., Dec. 7
315-337-2289 325-225-7900

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.

St. Joseph's music ministry under the
direction of Scott Rutledge
**Will present their 33rd Annual Christmas
Concert** on Friday, December 13th
at 7 pm at St. Joseph's Church, Lee Center
All are welcome.

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

### BE A MENTOR!

Give the gift of time to a child!  
The Rome City School District is seeking  
volunteers to serve as mentors for elemen-  
tary 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, un-  
der the guidance OF THE Site Coordinator  
who will remain on-site during the mentor-  
ing sessions. Mentors will receive in-  
service training and support.

For more info and to sign up  
call 315-337-1700



### 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.

*A Eucharistic minister at a parish we were visiting refused my eight-year old granddaughter Communion from the cup. Her father asked if this was parish policy, and the minister replied, "No, I refuse!" My grandchild receive both species in our home parish. Can a Eucharistic minister refuse the Blood of Christ to anyone?*

According to the United States Conference of Catholic bishops, "It is the choice of the communicant, not the minister, to receive from the chalice. Children are encouraged to receive Communion under both kinds, provided they are properly instructed and that they are old enough to receive from the chalice (Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds, 46-47).

Children who have reached the age of reason—normally about age seven—are usually advised on this matter of reception by their parents or guardians before they step up to the chalice at Mass. In addition, first-Communion instructions provide adequate preparation on the proper and reverent reception of holy Eucharist. Essentially, children eligible to receive this sacrament are entitled to participate in the same manner as other members of the ecclesial community. "Sacred ministers cannot deny the sacraments to those who seek them at appropriate times, are properly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them" (Code of Canon Law, 843).

While this canon specifically pertains to ordained ministers, it's applicable for all ministers at the service of the faithful who have a right to receive holy Communion by reason of their Baptism.

## ADVENT GIVING TREES

### *At the Blessed Mother's Altar*

*there are ornaments which describe a gift to be purchased for a child in need. Feel free to shop the sales.*

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

*If you have questions all Anne at 525-7311.*

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*For the other tree at St. Joseph Altar
We are asking you to donate ITEMS THAT
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE School
nurses for the needs of so many students.*

When shopping...suggestions are:

*Sweat suits, underwear (girls and boys) all
sizes, white socks, mittens, winter hats,
gloves small and larger size tee shirts.*

Another need is Hygiene Kits:

*Soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes
Deodorant sticks, Feminine Napkins,
Belts, cleaning wipes*



Pope Francis Speaks to FAMILIES!!

Is it important to choose peace? Blessed are the peacemakers," Jesus says, and Paul avows in Ephesians that "Jesus is our peace." Newly canonized Pope John XXIII held that a peaceful person does more good than a learned one. Orthodox saint Seraphim of Sarov agrees: "Maintain a spirit of peace and you'll save a thousand souls." And If you wonder if it's too late to adapt the way of peace, remember the words of our American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton: Peace is lovely: make acquaintance with her. She will not be angry that you neglected her so long."

FAMILY PERSEPCTIVE

Provided by the Hope Appeal Funds

At this time of the year we are very conscience of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumers activity, This advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



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.*

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

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

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Edward Donohue
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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 Callichia
Stephanie Callichia
Mary Carmody
Kay Cerato
Barbara Colquhoun
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Tom Delpico
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Rose Fenton
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
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 Papadametrios
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 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

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
Christmas.

\$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 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.*