



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

200 N. James Street

Rome, New York 13440

Pastor: Father Philip A. Hearn

December 2, 2018



St. Peter's Church

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Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday and Friday
8:00am - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00pm
Tuesday and Wednesday
8:00am - 3:45pm

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Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher

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Associates: Sister Rosaire Anne De Mare, CSJ



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www.stmarysstpeters.com



St. Mary's Oratory

210 W. Liberty Street

St. Peter's Cemetery

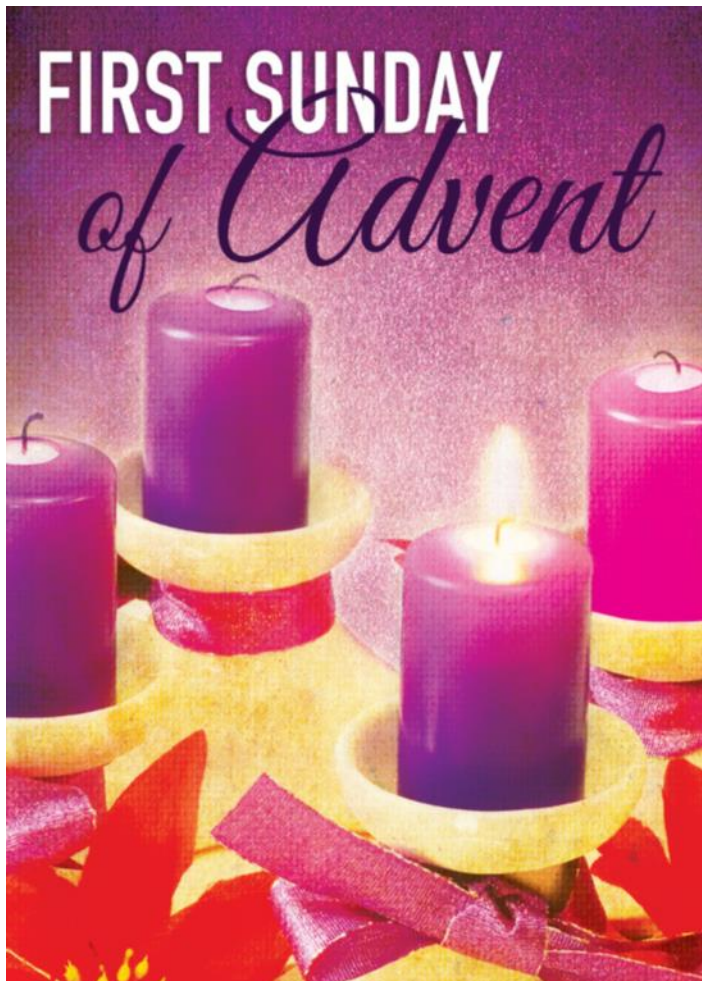
E. Dominick St
315-337-8307

St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty St.
315-336-3110

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.



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

Annual Christmas Party

Sponsored by
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Altar Rosary Society

Friday
December 14, 2018

6:00 p.m. Cocktails - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Buffet Style Dinner
Roast Beef * Baked Chicken * Potato
Pasta * Vegetable Salad * Dessert * Coffee

Franklin Hotel
301 S. James St. Rome

\$20 per-person

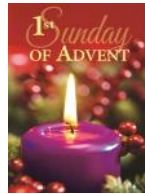
Tickets available after Mass
December 3-4 & December 10-11

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 1, 2018 BVM**

7:00 am Mass for Laura McNutt by Family
 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Frank J. O'Brien by Family
 and Filomena Ballini by Ballini Family
 and Matthew Kernan by the Houser Cousins

Sunday, December 2, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass for Eleuterio Mamugay by Mary
 and Rodulfo Mamugay by Mary
 and Robert Rapke (Birthday) by Judy Bonham
 10:30 am Mass for Frank Tarantino by Granddaughter
 and Bertha Kowal by niece Patty
 and Fremont Plopper (Birthday) his wife Norma and Family
 Robyn, Patricia, and Monty

**Monday, December 3, 2018 St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

7:00 am Mass for Robert Heintz (2nd Anniv) by Susan Heintz
 and Chester Masztak (Anniv) by his loving son Stanley
 12:10 pm Mass for Dolores Twomey by Richard and Deanne Martin

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass for Dorothy Ferlo by her loving daughter Dorthea
 and Father Hearn's intentions by John and Genie Barry
 12:10 pm Filomena Ballini by Ballini family

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

7:00 am Mass for Chester Masztak (Anniv) by Stanley, son
 and Margaret Rutledge (Birthday) by the Chubbuck family
 12:10 pm for Thomas Davies by Fred Martin
 and Janet Kiser (4th Anniv) by Family

Thursday, December 6, 2018 St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:00 am Mass by Joan Burkhart (Anniv) by family
 12:10 pm Loretta Marchione (Anniv) by her loving daughter Loretta Parry
 and for William J. Powers III by the Tuttle family

Friday, December 7, 2018 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass for Gail Lupica by Marcia and Paul Marcellus
 12:10 pm Mass for the Deceased Members of the Mullin-Puls Family by the Family
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass for the Holy Day for Carol Cadrette by Maureen, Jim, Jim and Jill
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Saturday, December 8, 2018 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00 am Mass for Larry L. Riolo, Sr. by Lorna Kaier
 12:10 pm Mass for Teresa Beddia by Amedeo, Heidi & Hannah Libertella
 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for George Eiffé (11th Anniversary) by Mary Ellen Utter
 and for Karen Deane (2nd Anniv) by Char and Sharon
 and for Thomas P. Smith by his children

Sunday, December 9, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass for Francis E. Wilson by Family
 and for Howard Hunziker by Judy Bonham
 and for Dori Reilly by Family

10:30 am 40th ANNIVERSARY MASS for FATHER JAMES TORMEY

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!

Help Us Grow:

St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish wants to remind you that we now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Questions? Give us a call. 315-336-5072.

November 25, 2017

St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection
\$10,402.73

Make up donations: **\$144.00**

Fuel collection **\$5389.86**

Thank you for your support!

Second collection December 9th is for CATHEDRATICUM

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Saturday and Sunday, December 1st and 2nd Altar Rosary Society Religious Article and Bread sale after the Masses

Monday, Dec. 3rd. **Legion of Mary** at 2:45 pm in St. Peter's Rectory

Wednesday Dec. 5th. **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. 5th. **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center

Wednesday, Dec. 5th. **ENTIRE BIBLE CLASS** at 7 pm in St. Peter's Church Hall

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

December
Char Romdielli
Fran Rose

COLLECTION HELPERS

December 2nd
Sue and Dom Provenzano
December 9th
Mary Ziegler
Carol Kaun

HOSPITAL VISITATION

December 2nd
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team 1
December 9th
St. Mary's /St. Peter's Team 2

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

All at St. Peter's Church

SATURDAY Vigil MASS 5:00 pm
SUNDAYS 8:00 am, 10 :30 am
Weekdays Monday to Saturday 7:00 am
Holydays 7:00am, 12:10pm and 5:30 pm Vigil

Memory Fund Donations In Mission of the Christ Child

For **James Dunn** requested by
Sharon Parsons
Anne and Fred Herb
Charles and Gretchen Sprock
For **Dolores Twomey** requested by
Barbara Thomas
For **David Seaton** requested by
Richard Canfield
For **Margaret Roser** requested by
Art and Jean Canfield
For **James Wheeler** requested by
Toni Belmont



Faith Formation

Sunday, Dec. 2nd. **First Penance Class.** 9:15 to 10:15 am
Sunday, Dec. 2nd. **2nd year Confirmation Sponsor**
Session at 10:30 am Mass with class to follow
Monday, Dec. 3rd. **Grades 1 to 6** from 6 to 7 pm
Monday, Dec. 3rd. **Grades 7 to 9** from 7:30 to 8:30 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 4th. **FAMILY FORMATION**
from 6 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 5th. **Grades 1 to 6** from 8 to 9 am
Sunday, Dec. 9th. **First Penance Class** from 9:15 to 10:15am

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

Advent Project: Praying for our Clergy



This weekend we are asking our parishioners to accept at random, a leaflet containing the name of one of our diocesan priests, seminarians, or deacons that you would be willing to pray for during Advent Season. You are then asked to send this individual a Christmas card, including the leaflet, so that he understands the project, and what you have been willing to do for him. We are sure he will be grateful for your gift of support and prayers. If you accept this responsibility, please follow it through until Christmas. We are sure God will bestow many graces on you for your wiliness to pray this special prayer daily for one of our clergymen.



CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 8th
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
St. Peter's Church Hall

All 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 2019 Confirmation class.

Donations of nonperishable food items (for our Parish Mission) will be gratefully accepted. **RSVP** by December 5th. Information/registration forms are available at the church entrances. Call 315-336-5066 for info.

Dear Padre,

I noticed in our Sunday bulletin that our parish is setting up a Jesse tree and a giving tree for Advent. What are these trees?

Parishes and families use the Jesse tree and the giving tree as two distinct ways to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the child king. We use the Jesse tree to remember Jesus' own royal family tree. The Gospel of Matthew traces Jesus' genealogy back to Abraham (1:1-17), while Luke lists his ancestors back to Adam (3:23-28).

The purpose is to connect Jesus to Abraham and Adam, and convey the historical longing of the Chosen People for a messiah. Throughout Advent, names of significant figures in Israelite history and quotations from the Hebrew Testament are hung on the branches.

Usually, the Jesse tree is placed in a prominent position, in church or at home, so all can see the history of Jesus unfold as we get ever closer to Christmas.

The giving tree challenges each parish family or member to buy a gift for someone in need. The parish sets up a tree that is decorated with tags suggesting gifts for those in need. Clothing sizes and children's ages are connected with the requests on the tree, so that the givers can easily get the needed items and take their gifts to the church by a designated date. The gifts are then distributed before Christmas. The giving tree unites us to the great message Jesus continues to give us at Christmas:

Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me.



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Our readings for the Mass today remind us in a time of great upheaval and chaos for Israel, Jeremiah reassures the people of better days to come. When a descendent of David will rule them with integrity and honesty.

Looking forward to the return of Christ in glory, Saint Paul reminds us that we must strive for true holiness now. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that no matter what befalls us in this life, we are to have confidence in Him, the Son of Man.

The season of Advent begins with a call to perseverance and vigilance as we prepare to celebrate not just the historical event of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, but our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and be prepared for the coming of Christ.

Hopefully many are planning on coming to the marvelous presentation of the NATIVITY PAGEANT next Sunday at 3:00 p.m. here at Church. Mrs. Colleen O'Neil has done an outstanding job of preparing our youngsters to joyfully present a special Nativity story. Assisting her with the preparation have been Mrs. Gail Reilly, Mrs. Ginny Craiglow and Mr. Pat Reilly. Please come to enjoy this wonderful afternoon to truly put us in the Christmas spirit.

Again I want to extend Congratulations to Diane and Roger Bartholomew who will receive the 2018 Immaculata Medallion from Bishop Cunningham. This is presented in honor of their service to our parish and our community of the Greater Rome area.

Thank You to all who will be praying for the Priests and Seminarians of our diocese during this Advent season. I know my brother Priests will be grateful that you are praying for them. Thank You to the committee that has organized the special cards.

ST. MARY'S/ST. PETER'S PARISH



**ANNUAL
NATIVITY PAGEANT**

**St. Peter's Church
Sunday,
December 9th at 3 pm.**

All parish youth from preschool age and above are welcome to participate in the presentation! The pageant tells the story of Jesus' birth with spoken word and familiar Christmas Carols.

Please contact Faith formation Office Mrs. Laura Mack (315-336-5066) for more information and to sign up to participate.

**Reception to follow the pageant in
St. Peter's Church Hall.**

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



In the near future we will be sponsoring a **HOLIDAY RAFFLE** for a lighted, **Homemade Ceramic Christmas Tree with Music.**

December 1st and 2nd
Religious Articles/Bread Sale
Bread donation would be appreciated for this sale.

December 14th
Annual Parish Christmas Party
Franklin Hotel
Cash bar at 5:30/ Dinner at 6:00pm
Ticket Sale will be the first 2 weekends in December
\$20.00 PER PERSON
INCLUDES Dinner,
Dessert
Beverage





Pope Francis Speaks to FAMILIES!!
God show up with surprises!

True love is both loving and letting oneself be loved. It is harder to let ourselves be loved than it is to love. That is why it is so hard to achieve the perfect love of God, because we can love him, but the important thing is to let ourselves be loved by him. True love is being open to the love which was there first and catches us by surprises. If all you have is information, you are closed to surprises. Love makes you open to surprises. Love is always a surprise because it starts with a dialogue between two persons: the one who loves and the one who is loved.

We say that God is the God of surprises because he always loved us first, and he waits to take us by surprise. God surprises us. Let's allow ourselves to be surprised by God.

Let's not have the psychology of a computer, thinking that we know everything. What do I mean? Think for a moment: The computer has all the answers: Never a surprise. In the challenge of Love, God shows up with surprises.....

So let yourselves be surprised by God! Don't be afraid of surprises, afraid that they will shake you up.

Think of St. Francis: he left everything; he died with empty hands but with a heart full of love!!!

THE ADVENT GIVING TREES

Blessed Mother's Altar

The Ornaments on this tree describe a gift to be purchased.

Feel free to shop sales.

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

If you have questions call Anne at 315-336-6091.

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

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

**Provided by the Hope Appeal Funds
For the 1st Sunday of Advent**

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

**PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS
CHOIR EVERY SUNDAY
AFTER THE 10:30 MASS
New Members are welcome.**

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation
Laura Mack (315-336-5066)

Organist Jack Kempf

Office Administration
Sharon Hansen

Administrative Assistants
Sister Rosaire Anne

Maintenance Directors
St. Peter's Mark LaGasse
St. Mary's William Link

Cemetery Superintendent
St. Peter's Joseph Megerell
St. Mary's Joseph Fusco

PARISH ORGANIZATION and PARTICIPATION

Altar Rosary Society Mary Wahl

Bingo Committee Mark LaGasse
St. Peter's Senior Group
W. Warren Sickles, Jr

Readers and Eucharistic
Ministers Kathy Miller
Legion of Mary Betty Pettinelli
Parish Fellowship Ann Lubecki
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.

**LET US PRAY
FOR OUR TROOPS
and
VETERANS**

**Have you felt the
invitation to follow
Jesus Christ as a
Catholic priest?**

**NYS Discernment Retreat
January 2 to 4, 2019
Gather with other young
men from across NYS
Who are considering
the priesthood.
Contact
egarn@syrдио.org**

**PARISH COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

**Meetings are held on the 2nd
Thursday of each month**

Father Philip A. Hearn, Pastor

Kevin Barry, President
Betty Pettinelli, Vice President
Joseph Maurer, Trustee
St. Peter's
Ralph Mirabelli, Trustee
St. Mary'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**

Georgi Amodio
Father Paul
Angelicchio
Paula Bailey
Raymond Barbar, Jr.
Doris Barry
Joseph Beasock III
Stella Beer
Karen Bieksza
James Brooks
Kay Cerato
Kim Casler
Mary Jane Colangelo
Barbara Colquhoun
Nick Coonrod
John Cordsen
Esther Curran
Alice Dearo
Tom Delpico
John Damon
Barry Dunning
Sarah Eastup
Al Eisinger
Paul Eisinger
Robyn Engle
Bill Evans
Judith Ann Fesner
Rose Fenton
Joan Fiaschetti
Diana Fowler
Julianna Fusco
Lauri Fusco
Michael Gans
John & Gail Greene

Billy Jo Hidenbrandt
Joan Hinman
Eleanor Coniglio
Joshua Hedrington
John Hedrington
Father Hearn
David Johnston
Carol Johnson
Lena Johnston
Paula Johnston
Jenny Kenny
Mary Ann Kimmel
Gary Koster
Paul LaSalle
Teresa La Salle
Father Vincent Long
Lori Losowski
Anne Lubecki
David, Liz, and Mitzi
Marcelletta
Kevin Magnanti
Geoff Marchione
Russell Marchione
Brian McQueen
Angie Messineo
Joe Migeroll
Tom Moonan
Ann Moster
Phil Murphy
Beverly Nasci
Tari-Lyn Orton
Debbie Pacicca
Fred Pacicca, Jr.
Robert Pabis

Barbara Pazdur
Rachel Pawlikowski
Clair Papadametriou
Jim Pekarski
Datie Ponath
John Preski
Dorothy M. Pomilio
Debbie Puffer
James Rank
Dale Radford
Pam Riggelman
William Riolo
Catherine Roman
Robert Roman
Margaret Roser
Lori Russo
Lisa Ryder
Brian Schilling
Emmalynn Sharrow
Alexander Simpson
Freja Emily Simpson
Russell Smith
Spencer Robert Smith
Blanche Swetman
Carol Tardugno
Michael Testa
Anne Toepp
Jim Vacherse
Alma Walton
Vito Waterman
John Wright
David Williams
Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Riley Zabe

Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.



**CHRIST THE KING
RETREAT AND
CONFERENCE CENTER**

For all events call: 446-2680

**"Elf, the Musical"
Sunday, December 9th**

Annual Fundraiser Tickets \$60
Call 315-446-2680

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

December 3rd, 10 am to 3 pm
Growing in Holiness
Season of Hope and Renewal
Cost \$30 includes lunch

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY OF
REFLECTION**

presented by
Father John Rose and Mass
December 31st, 10 am to 3 pm
Offering \$30 includes lunch



Call for more info and to register call
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

**Bible Study: Advent—
Preparing for Christ**
Wednesday, Nov.28th to Dec19th
Are you ready for the King?
Cost \$15. Call to register.

**"O Come Let Us Adore Him"
"Live Nativity"**

December 8th
4 to 7 pm view Nativity
scenes from around the world
Also enjoy carolers and crafts
Admission is free

Refreshments
Bring a donation of food, mittens,
hot chocolate, toiletries, etc..

**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.

