

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

200 N. James Street

Rome, New York 13440

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September 22, 2019



St. Mary's Oratory
210 W. Liberty Street

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St. Peter's Cemetery

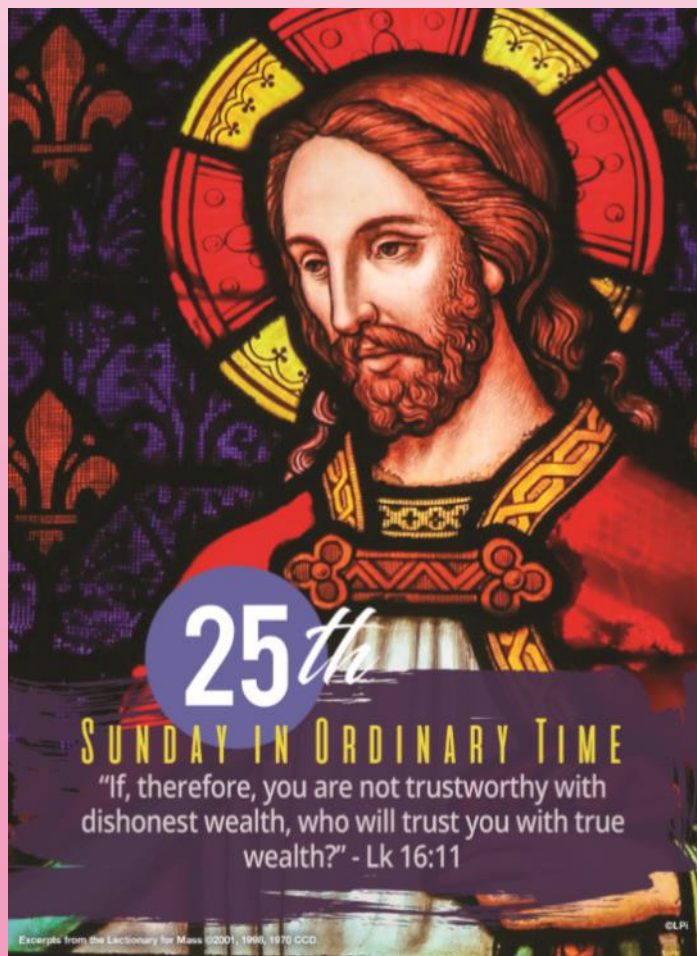
E. Dominick St. Rome
315-337-8307

St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty St. Rome
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.



Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." - Jn 17:20-21

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**Saturday, September 21, 2019 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Eph 4:1-13; Mt 9:9)**

8:00 am Mass for Monsignor Francis Culkin (birthday) by Char

11:00 am WEDDING MASS for MARK GIFFORD and PATRICIA D'AIUTO**1:00 pm WEDDING MASS for JOSHUA LAMB and KAYLA DUNNING**5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Paul Worlock (birthday) by family
and Harriet Belius by Family
and Margaret Balfoort by Charlotte Young
and Fred Pacicca by wife and children and grandchildren**Sunday, September 22, 2019 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**8:00 am Mass for Robert Capoccia (6th anniv) by Charlotte, wife
and John F. Kelly by Familyand Harry McKenna (9th anniv) by Family
10:30 am for Thomas Barbera by Marilyn Fahy
and Nancy Healey by John and Ann Harper
and Anthony Gotti Sr. (birthday) by Family**Monday, September 23, 2019 St. Pius of Pietrecina, Priest (Ezr 1:1-16; Lk 8: 16-18)**7:00 am Mass for Jean Moles by Margaret and David Bovi
and Doris Goetz by husband Paul and family
and Marguerite Palmer by loving family**Tuesday, September 24, 2019 (Ezr 6:7-8; 12b to 20; Lk 8:19-21)**

NO Mass scheduled. The Priests are attending a Conference.

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 (Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)

NO Mass scheduled. The Priests are attending a Conference.

Thursday, September 26, 2019 Saints Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs (Hg1:1-8; Lk9,7-9)**No Mass scheduled****Friday, September 27, 2019 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest (Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:7-9)**7:00 am Mass for Lois Wlodarczyk by Gretchen and Charles Sprock
and Roy Austin, Jr. (birthday) by loving family
and Anne Grande by Gretchen and Charles Sprock
and Paul Waite by wife Marion**Saturday, September 28, 2019 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr, Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs. BVM Zac 2:5-9; 14-15; Lk 9: 43-45)**8:00 am Mass for Pat Burns (12th anniv) by loving family
and Vladimir Williams by Mom
and Peter Fitsik by daughter**2 pm WEDDING MASS FOR GEORGE CHUBBUCK and JUANIA FUENTES**5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Joyce D. McMahon (birthday) by Family
and George Scott by Charlotte Young
and Mary McAdoo for healing by Mom**Sunday, September 29, 2019 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**8:00 am Mass for Jackie Baynes by family
and Jean Moles by Richard and Deanne Martin10:30 am for Anthony Gotti, Sr. (10th anniv) by Family
and Robert and Margaret Simons (anniv) by daughter-in-law
and Todd Pinti (3rd anniv) by family**Second collection Sunday September 29th
Loose Change collection for the Hunger Walk.****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****September 15, 2019**St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection
Regular Collection \$9661.20
Electronic Giving \$489.13
Total \$10,150.33
Make ups \$104.00**Thank you for your support!****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 StMarys/Stpeters.com and locate **DONATE** in the menu.
Questions? Give us a call: 315-336-5072

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, **Bible Study** at 7 pm in St. Peter's Church Hall
Scripture Study on St. Matthew

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, **Scripture Sharing** to reflect on the Readings for Sunday Liturgy
10:00 am in St. Peter's Church Hall. All are Welcome

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center

ALTAR CARE

September
Carol Rood
Ginny Craiglow

COLLECTION HELPERS

September 22nd
Dale and Judy Rashford

September 29th
Alex and Cora Sue Howe

HOSPITAL VISITATION

September 22nd
St. John's Team 3

September 29th
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

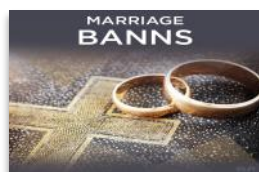


The Sanctuary Lamp

will burn the week of September 15th
For **Anthony Petrelli** requested by
Colleen and Mike Dunn
For the weeks of September 22nd and 29th
For **Pat Burns** requested by
His Loving Family

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS
In Mission of the Christ Child

Donations from: St. Paul's Social Ministry
Mary Ann Massett
Bettina Favata
Church Endowment Fund
For **Filomena Ballini** requested by
The Ballini Family



Joshua Lamb and Kayla Dunning
Mark Gifford and Patricia D'Aiuto
George Chubbuck and Juanita Fuentes
Philip Destito and Chantra Sanger

FAMILY PERSEPECTIVE

Provided by the Hope Appeal Funds

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two Masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes began last week for students in grades 1 to 9. We welcome everyone back to grow in faith together. If you have any questions or concerns about our program please feel free to contact the Faith Formation Office by phone or email spcdre@twcnry.rr.com.

Sunday, Sept. 22nd, Orientation for **1st Penance**
9:15 am Parents and children

Monday, Sept. 23rd, **1st year Confirmation**
Orientation for Parents and Candidates 7:30 pm
in St. Peter's Church

Monday, Sept. 23rd, **Grades 1 to 6** from 6 to 7 pm

Monday, Sept. 23rd, **Grades 7 to 9** from
7:30 to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 24th, **2nd year Confirmation**
Orientation at 7:00 pm Candidates and Parents

Wednesday, Sept. 25th, **Grades 1 to 6** from
8 to 9 am

Sunday, Sept. 29th, **First Penance** 9:15 to 10:15 am

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Family Rosary Crusade

Sunday, October 6th at 3 pm
St. Joseph/St. Patrick Church, Utica.
Guest speaker



Rev. Jewel Aytona
from the **Divine Mercy Fathers**

Free rosaries, Scapulars and blessed Miraculous medal will be given out. He will conduct a 4 day mission starting with the Crusade on Oct. 6th at 3 pm and continue thru Oct 9th with confessions at 7 pm. Also first class relics of St. Jacinta and Francisco will be venerated.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



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Our First Meeting for this year took place on **Thursday, September 19th**. We shared prayer, supper, fun together. Election of Officers was held. Results will be coming next week.

We are happy to be together to plan events and start projects that support our parish. Please keep in mind that all women of the Parish are welcome. You may want to help clean the Altar once a month. It's fun and a wonderful service to Praise the Lord in a special way. For more info call Mary Wahl (315-533-6907)

Altar Rosary Society "MERRY MAKERS"

Knitters, Crocheters and Sewers meet regularly with Cate Powers

For more info call
315-337-2289 or 315-225-7900

Reflections for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth," What are we to make of this puzzling phrase? Jesus is instructing us to have a proper disposition to temporal wealth. We must not seek from wealth a happiness it is not able to provide, nor make use of it for illicit gain...like those who cannot wait for the chance to "buy the lowly for silver and the poor for a pair of sandals." By using wealth properly, as a means for the necessary goods of life and for works of charity, we act as prudent stewards and prepare for an eternal dwelling.

Perhaps the first time those merchants "fixed their scales for cheating" it seemed to them like a very small matter. But "the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." Fortunately, the one Master, Jesus Christ, gave himself as ransom for all. With hands lifted up in holy prayer, we become those trustworthy people to whom God entrusts great things.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Wreaths will be placed on veterans graves, **December 14th** in conjunction with

National Wreaths Across America Program

At: St. Peter's, St. John's, St. Mary's, Evergreen and Westernville Cemeteries
If you would like to purchase a \$15 wreath for a loved veteran, send a check made out to: Wreaths Across America to Joe Maurer, 1215 N. Madison Street, Rome
You can also include the military history of your loved veteran in the brochure made for the event.

To volunteer helping place the wreaths, Email or call **JOE** at (margmaurer@yahoo.com) 315-337-9453 Please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org



Knights of Columbus 112 Ridge Street, Rome

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.



FLAGS FOR HEROES

November 1-11, 2019
Memorial Parkway, Utica
Reserve a Flag in honor/memory of all our heroes: veterans, active military, first responders, their families.
To reserve a flag visit:
www.thegoodnewscenter.org

AREA HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 20th

As our contribution to the project we will have a **LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION** (Second Collection) **SUNDAY September 29th.**

If you have been saving pennies, or other change please feel free to bring your containers to the Rectory. Our *In Mission of the Christ Child* receives a good part of the funds raised.

Is withholding or withdrawing life support a form of euthanasia?

While it's always morally wrong to kill an innocent person, it can sometimes be morally right to allow someone to die. This implies that it is sometimes morally wrong to allow a person to die. To withhold antibiotics from a person who has every chance of recovering and living a full life if given the medication would be morally wrong. But there are times when we must accept that our death is inevitable and that additional medical treatment will place an excessive burden on us and our caretakers, with little benefit. To refuse such treatment is not a form of suicide; rather it's a decision to allow the dying process to take its natural course. The key words here are excessive burden and little benefit. When is using a ventilator too burdensome to bear and able to be withdrawn? When is the natural care of nutrition and hydration failing to do what it should? Such life-sustaining treatment or care may be too burdensome for some but not for others.

A young person after a car accident may be left a quadriplegic and unable to breathe without a ventilator. He might consider the ventilator an extraordinary means of preserving life and want to discontinue its use. Any determination that disregards the value of this person's life—by the patient himself or anyone else—must be avoided. Ultimately, such judgments shouldn't be made without a careful review of Catholic moral teaching, medical and spiritual consultation and a well-formed conscience. —*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

**Pope Francis Speaks to FAMILIES!!
*We Belong to One Family***

What is God's plan? It is to make us all a single family of his children, in which each person feels that God is close and feels loved by him; as in the Gospel parable (of the prodigal son), feels the warmth of being God's family. The Church is rooted in this great plan. She is not an organization established by an agreement between a few people, but...as Pope Benedict XVI has so often reminded us...she is a work of God, born precisely from this loving design which is gradually brought about in history. The Church is born from God's wish to call all people to communion with him, to friendship with him; indeed, to share in his own divine life as his sons and daughters. The very word "church", from the Greek *ekklesia*, means convocation: God convokes us, he impels us to come out of our individualism, from our tendency to close ourselves into ourselves, and he call us to belong to his family.

**10th Annual Syracuse
Catholic Women's Conference****October 26th
At the Oncenter in Syracuse****Theme: Fountain of Life.***Along with:
Adoration, Confessions Inspiring
speakers and Vendors.*

A bus will be available
Registration on line is \$55
At the door \$70
Registration on line:
www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org
Make checks payable to

AN ADOPTION LOVE STORY

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/adoptionlovestory

Having children and raising a family has always been our expectation. We soon learned, however, that our chances of becoming pregnant were small. It wasn't long before we started talking about the possibility of adoption. I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would have loved a biological child. But with prayerful discernment, we decided to start the process. On Christmas Eve, Bill and I left the hospital with Andrew. It didn't take long before there was no doubt in our minds that he was our son, the greatest gift from God! We can't imagine loving a child whom we gift from God! We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love
Andrew.

**We Can't imagine loving a child whom
we conceived more than we love
Andrew.**

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Laura Mack (315-336-5066)

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Sharon Hansen

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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

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

SEPTEMBER INTENTION

The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Father Sean P. O'Brien, Pastor

Kevin Barry, President
Betty Pettinelli, Vice President
Joseph Maurer, Trustee

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Ralph Mirabelli, Trustee

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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.
Doris Barry
Joseph Beasock III
Stella Beer
Karen Bieksza
Ben Boulay
James Brooks
Lorayne Callicchia
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Ron Fazio
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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

SPIRITUALITY OF AGING

Monday, September 30th
10 am to 3 pm
Given by Deacon Robert Fangio
"God's call Never Ends. Continuing to Answer God's Call"
Offering \$30 Call to register,

RECOVERY RETREAT

October 4th to 6th
Directed by Paul Curtin, Alcohol
Counselor
Offering \$160

DIRECTED RETREAT

Oct 20 to 25th
Offering \$475 (religious \$450)
Call to Register



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

FALL ROSARY WALK

October is the month of the Rosary. Honor our Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church by praying the Rosary Oct 3rd, 6:30 to 8:30 pm as we walk the trail at the Good News Center. Free cider and donuts to follow. Chairs will be available for those who cannot walk.

**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.