



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

200 N. James Street

Rome, New York 13440

Pastor: Father Philip A. Hearn

December 9, 2018



St. Mary's Oratory

210 W. Liberty Street
315-336-5072

St. Peter's Church

200 N. James St.

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Monday, Thursday and Friday

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Deacon Nicholas Rosher

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Sister de Paul Juliano, OSF

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Sister Rosaire Anne De Mare, CSJ



Visit us online at
www.stmarysstpeters.com



St. Peter's Cemetery

E. Dominick St.

315-337-8307

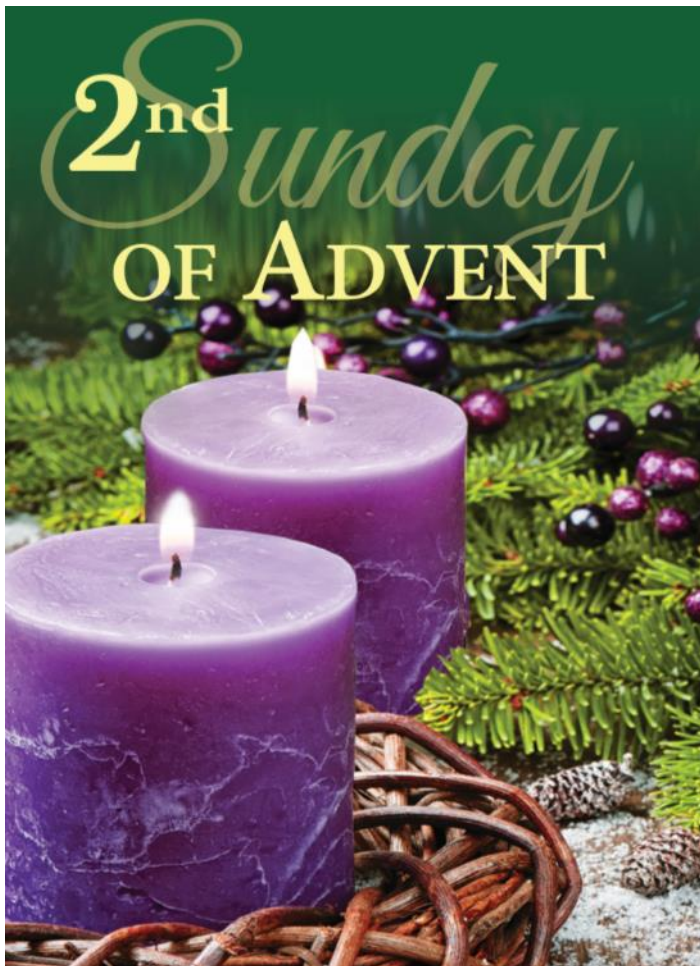
St. Mary's Cemetery

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

"Sundays at 3"

NATIVITY PAGEANT

St. Peter's Church

Sunday, December 9th at 3 pm.

*The young people of our parish
presents the Nativity Story*

The story of Jesus' birth with
spoken word and familiar Christmas Carols.

Refreshments following in the social hall

Friday, December 14th

ANNUAL PARISH

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Franklin Hotel

Cash Bar at 6 followed by dinner at 6:30 pm

\$20 per person

Tickets must be purchased by this weekend

"DJ - Cheree Gee"

Will entertain us with
Christmas music and songs
and Goldie oldies.

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**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 Amedio, Heidi & Hannah Libertella
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for George Eiffe (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**Monday, December 10, 2018 (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)**

7:00 am Mass for Helen Jane Berndt by Yvonne & Donna Martin
 12:10 pm Mass for Mary McIntyre (anniv) by family

Tuesday December 11, 2018 St. Damasus I Pope (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)

7:00 am Mass for Malcolm Tanner, Jr. by Irene Hall
 12:10 pm Doris Mullin (40th anniv) by family
 and for Jean Burton by Cynthia Zamiello

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 Our Lady of Guadalupe (Zecc 2:14-17; Rev 11:19-20)

7:00 am Mass for Filomena Ballini by Ballini Family
 12:10 pm Mass for Phillip Goetz, Jr. by Mom and Dad
 and for Paul Della Contrada by Donald McLellan Family

Thursday, December 13, 2018 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)

7:00 am Mass for M/M Walter Stinebrickner and Joseph Esche by their estate
 and for Charlotte Heintz (birthday) by Susan Heintz
 and for BeBe Kowal by Sprock Family
 12:10 pm Teresa M. Treschler by Daughter Robin and Jim Fleming
 and Albert Tomasi by Richard and Deanne Richard

Friday, December 14, 2018 St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Mass for Vladimir Williams by Mom (Is 48: 17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
 and for Betty and Don Murphy by family
 12:10 pm Joe Simons by Mary, his wife

Saturday, December 15, 2018 (Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9, 10-13)

7:00 am Mass for Joseph E. McMahon (anniv) by Family
 and for Bob Rood by Mom
 and for Richard Verrente (9th anniv) by wife, children and grandchildren
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Karen Dean (birthday) by Char and Sharon
 and for Marilyn Palenski by Family
 and for Patricia Charney (birthday) by family

Sunday, December 16, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Mass for Matthew Razzano (birthday) by wife, Clare and children
 and for John Dickson by Judy, mother
 and for Paul Della Contrada by Sue and Jim Mullin
 10:30 am Mass for Shelly Dana Campbell and by Family
 and for Todd Pinti by family
 and for Jean Ernenwein (5th anniv) by Judy

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.

HEARING AIDS:

Assistive hearing devices are available for loan in the Sacristy before Mass.

*The Second collection
 this weekend is
 for the CATHEDRATICUM*

Help Us Grow:

St. Mary's/St. Peter's Parish wants to remind you that we 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. Go to www.stmarysstpeters.com and click on donate. Questions? Give us a call. 315-336-5072

December 5, 2017

St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection
\$12204.33

Misc make-ups \$739.00**Christmas Flowers \$3532.00***Thank you for your support!*

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 10th **Legion of Mary** at 2:45 pm in St. Peter's Rectory

Wednesday, Dec. 12th, **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. 12th **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center

Wednesday, Dec. 12th, **Whole Bible Study** Class at 7 pm in Church Hall

Friday, December 14th, Parish Christmas Party at the Franklin Hotel.
Tickets are \$20 Cocktails at 6:00 followed by dinner at 6:30.

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE
December
 Char Rondinelli
 Fran Rose

COLLECTION HELPERS
December 9th
 Mary Ziegler
 Carol Kaun
December 16th
 Frank and Judy Lawruk

HOSPITAL VISITATION
December 9th
 St. Mary/ St. Peter's Team 2
December 16th
 St. John's Team 3


REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

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

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the Weeks of December 2nd and 9th For **Landon Turner** by Grandma Mary Ann

Memorial Fund Donations
In Mission of the Christ Child
Margaret Ann Roser requested by Vickie Jacobs
 Tricia Bacon
James Wheeler requested by Daniel Morris

 **Faith Formation**

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

Monday, Dec. 10th. **Grades 1 to 6** from 6 to 7 pm

Monday, Dec. 10th. **Grades 7 to 9** from 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 12th. **Grades 1 to 6** from 8 to 9 am

Saturday, Dec. 15th. **Celebration of First Reconciliation**
 Penance at 11:00 am

Our Advent Project:
Praying for our Clergy



Leaflets were passed out with the names of our clergy last weekend.....so remember to write to the individual and to pray daily for them.

From our experiences from last year they are extremely grateful for our prayers and remembrances.

ADVENT GIVING TREES

Blessed Mother's Altar

The tags describe a gift to be purchased. Feel free to substitute similar age appropriate gifts.
DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.
 Gifts need to be under the tree by December 16th.
 Questions please call Anne 315-336-6091

Sacred Heart Altar

For Elementary School children: (sizes 4 to 8 for girls and boys)
 Small/medium sweatpants: navy, black, grey, underwear:
 socks (small)Hygiene kit supplies: deodorant, tooth paste,
 Shampoo, Hair ties, combs, brushesTea tree Shampoo, gloves, mittens

For Upper grades: (All adult sizes)
 T-shirts, sweat pants & sweat shirts, hair ties tea tree shampoo, hygiene kit supplies, toothpaste,
 deodorant sticks, Socks for 12-13 year old's, unisex underwear, Belts-multiple sizes,
 Feminine napkins, super size, cleaning wipes for eye glasses
And any items you wish to donate for students to use.

Dear Padre,

Why doesn't the word immaculate also refer to Jesus' birth?

According to Webster's Dictionary, immaculate comes from the Latin immaculatus, which breaks down further into in (meaning "spotted"). It means "without stain or blemish" and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic Faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so?

The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God. That is not to say, however, that Mary, herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin in anticipations of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death and resurrection. Father Denis J. Billy, CSsR

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Provided by the Hope Appeal Funds

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus.



**St. Joseph's Church
Lee Center
32nd Annual
Christmas Concert
to benefit**



"Rome Rescue Mission"

Friday, December 14th at 7 pm

Conducted by Scott Rutledge,
accompanied by JoAnn Geller
with chamber orchestra.

A light reception will follow.
Love offering will be accepted.
All are welcome.



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Many of us have likely heard the phrase "All roads lead to Rome." The Roman Empire prided itself on its complex system of roads connecting every part of the empire with the capital. These stone-paved roads stretched throughout Europe, Asia, North Africa and the Middle East. They were built by slaves and paid for by taxes from conquered lands. These roads were feats of engineering, passing over hills and mountains, under aqueducts, taking many twists and turns to avoid nature's obstacles. They were anything but straight. During this special season of Advent God comes alongside us to assist us in our "road-making" of daily life. Making winding roads both straight and smooth, by forgiving us our sins and removing obstacles from our path. Monday, December 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the Priests will be available in church for Confessions reminding us that the "Light is on for You." In this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation the Lord will purify us, perfect us and prepare us for himself. During this busy season, we do much to prepare for the coming of Christmas. Let us make sure we spend at least as much effort this Advent season preparing for the coming of Christ, both his birth in Bethlehem and his return in glory as our King.

Yesterday, we celebrated the great Feast of the Immaculate Conception where God chose Mary before the creation of the world, to be the Mother of God. The God who chose Mary has also chosen you and from the beginning of creation as well. He intended for you to be born. He wanted you so much, in fact, that he sent his Son to redeem you. Being chosen by God "before the foundation of the world" means that you are loved, not for what you do, but for who you are. You have great value and worth in God's eyes and you are very important to God.

Today we will accompany with our good prayers both Diane and Roger Bartholomew as they head to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. In the special Vespers ceremony Bishop Cunningham will confer on them the Immaculata Medal in recognition of their wonderful service "In Mission of the Christ Child" our food pantry. Congratulations and thank you to Diane and Roger!

I am grateful to Mrs. Colleen O'Neil for directing the Annual Nativity Pageant that will be staged this afternoon in the Church. The students from our Faith Formation classes have done a great job throughout all of the rehearsals. I hope many will come to support the in their marvelous presentation of the beautiful Christmas story.

See you in Church at 3:00 p.m.!

Let us continue to pray for one another. God Bless!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



**Drawing for the
Homemade Ceramic Christmas Tree with music
will be at the party.**

Along with DJ - "**Cheree Gee**" with
Christmas music and golden oldies.

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

**Pope Francis Speaks to FAMILIES!!
Make Time to Rest in Prayer**

Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the many demands placed on us. But rest is also essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God's voice and understand what he asks of us. Joseph was chosen by God to be the foster Father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. As Christians, you too are called, like Joseph to make a home for him in your hearts, your families, your Parishes, and your communities.

To hear and accept God's call, to make a home for Jesus, you must be able to rest in the Lord. You must make time each day to rest in the Lord, to pray.

To pray is to rest in the Lord. But you may say to me: "Holy Father, I know that; I want to pray, but there is so much work to do! I must care for my children; I have chores in the home; I am too tired even to sleep well." I know. This may be true, but if we do not pray, we will not know the most important thing of all: **God's will for us.** And for all our activity, our busyness, without prayer we will accomplish very little.

YEAR OF THE FAMILY

***A Blessing Prayer for Families
Our Father,***

We acknowledge you as the creator of the family.

*Thank you for our mothers, father, husbands,
wives, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins,
grandparents and extended families.*

*We believe in our baptismal promises
and desire to live in your truth.*

*Thank you for being faithful
to the covenant you made with us.*

*We trust you will provide us with
a deep love for each other.*

*Thank you for loving us first,
through your Son, Jesus Christ.*

Protect marriage, guard our children and bless us.

*May we shine forth with the light of your grace
to all these we meet.*

*Grant us wisdom to recognize your voice and
the courage to answer you call to discipleship.*

*Let our words be used to build up and
encourage one another.*

*Let our actions glorify, Christ the King
and the Head of our Home.*

Bless us. Now and forever.



**WREATHS ACROSS
AMERICA**

DECEMBER 15TH

Remembrance wreaths will again be placed on
veterans graves at six local cemeteries

Ceremonies will be held at 12 noon at:

- * **Rome Cemetery**, Jervis Ave.
- * **St. Mary's Cemetery**, W. Liberty St.
- * **St. John's and St. Peter's**, E. Dominick
- * **Evergreen Cemetery**, Rt.26 in Lee
- * **Westernville Cemetery**,
Stokes-Westernville Road

**Volunteers are needed to help with the ceremonies
and to place wreaths on the graves.**

**Contact Bob Haley 315-281-3884 or
email :lakeeffect2@verizon.net**

PARISH STAFF

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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.

Pope Francis asks us to pray for one of his published intentions each month. To pray with the Pope daily
Visit: clicktopray.org

Intention for DECEMBER

In the service of Transmission of faith.

That people may find a language suited to three conditions of the present time, in dialogue with culture.

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
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Laura Mack
Marguerite Maurer
Patrick Reilly
Deacon Nicholas Rosher

LET US PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS and VETERANS

 **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

Noel Retreat
Nov.30th to Dec. 2nd A Spiritual empowerment for Women in Recovery.

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

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 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. Barbara Pazdur Rachel Pawlikowski Clair Papadametriou Jim Pekarski Datie Ponath John Preski Dorothy M. Pomilio Debbie Puffer James Rank Pam Riggleman William Riolo Catherine Roman Robert Roman Lori Russo Lisa Ryder Brian Schilling Emmalynn Sharrow Alexander Simpson Freja Emily Simpson Russell Smith Spencer Robert Smith Blanche Sweetman Carol Tardugno Michael Testa Anne Toepp Jim Vacherse Alma Walton Vito Waterman John Wright David Williams Ray "Dusty" Whitman Riley Zabe
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Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.


Call for more info and to register call 735-6210

Surviving the Holidays Grieving?
This seminar helps those dealing with emotions of death or loss.
Nov.13th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

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.
NEXT SESSIONS: 19th

Bible Study: Advent—Preparing for Christ
Wednesday, Nov.28th to Dec 19th
Are you ready for the King?
Cost \$15. Call to register.

KINGDOM OF HAPPINESS
Living the Beatitudes everyday.
January 9 to February 27th.
10 am to 12 pm or 6 pm to 8 pm
Cost \$25
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.

