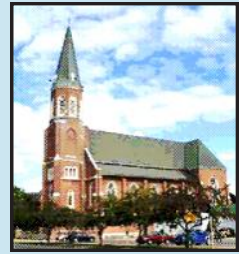




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 200 N. James Street
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Pastor: Father Sean P. O'Brien

February 9, 2020



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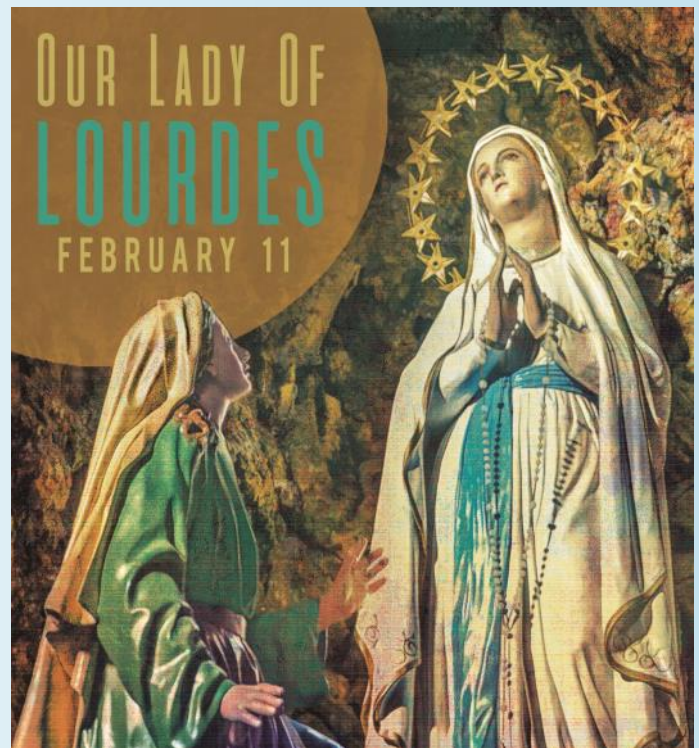


5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 8, 2020 St. Jerome Emilian, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM**

8:00 am Mass Robert R. McDonald by daughter
and Carl DeFazio (13th anniv) by daughter Grace and Rocco Garro
5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Michael Palinski by Family
and John Lenihan (16th Anniv) by wife Barbara
and Rose A. O'Brien by family

Sunday, February 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Jackie Baynes by family
and John Pekarski by Mom and Dad
10:30 am Mass for Shirley K. Oppen by Jack and Mark Oppen and family
and John Dickson by mother
and Tom Barry by Mike Adey

Monday, February 10, 2020 St. Scholastica, Virgin (1Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mt 6:53-56)

7:00 am Mass for Jeanne Palmer by Kathy Miller
and Edward Lanigan by Pauline and Kim Kapinos

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 OUR Lady of LOURDES (1Kgs 8:22-23; 27-30)**(World Day of Prayer for the Sick)**

7:00 am Mass for Stephan Paul Granacki by Family, Steve and Michele
and Toni Belmont by Ginny Craiglow

Wednesday February 12, 2020 (1Kgs 10:10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23)

7:00 am Mass for Joanna Lusignan by Laura
and for the People of the Parish

Thursday, February 13, 2020 (1Kgs; 11:4-13; Mt 7:24-30)**No Mass scheduled****Friday, February 14, 2020 St. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop**

7:00 am Mass for Robert H. Martin (anniv) by Fred Martin
and in Memory of our twins by Gramma

Saturday, February 15, 2020 (1Kgs. 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mt 8:1-10)

8:00 am Mass for Charlotte Fisher by Ron and Carol Walker
5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for George Scott by Family
and Jim Grifasi by Family
and Bob Reid (birthday) Laraine and Family
and Albert Giardino by Family

Sunday, February 16, 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass for Jackie Baynes by Family
and Irene Meyers (birthday) by family
and Austin Fayette (birthday) by family
10:30 am Mass for Barbara M. Bezold Gifford by family
and Hazel Peterpaul (5th anniv) by children

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.

**This weekend.....February 15th and 16th:
Father George Brennan from UNBOUND.
He will preach at all Masses about the Unbound Project.
There will be a bulletin insert to explain it also.**

*No second collection
this weekend!*

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

**February 2, 2020**

St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection
Regular Collection \$10,748.86
Electronic Giving \$1,127.25
Total \$11,876.11
Make up donations \$1142.00
Catholic Schools \$813.00
Thank you for your support!

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, Feb. 11th, **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, 7 pm in the old St. Peter's School on Floyd Ave.

Wednesday Feb. 12, **Scripture Sharing** to reflect on the Readings for Sunday Liturgy at 10:00 am in St. Peter's Church Hall. All are Welcome

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

Wednesday, Feb. 12th **Scripture Study of MATTHEW** at 6:00 pm in St Peter's Church Hall

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY Vigil MASS 5:00 pm
SUNDAYS 8:00 am, 10 :30 am

Weekdays Monday to Friday 7:00 am
 Saturday 8:00 am

Holydays 7:00am, 12:10pm and 5:30 pm Vigil

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

In Mission of the Christ Child
 For **James Muldoon** from Barbara Thomas

The Sanctuary Lamp

For **Jay McAdoo** the weeks of
 February 2nd and 9th requested by Mom

There will be a **Baptism Class**

February 27, 2020 at 7 pm
 At the St. Aloysius PARISH CENTER
 (The old St. Peter's School on Floyd Ave.)
 For Questions and more information
 Contact the Rectory
 (315-336-5072)

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

February
 Char Rondinelli
 Arlene Cordsen

COLLECTION HELPERS

February 9th
 Frank and Judy Lawruk
 Bernie Kaier
February 16th
 Sari Verenti Carol Kaun

HOSPITAL VISITATION

February 9th
 St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team
February 16th
 St. Paul's Team 6



Faith Formation

Sunday, Feb. 9th, **First Communion Parent Session** 9:15 am with class for children

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

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

Tuesday, Feb. 11th, **Family Formation** from 6:30 to 8 pm

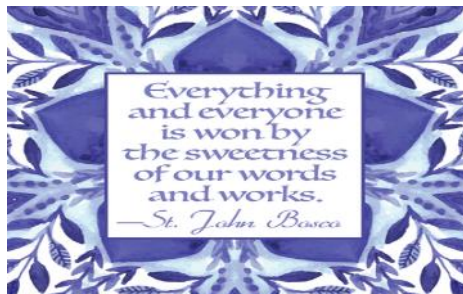
Wednesday, Feb. 12th, **Grades 1 to 6** from 8 to 9 am

Sunday, Feb. 16th, and all week
 No Classes. Enjoy your vacation

For your collection envelopes keep in mind to mark them carefully with the amount. Do not use scotch tape. If you forget your envelopes there are extra envelopes on the tables at the entrances.

Let us pray
 For those recently deceased
 and their Families.

*Kaye Cerato
 Emma Haley
 Charlotte Fisher
 Gloria Carr
 Barbara Reynolds
 Colleen Annis
 Marcia Murphy
 James Muldoon
 Sue Peluso
 Concepta Festa*



Congratulation to those
 recently baptized and
 becoming members of
 our Church Family.

*Noah Schultz
 Hewitt Finnegan
 Lincoln Crook
 Sullivan Smith
 Sam Destito
 Karlee Welch
 Carmine Welch
 Tyler Rauscher
 Julian DeJesus
 Malaya Tardugo
 Mason Cornish*

Dear Padre,

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve “as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community” (“Built of Living Stones,” 129, USCCB,

Along with other church adornments both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. “Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal,

Nevertheless, “floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table” (GIRM 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It’s forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

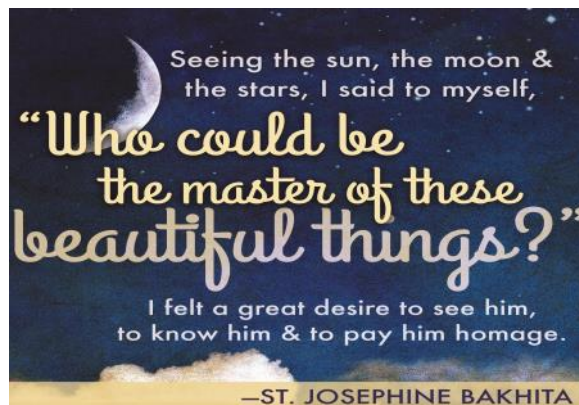
To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

35TH Annual WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

on February 16th at 2:30 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse

All married couples and their families are invited to attend Mass, celebrated by Bishop Douglas Lucia. A special blessing will be offered for all couples in attendance, and a reception will follow the conclusion of the Mass.



Reflections on 5th Sunday’s Reading Today

The Prophet Isaiah speaks to people steeped in anguish—those “in the darkness,” stuck in “the gloom.” His advice? “Bestow your bread on the hungry.” His point: No matter how bleak our present state, the fact is, “you are the salt of the earth,” In other words, despite crushing distress, we are the hungry. So too, we are “the light of the world,” and our light breaks forth like the dawn” as we satisfy the afflicted.” “Then light shall rise for you in the darkness”; our wound “shall quickly be healed.” Which is why we make our own Saint Paul’s stunning resolve “to know nothing except Jesus Christ crucified.” For actively sharing in the misery of others is the sure way out of our own,

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Pre-Lenten Retreat

**With Sister Donald Corcoran. OSB
from the
Transfiguration Monastery
in Windsor, NY**

Monday and Tuesday

February 24 & 25

6:30 pm

**St. John the Baptist Church, Rome
All are welcome.**

First day of Lent is February 26th.

Ashes from burnt psalm are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting. One regular meal and two smaller meals that together don’t equal a full meal.

**Spiritual Leader
Human Sex Trafficking
Speaker Taylor Money
Lunch and Learn**

**Thursday, February 3rd
1:00 to 3:00 pm
at the Good News Center
Free and open to the public.**

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
Provide by the Hope Appeal funds**

Today’s gospel challenges us to be “light to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their “good deeds.”

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



Save the Date

Our Annual Parish wide

St. Patrick's Dinner

Tuesday, March 10th

6 pm in St Peter's Church Hall

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Catered by Eddie's Paramount Diner

More details to follow

Save the Date

ARS will be sponsoring a

"Greet and Meet"

Reception to welcome our
new organist Barry and his wife
Christina Russo

After all the Masses the weekend of

February 22-23rd in

St Peter's Church Hall

Baked goods and beverages

will be served

All are welcome.

Our next scheduled meeting will be

Thursday, March 19th,

Please consider becoming a member of
the Altar Rosary Society. Your time
and talents are needed!!!!!!

The "Merry Makers" Meeting Schedule

- Knitters & Crocheters: Wednesday
- February 12th from 6 to 9 pm.
- Sewing Group: Thursday and Friday
- February 13th and 14th 10 am. to 4 pm.

We need SEWERS to sew at home and/or to sew with us at our monthly meetings. You need not be an expert. If you can sew a straight seam, please consider joining "Merry Makers".

For additional information:

Cate Powers

315-337-2289 315-225-7900



Pope Francis Speaks to FAMILIES!!

Trials lead to God's Glory

We must undergo many trials if we are to enter the kingdom of God (Acts 14:22). The journey of the Church and our own personal journeys as Christians are not always easy; They meet with difficulties and trials. To follow the Lord, to let his Spirit transform the shadowy parts of our lives, our ungodly ways of acting, and cleanse us of our sins, is to set out on a path with many obstacles, both in the world around us but also part of the path that leads to God's glory, just as they were for Jesus who was glorified on the cross; we will always encounter them in life!

Do not be discouraged! We have the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome these trials.

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CENSUS 2020 INFORMATION

**FOR Diocese of Syracuse for week
of 2/2/2020**

What is at Stake for our Communities?

Our community benefits from everyone being counted and we have on chance in a decade in to get it right. The 2020 Census 'impact on our communities is profound. It shapes everything from whether we have fair political representation in Congress to whether our roads, hospitals, schools and fire departments have the funding they need to support our health and well-being for the next decade. A full, accurate counts lays the foundations for a healthy democracy and communities where families thrive and flourish.

Your census information is confidential, and we have a legal and moral responsibility to take part.



Knights of Columbus

Next meeting

Thursday, February 13th at 7 pm
at the Council hall on Ridge St. Rome

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation
Laura Mack

Organist

Office Administration
Sharon Hansen

Administrative Assistant
Sister Rosaire Anne DeMare, CSJ

Maintenance Director
Mark Lagasse

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
Hospital Visitations Jim Flemming

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 inten-
tions each month. To
pray with the Pope
daily

Visit: clicktopray.org

FEBRUARY

*We pray that the cries
of our migrant broth-
ers and sisters, victims
of criminal traffick-
ing, may be heard and
considered.*

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
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Dale Rashford, Trustee
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Joseph Stanton, Trustee
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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	Amanda Gold	Clair Papadametrious
Paula Bailey	John Greene	Jim Pekarski
Raymond Barbar, Jr.	Billy Jo Hidenbrandt	Datie Ponath
Doris Barry	Joshua Hedrington	John Preski
Joseph Beasock III	John Hedrington	John Rank
Karen Bieksza	David Johnston	Pam Riggelman
Ben Boulay	Lena Johnston	Catherine Roman
James Brooks	Paula Johnston	Robert Roman
Kim Casler	Mary Ann Kimmel	Margaret Roser
Lorayne Callicchia	Gary Koster	Lisa Ryder
Stephanie Callicchia	Paul LaSalle	Brian Schilling
Mary Jane Colangelo	Teresa La Salle	Emmalynn Sharrow
Nick Coonrod	Bill Linio	Alexander Simpson
John Cordsen	Lori Losowski	Freja Emily Simpson-
Esther Curran	Anne Lubecki	Kaye Skinner
Alice Dearo	Geoff Marchione	Russell Smith
Tom Delpico	Russell Marchione	Spencer Robert Smith
Barry Dunning	Brian McQueen	Blanche Sweatman
Sarah Eastup	Pat Melioris	Carol Tardugno
Al Eisinger	Angie Messineo	Michael Testa
Paul Eisinger	Joe Migeroll	Anne Toepp
Robyn Engle	Tom Moonan	Dominick Tuzzolino
Bill Evans	Ann Moster	Jim Vacherse
Ron Fazio	Phil Murphy	Alma Walton
Judith Ann Fesner	Beverly Nascio	Vito Waterman
Joan Fiaschetti	Tari-Lyn Orton	John Wright
Diana Fowler	Rpbert Pabis	David Williams
Julianna Fusco	Bill Reese	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Lauri Fusco	Debbie Pacicca	Bob Wood
Michael Gans	Barbara Pazdur	Riley Zabe
Scott Ginsburg	Rachel Pawlikowski	

Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.



**CHRIST THE KING
RETREAT AND
CONFERENCE CENTER**

For all events call: 315-446-2680

Valentine's Day Social, Dinner

and Cabaret Show.
February 14th
Drinks, Delicious dinner,
Entertainment
6 pm \$35 per person.
Help to bring growth, healing and
peace. Seating is limited

Ash Wednesday Day of Prayers

with Sister Donald Corcoran
February 26th 10 am to 3 pm
"Lent: Passage to Easter joy"
Will focus on the Paschal Mystery in
our lives and will includes talks, reflec-
tion time, guided meditation, & sug-
gestions for contemplative living.
Donation \$30 includes lunch.



**The
Good News Center**

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

Reconnect Your Faith Theology Uncorked

A gathering of conversation
for believers, the curious
and the skeptics.
Free, Talk, Food and Wine*
First glass of wine is on the House!
6:30 to 8:00 pm
Hart's Hill Inn, Whitesboro
Thursday, February 20th
Facilitator
Rev. Thomas Servatius
Discussion will be an 'Overview
of Matthew's Gospel

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.*