



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

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Rome, New York 13440

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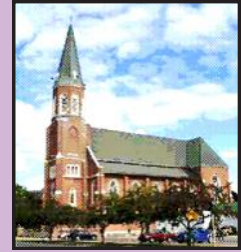
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Pastoral Associates:

Sister Rosaire Anne De Mare, CSJ

Mrs. Laura Mack

February 23, 2020



St. Mary's Oratory

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315-336-5072

St. Peter's Cemetery

E. Dominick Street
315-337-8307

St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty Street
315-336-3110

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Monday, Thursday and Friday
8:00am - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00pm

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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.



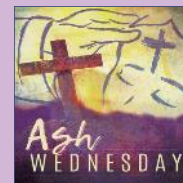
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

"Yo, en cambio, les digo: Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los odian y rueguen por los que los persiguen y calumnian". - Mt 5, 44

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Our Lenten Sacrifices

Days of Abstinence: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays, and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.

Days of Fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

Weekdays of Lent: No obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Easter Duty Obligation: Must be made from the First Sunday in Lent (Feb.26th) through Trinity Sunday (June 7th)

Self Denial: Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, The Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and deeds of mercy and kindness.

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 22, 2020 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle****No 8:00 am Mass**

5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** Charles Hunt by Steve and Pam Hunt
for Vincent Falconio by Anthony, Nickie, Larry and Debbie
and Julius Granacki by Steve Granacki
and Mark Grifasi by Family
and Jay McAdoo (10th anniv) by Mom

Sunday, February 23, 2020 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass Roy Austin, Jr. (8th anniv) by loving family
and Eugene Czajkowski by Doris Kelly
and Joseph and Rebecca Kowaski by Pat DeMatteo
10:00 am Mass for Mary Wilson (birthday) by daughter Donna Allamon
and James Muldoon by Donna Allamon

Monday, February 24, 2020 (Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29)

7:00 am Mass for Vladimir Williams by Mom
and Charlotte Fisher by SAA Class of 1957

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 (Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37)

7:00 am Mass for Toni Belmont by Marion Waite
and Richard McMahan, Jr. by Kathy Miller

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 ASH WEDNESDAY.....DAY of Fast and Abstinence**Ashes will be distributed at all Masses**

7:00 am Mass for Jeanne Palmer by Bonnie Carroll
12:10 pm Mass for LeRue Puhenn by Ines Worlock
6:00 pm Mass for Rose Fenton by Ines Worlock

Thursday, February 27, 2020**Mass scheduled for today****Friday, February 28, 2020 (Is 58:1-9; Mk 9:14-15)**

7:00 am People of the Parish
and Betsy Sunthermer by Marion Waite

Saturday, February 29, 2020 (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)

8:00 am Mass for Jim Muldoon by Mary Simons
5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Jim Scott by Family
and Diana Kozma by Colleen Jerome and Barbara Brady
and James Grifasi by Thomas and David Aquino
and Marguerite Weidenfeller (Birthday) by daughter, Ann

Sunday, March 1, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Edwin Kindler by Juliet James
10:30 am Mass for James Muldoon by Roy Austin III Memorial
and for Joan Cunningham by James Cunningham

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.

*Special collection "Ash Wednesday" 2/26
For the Church in Eastern Europe.*

*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 16, 2020**

St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection	
Regular Collection	\$9,898.76
Electronic Giving	\$748.43
Total	10,647.19
Make ups	\$263.00

Thank you for your support!

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, Feb. 26th, **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. 26th, **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center

Wednesday, Feb. 26th, Scripture Class **on Matthew's Gospel** at 6:00 pm
in St. Peter's Church Hall

Thursday, Feb. 27th, **Baptism Class** at St. Peter's School (St. Aloysius Parish Center)
with Deacon Rosher at 7 pm.

Friday, Feb. 28th, **Stations of the Cross** at 7 pm at St. Paul's Church

Saturday, Feb. 29th, **Nocturnal Adoration** at Transfiguration Church
7 to 8 pm All are welcome.

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

February
Char Rondinelli
Arlene Cordsen

COLLECTION HELPERS

February 23rd
Cindy Thurston Amy Balog
John Sorbello
March 1st
Pat Austin Lisa Austin
Amy Balog

HOSPITAL VISITATION

February 23rd
St. Joseph's Lee Team 7
March 1st
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team 1

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses at St. Peter's Church

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

The Sanctuary Lamp

The week of February 23rd
For **Jackie Baynes** requested by Family
The Week of March 1st
for **Jim and Mark Grifasi** requested by family

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

In Mission of the Christ Child

In Memory of Sister Virginia Dunn SNJM,
Requested by Jim and Elleen Dunn
For William and Theresa Gaffey
Requested by Family
Donation from St. Paul's Social Ministry

Window Fund

For Edwin Kindler requested by
Juliet James

Baptism Class

February 27, 2020 at 7 pm
St. Peter's School, 400 Floyd Ave.
For Questions and more information
Contact the Rectory 315-336-5072

Adult Faith Formation

Classes during Lent

Father O'Brien will be teaching
Monday evenings 6:00 - 6:50 pm
March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th
at St. Peter's School, 400 Floyd Ave.



Faith Formation

Sunday, Feb. 23rd, **First Communion Class** is cancelled

Monday, Feb. 24th, **Grades 1 to 6** from 6 - 7 pm

Monday, Feb. 24th **Grades 7 to 9** from 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 25th **FAMILY FORMATION**
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 26th, **Grades 1 to 6** from 8:00 - 9:00 am

Sunday, March 1st **First Communion Class** from
9:15-10:15 am

Sunday, March 1st 2nd Year **Confirmation Large Group**
10:30 am Mass and class until 1:00 pm

"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

St Peter's Church Hall

Baked goods and beverages

will be served by the Altar Rosary Society

All are welcome.

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Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend says all the Catholic rituals aren't necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?

Your friend is correct about heaven: God wishes the salvation of everyone—not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium], 13). Even so, Catholics believe—and Christ taught us—that certain rituals are necessary to enter heaven. Baptism is one example. But being Catholic isn't just about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound!

Take the Mass: Holy Communion gives us Jesus Christ's very Body and Blood. The Sacrament of Reconciliation absolves our sins, bringing us peace, comfort, and a closer relationship to God. Our saints and the Blessed Mother inspire us and intercede on our behalf. Our Church leaders—ordained and religious—bring Christ to our lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way. Your priest and the Catechism of the Catholic Church can explain in detail the spiritual and temporal benefits of our rituals and rich traditions.

Once we get to heaven, the need for distinctions among those of different Christian faiths dissolves. But until then, we shouldn't follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it's the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to.

So while "all the Catholic rituals" do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can't find anywhere else. I thank God for my Catholicism every day—and you should, too.

CENSUS 2020 INFORMATION

What is at Stake for our Communities?

Our community benefits from everyone being counted and we have one chance in a decade 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 count 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.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Provided by the Hope Appeal Funds

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be *FAMILY* to others.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On behalf of the Parishes of Rome it is our privilege to welcome

Sister Donald Corcoran, OSB
from the Transfiguration Monastery, Windsor, NY

For a Pre-Lenten Retreat

Monday and Tuesday,

February 24 & 25th 6:30 pm

St. John the Baptist Church, Rome

Sister is a Benedictine nun well known throughout our diocese as one who teaches, lectures, a spiritual director and much more. Sister Donald holds a doctorate in Thomas Merton Spirituality and the early Fathers.

Saturday and Sunday

Sister will speak at all the Masses

All are welcome.



**FOR LENT
FOR LIFE**

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
CRS RICE BOWL**

Lent is a 40-day Journey of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving
Each day during Lent the Rice Bowl invites us to reflect on how your Lenten sacrifices can help families around the world overcome the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition. Through the CRS Rice Bowl you help reach more than 127 Million people with life saving support.

The Rice Bowls are at the Church entrances. Please take one and put it on your dinner table or kitchen counter.

Encourage everyone to donate to the bowl. There is a prayer on it...so at the end of each day families can pray together.

There are stories and a calendar in the bowl for your use too.
By Easter your bowl should be full of pennies and nickels.....bring it to Church and we will forward it to Catholic Relief Services.

So Pray.. Fast.. and .. Give.. generously

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 19th, at 6:00pm with a covered dish supper.

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

The "Merry Makers" Meeting Schedule

Knitters & Crocheters: Wednesday 6 to 9 pm.

Sewing Group: Thursday and Friday 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



The Passion of Jesus Adapted from the Gospels of Matthew and John

On Friday evening March 6th, all are welcome to join us at 7:00 at St. Peter's Church in Rome for an hour presentation on the "Passion of Jesus adapted from the Gospels of Mathew and John." Through a narrative and songs, "the Exodus", a Christian contemporary singing group directed by Paul O'Neil, from the Eastern Region of the Diocese of Syracuse, invites all who attend to reflect with us on the Passion of Jesus. This presentation will provide an opportunity for everyone to enter more deeply into the event of Palm Sunday and the day we call Good Friday.



Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday

Masses at 7:00 am and 12:10 pm
Evening Mass at 6:00 pm
St. Peter's Church
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

City Wide Stations of Cross

Friday's at 7:00 pm

February 28th	St. Paul's
March 6th	Transfiguration
March 13th	St. Peter's
March 20th	St. Joseph's Lee Center
March 17th	Transfiguration
April 3rd	St. Peter's

The Light is ON  for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, April 6th from 4 - 7 pm
At all our Churches

Holy Thursday April 9th

Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00 pm
St. Paul's Church

Good Friday April 10th

City Wide Service at 3:00 pm
St. Peter's Church

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass April 11th

8 pm St. Peter's Church

Easter Sunday Masses April 12th

Celebrating the Risen Lord
8:00 am and 10:00 am St. Peter's Church



Knights of Columbus
Next meeting Thursday, at 7 pm
K of C Council Hall on Ridge Street

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation
Laura Mack

Organist

Office Administration
Sharon Hansen

Administrative Assistant
Sister Rosaire Anne DeMare, CSJ

Maintenance Director
Mark Lagasse

Organist
Barry Russo

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 * Lectors
Eucharistic Minister
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

FEBRUARY

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, 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
Joseph Maurer, Trustee
St. Peter'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 Roshier

Let us remember our family, friends and parishioners in our prayers

Georgie Amodio	Gail Greene	Clair Papadamtrious
Paula Bailey	Donald Hartman	Debbie Pacicca
Raymond Barbar, Jr	Billy Jo Hidenbrandt	Clair Papadamtrious
Ben Boulay.	Joshua Hedrington	Jim Pekarski
Doris Barry	John Hedrington	Barbara Pazdur
Joseph Beasock III	John Hinman	Robert Pabis
Karen Bieksza	Barbara Joanis	Rachel Pawlikowski
James Brooks	David Johnston	Datie Ponath
Lorayne Callichia	Carol Johnston	John Preski
Stephanie Callichia	Lena Johnston	Patrick Quinn
Mary Carmody	Paula Johnston	James Rank
Mary Jane Colangelo	Jenny Kemp	Dale Rashford
Nick Coonrod	Jenny Kenny	Bill Reese
John Cordsen	Mary Ann Kimmel	Pam Riggelman
Esther Curran	Gary Koster	Catherine Roman
Alice Dearo	Paul LaSalle	Robert Roman
Tom Delpico	Teresa La Salle	Lisa Ryder
Barry Dunning	Bill : " Dobbie" Link	Kelly Sabia
Sarah Eastup	Father Vincent Long	Brian Schilling
Al Eisinger	Lori Losowski	Emmalynn Sharrow
Paul Eisinger	Anne Lubecki	Alexander Simpson
Robyn Engle	Geoff Marchione	Freja Emily Simpson-
Bill Evans	Russell Marchione	Kaye Skinner
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Judith Ann Fesner	David, Liz and Mitzi	Spencer Robert Smith
Joan Fiaschetti	Marcelletta	Blanche Sweatman
Diana Fowler	Brian McQueen	Anne Toepp
Julianna Fusco	Angie Messineo	Dominick Tuzzolino
Lauri Fusco	Joe Migeroll	Alma Walton
Aususta Ginsburg	Tom Moonan	Vito Waterman
Scott Ginsburg	Ann Moster	John Wright
Michael Gans	Phil Murphy	David Williams
Amanda Gold	Beverly Nasci	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
John Greene	Tari-Lyn Orton	Bob Wood

Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.



**CHRIST THE KING
RETREAT AND
CONFERENCE CENTER**

For all events call: 315-446-2680

**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 include talks, reflection time, guided meditation, & suggestions for contemplative living.
Donation \$30 includes lunch.

**Youth Adult Evening
with Father Nathan Brooks**

Wednesday,
February 26th 6 pm to 8:30 pm
at Christ the King
"How to enter into Lent with a prayerful attitude."
Life can be complicated but let's try to un-complicate Lent so that we can be transformed this Lent.
There is no charge



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

DON'T GIVE UP ON ME

An evening with
DARRYL STRAWBERRY
Life after baseball
Tuesday, May 5, 2020
Hart's Hill INN
Doors open at 5:30 pm
6 to 7 Autograph signing
Dinner at 7 pm
Memorabilia Raffle
Tickets \$75.00
"I finally have found my purpose in life" To purchase tickets call 315-735-6210

LUNCHEON SERIES

THURSDAY, February 27th
11 am to 1 pm
Father Kaminski will share reflections
Cost: \$12 Please 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 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.