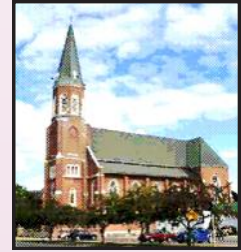




St. Mary's /St. Peter's Parish
 200 N. James Street
 Rome, New York 13440
 Pastor: Father Sean P. O'Brien

March 8, 2020



St. Mary's Oratory
 210 W. Liberty Street
 315-336-5072

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 E. Dominick Street
 315-337-8307
St. Mary's Cemetery
 W. Liberty Street
 315-336-3110

Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Roshier

Pastoral Associates:
 Sister Rosaire Anne De Mare, CSJ
 Mrs. Laura Mack



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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..



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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: Easter duty is the obligation of Catholics to receive Communion at least once a year during the Easter season. If a baptized person has sinned in a grave manner, there is a requirement that they go to confession before receiving Communion. Must be made from the First Sunday in Lenten(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.

Abstinence: no meat for those over 14 years of age.
Fast and Abstinence: a full meal (ages 18 through 59) and no meat (14 years of age and over).

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**Saturday, March 7, 2020 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs (Dt 25: 16-19; Mt 5:43-48)**

8:00 am Mass for Edward Lanigan by Mary and Tom Schantz

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Jim and Mark Grifasi by family; Diane Kozma and Barbara Cole by Pat DeMatteo; Lisa A. Casapulla by Bob and Josephine Polce

Sunday, March 8, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Mass for Jane A. Martin (anniv) by Fred Martin; Maureen Watson (11th anniv) by children Frank Calicchia (anniv) by Lorayn and Nick

10:30 am for John Dickson by mother; Carl Massett, Jr. (birthday) by Family; James Muldoon by Pat Austin

Monday, March 9, 2020 St. Francis of Rome (Dn 9-4b, Lk 6:36-38)

7:00 am Mass for Bob Peach by Ann Peach-Lynch

12:10 pm Mass for Jean Moles by Wayne and Kathy Arsenault

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 (Is 1:10; Mt 23:1-12)

7:00 am Mass for Dorothy Tarbania by Ann Peach Lynch

12:10 pm Mass for Joe Simons (Birthday) by Wife, Mary

Wednesday March 11, 2020 (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)

7:00 am Mass for Eugene Czajkowski by Sprock Family

12:10 pm Mass for Joseph Chubbuch by Mom & Dad & Family

Friday, March 13, 2020 (Gen37-3-4, 12-13b, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)

7:00 am Mass for People of the Parish

12:10 pm Mass for Mary Kay Burns Hubbard by Rita Stone

Saturday, March 14, 2020 (Mt. 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-31)

8:00 am Mass for Kimberly Casler by Peter & Julie Sestito

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Lerue Purhenn (Wedding Anniv) by Wife Nancy; James Grifasi by Anthony & Linda Spado; Tony Zukowski (30 day) by Shirley Zakala

Sunday, March 15, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Mass for Alston J. Huey (Anniv) by Family; Ted Ferlo (Birthday) by Dorothea & Paul Iselo; Jane Ferlo-Gualtieri by Dorothea & Paul Iselo; Kay and Lambert Kunkel by Family

10:30 am Mass for Thomas A. Barry (Birthday) by Kevin, Mary Ellen, Meredith & Dean;

Thomas Barry, Sr. (45th Anniv) by Jim and Mary Anne Kenn; Dick Kenny (28th Anniv) by Jim & Mary Ann Kenny

**Please remember our family, friends and parishioners in our prayers**

Georgie Amodio
Paula Bailey
Raymond Barbar, Jr
Ben Boulay.
Doris Barry
Joseph Beasock III
Karen Bieksza
James Brooks
Lorayne Calliichia
Stephanie Callichia
Mary Carmody
Mary Jane Colangelo
Nick Coonrod
John Cordsen
Esther Curran
Alice Dearo
Tom Delpico
Barry Dunning
Sarah Eastup

Al Eisinger
Paul Eisinger
Robyn Engle
Bill Evans
Ron Fazio
Judith Ann Fesner
Joan Fiaschetti
Diana Fowler
Julianna Fusco
Lauri Fusco
Aususta Ginsburg
Scott Ginsburg
Michael Gans
Amanda Gold
John Greene
Gail Greene
Donald Hartman
Billy Jo Hidenbrandt
Joshua Hedington

John Hedington
John Hinman
Barbara Joanis
David Johnston
Carol Johnson
Lena Johnston
Paula Johnston
Jenny Kemp
Mary Ann Kimmel
Gary Koster
Paul LaSalle
Teresa La Salle
Bill :." Dobbie" Link
Lori Losowski
Anne Lubecki
Geoff Marchione
Russell Marchione
Mary McAdoo
Pat Melioris
David, Liz and Mitzi
Marcelletta

Brian McQueen
Angie Messineo
Joe Migeroll
Tom Moonan
Ann Moster
Phil Murphy
Beverly Nasci
Tari-Lyn Orton
Clair Papadamtrious
Debbie Pacicca
Barbara Pazdur
Robert Pabis
Clair Papadametrious
Jim Pekarski
Rachel Pawlikowski
Datie Ponath
John Preski
Patrick Quinn
James Rank
Dale Rashford
Bill Reese

Catherine Roman
Robert Roman
Lisa Ryder
Kelly Sabia
Brian Schilling
Emmalynn Sharrow
Alexander Simpson
Freja Emily Simpson
Kaye Skinner
Russell Smith
Spencer Robert Smith
Blanche Sweatman
Anne Toepp
Dominick Tuzzolino
Alma Walton
Vito Waterman
John Wright
Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Bob Wood

Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.

EUCCHARISTIC FAST

**means to fast one hour from
foods and liquids before receiving Holy Communion .
Water and medicine never breaks the fast.**

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, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
 7:00 am & 12:10 pm
 Saturday 8:00 am
Holydays 7:00am, 12:10pm and 5:30 pm Vigil

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION
 Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm 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 visit the hospital almost
 everyday.

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation: Laura Mack
Organist: Barry Russo
Office Administration: Sharon Hansen
Administrative Assistant: Sister Rosaire Anne DeMare, CSJ
Bulletin: Kathy Miller
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: Barbara 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.

PARISH COUNCIL
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 Ginny Craiglow
 Sister Rosaire Anne De Mare * Edward Donohue
 Doug Holdridge * Carol Kaun * Joan Lamb * Laura Mack
 Marguerite Maurer * Patrick Reilly * Deacon Nicholas Roshier

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
 The week of March 8th
 For **Fred Pacicca, Jr.** by wife and children
 The week of March 15th
 For Phillip Goetz, Jr.

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE
March : Mary Ellen Utter Ashley Engle

COLLECTION HELPERS
March 8th: Ann Copperwheat Nancy Reilly
March 15th: Kathy Montague Jenine Damon

HOSPITAL VISITATION
March 8th: St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team 2
March 15: St. John's Team 3

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS
In Mission of the Christ Child
 Donation from Bettina Favata

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



*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



March 1, 2020	
St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection	
Regular Collection	\$9,943.32
Electronic Giving	\$750.35
Total	\$10,693.67
Make ups	\$407.00
Black & Native American	\$1,103.00
<i>Thank you for your support!</i>	

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, March 11th, **Scripture Class on St. Matthew** at 6:00 pm in St. Peter's Church Hall

Wednesday, March 11th, **Scripture Sharing** to reflect on the Readings for Sunday
Liturgy at 10:00 am in St. Peter's Church Hall. All are Welcome

Wednesday, March 11th **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center



Faith Formation

Sunday, March 8th, **First Communion Class** from
9:15-10:15 am

Sunday, March 8th, **9th Grade Evening of Reflection**
5 to 8 pm at the former
St. Peter's School 400 Floyd Ave
(St. Aloysius Parish Center)

Monday, March 9th, **Grades 1-6** from 6 to 7 pm

Monday, March 9th, **Grades 7-9** from 7:30 -8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 11th., **Grades 1 to 6** from 8 to 9 am

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

Adult Faith Formation

Classes during Lent

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

IGNITE 2020

12th Annual Men's Conference

"Take Refuge in the Lord"

March 28, 2020

8 am with Mass at 9 am
at the SRC Arena at

Onondaga Community College

Registration is ongoing:

www.ignitecatholicmen.org

Bishop Lucia will join nearly 1000 men from our local parishes for a day of prayer and inspirational speakers:

- ◆ NFL Quarterback Chris Greison,
- Father Thomas Petri, OP, Dean of the Dominican House of Studies
- ◆ Steve Ray, Author

For questions and other information, call
Joe Foley at 315-336-5767

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Our next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 19th @ 6:00pm in the church hall. Please bring a dish to pass[Irish related if possible] & bring a friend!!!! We will be discussing our calendar of events & other brain storming topics.

As always we ask the ladies of our parish to attend one of our meetings to see what we are all about. We are a fun & very productive group of ladies who would enjoy meeting you!!! Time & talent is always welcomed!!!

The Altar Rosary Society is always welcoming new members to join our organization. We are a productive and fun group of ladies and would love to see you come to see what we are all about. Your time and talents are needed!!!!!!

The "Merry Makers" Meeting Schedule

Knitters & Crocheters: Wednesday
March 11th from 6 to 9 pm.

Sewing Group: Thursday and Friday
March 12th & 13th from 10 am. to 4 pm.
Lunch will be provided

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

We received a note from Rome City School District:

From a very grateful heart. Thank you so much for all you do. The hats, mittens, wheelchair bags were a huge hit with our kids. Girls all have the hair ties. We are all grateful to you.

Rome City School District Nurses



**FOR LENT
FOR LIFE**

**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 you 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

**the
CATHOLIC SUN**

February is Catholic Press Month, a time aside each year to recognize the Catholic press' unique and essential role in sharing the truths of our faith and stories of those who live it, including those right in our own parish. For more than 125 years, since the very first issue in 1892, the Catholic Sun has done just that, serving its readers with Catholic news, views and teachings.

The Catholic Sun depends on parish subscriptions to continue its critical mission. That's why the Sun team will mark this Catholic Press month with a subscription campaign aimed at ensuring its work can continue for another 125 years.

There are **subscription envelopes** at the church entrances, which you can make a donation and fill them out. If you have already made a donation earlier in the month we will register your name.

We thank you in advance for our efforts to help the Catholic Sun to continue to share the Good News and light of Christ with all our brothers and sisters.



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

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
St. Peter's Church**

(All Parish Priests will be available)

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, March 12
at 7 pm
K of C Council Hall on Ridge Street**

Dear Padre,

*Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking,,
or is he talking about life in heaven?*

The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately. I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm no fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection. So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing.

Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

Hospice and Palliative Care

Services available

When someone is seriously ill or are suffering from the pain that comes from dealing with loss. Hospice and Palliative Care are a resource for you. If you have a family member who needs guidance for themselves or a loved one, we can help. Contact Joanne Moskal 315-735-6484 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

March Intention

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



**CHRIST THE KING
RETREAT AND
CONFERENCE CENTER**

For all events call: 315-446-2680

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24-26

Women's Ignatian Retreat with
Joann Heaney

May 10th

Mother's Day Mass
and Breakfast

May 22-24

Recovery Retreat

May 31-June 4th Yoga Retreat

June 6th

Retreat on Anthony De Mello with
Sister Ellie Martinez

June 8-12th

Clergy Retreat

**"DON'T GIVE UP
ON ME"**

**An evening with
Darryl Strawberry**

Life after baseball.

*I finally found my purpose
in life"*

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

6 to 7 pm Autograph signing

Dinner at 7 pm

Memorabilia Raffle Tickets

\$75

Call the Good News Center for
tickets (315-735-6210)

Or visit the goodnewscenter.org

**BEREAVEMENT
GROUP**

at St. Paul's Parish Center

March 22, 2020 at 2:00 pm

For Information:

Call Celeste 315-794-9851



**The
Good News Center**

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

Luncheon.....

preparing for Holy Week

presented by Father Nathan
Brooks

He will be walking us through
Holy Week and giving us some
tools so we can enter more fully
into Holy Week and be prepared
for Jesus to enter our lives a much
fuller and in a richer way on
Easter Sunday.

April 2nd from 11 am to 1 pm

Cost \$10 . Please register.

Day of Prayer and Reflection

With Mass and confession

May 16th from 10:15 am to 5 pm

Given by Father MeKeon, SJ

"Growing in Gratitude"

and "Fruits of the Holt Spirit"

**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.*