



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

*January 3, 2021*



**St. Peter's Church**  
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**Office Hours:**  
 Monday \* Tuesday  
 Thursday \* Friday  
 9:00am - 12:00pm \* 1:00-4:00 pm  
 Wednesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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 Online at:  
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 Email: [spcdre@twcny.rr.com](mailto:spcdre@twcny.rr.com)

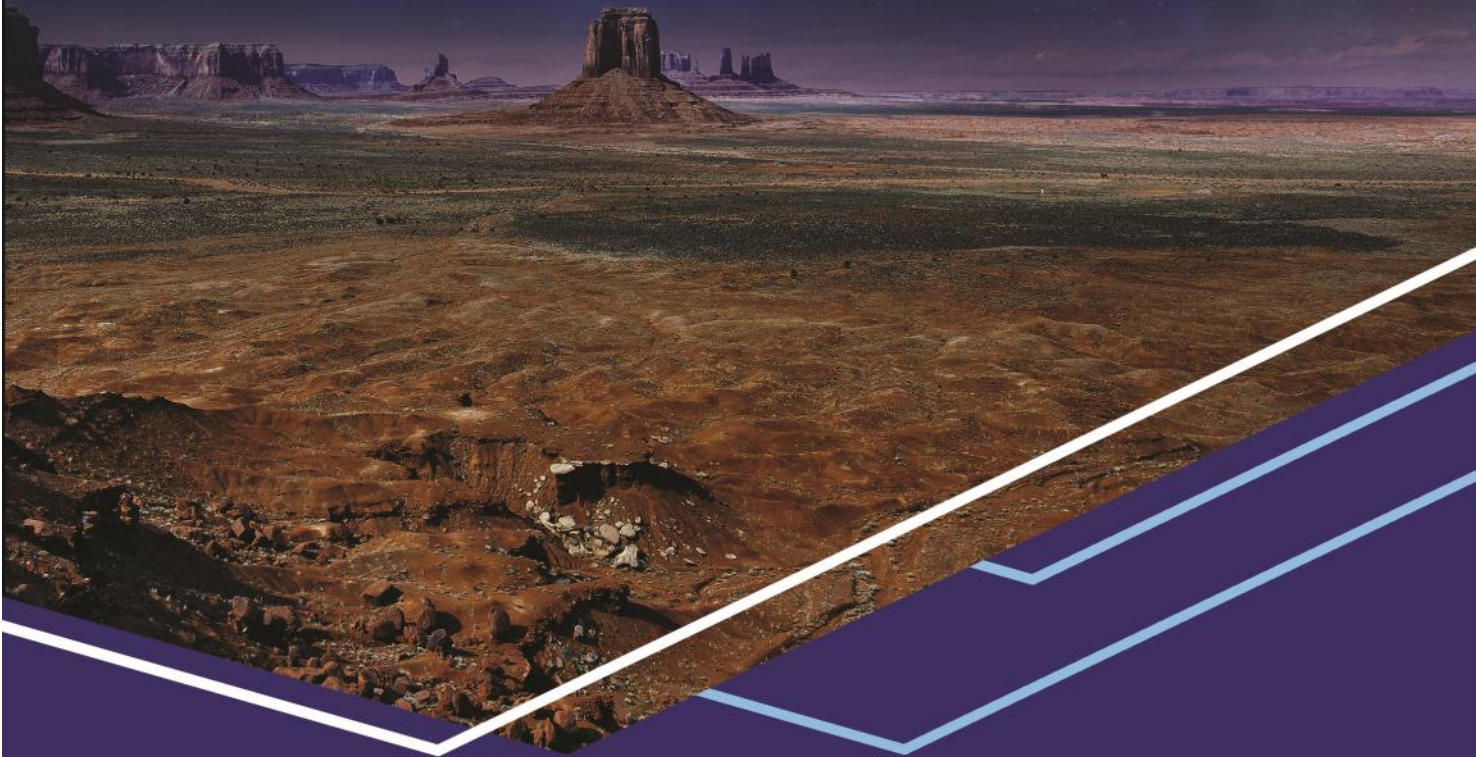
Parochial Vicar: Father Bernard Menard  
 Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher  
 Pastoral Associate: Laura Mack

Visit us online at:  
[www.stmarysstpeters.com](http://www.stmarysstpeters.com)



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

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



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

**St. Peter's Parish, Rome, New York**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 2, 2021 Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops of the Church (1Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)**

8:00 am Mass for **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SPROCK FAMILY** by the Sprock Family  
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for **DAVID M. BOVI** by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pileckas \* **JOSEPH FOLEY** by the Faith Formation Team  
**JOAN STAHLBERGER** by Judy Destito

**Sunday, January 3, 2021 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)**

*Today's Mass will be available online at: [www.stmarysstpeters.com](http://www.stmarysstpeters.com)*

7:30 am Mass for **MARIAN NILES** by Kathy Miller  
 10:00 am Mass for **SHIRLEY LYMAN** by Dennis & Joan Bellinger \* **CAROL KARPINSKI** by Michael & Sheila Henry  
 6:00 pm Mass for **MARY BULGER** by Joseph & Mary Bokol

**Monday, January 4, 2021 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seoan, Religious (1Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)**

7:00 am Mass for **IRVING STONE** by Richard Ondrako

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Saint John Neumann, Bishop (1Jn 4:7-10; Mt 6:34-44)**

7:00 am Mass for **ROBERT WOOD** by Fred & Pam Rahmer

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021 Saint Andre Bessette, Religious (1Jn 4:11-18; Mt 6:45-52)**

7:00 am Mass for **VIRGINIA CAPPONI** by Ginny Craiglow & Joan Rosenburgh

**Thursday, January 7, 2021 Christmas Weekday (1Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22)**

7:00 am Mass for **ANN HINTON** by Margaret & Carly Bovi

**Friday, January 8, 2021 Christmas Weekday (1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)**

7:00 am Mass for **JOSEPH FOLEY** (30 days) by Alane and Sarah \* **JOHN RHUDE** by Family  
**ROBERT MacDONALD** by Daughter \* **JOHN ROBERTS** by Loving Family

**Saturday, January 9, 2021 Christmas Weekday (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)**

8:00 am Mass for **SISTER PATRICIA BRENNAN, SNJM** by Joanne Gaffey  
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for **JOHN & MARGARET BALFORT IN REMEMBRANCE** by Family  
**AGNES FALCONIO** by Anthony and Nickie

**Sunday, January 10, 2021 BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Is 55:1-11; 1Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11)**

*Today's Mass will be available online at: [www.stmarysstpeters.com](http://www.stmarysstpeters.com)*

7:30 am Mass for **JOHN A. BARRY** by John & Sheila Wilson \* **BEN DILIBERTO** by Margaret & Carly Bovi  
 10:00 am Mass for **DAVID M. BOVI** by Steve & Michele Granacki \* **MORGAN E. SMITH** by the Zelesnikar Family  
 6:00 pm Mass for the **PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S/ST. PETER'S**

**Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation from St. Peter's Church  
 will be available on the parish website: [www.stmarysstpeters.com](http://www.stmarysstpeters.com).**

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

Georgie Amodio	Bill Evans	Jessa Johnson	Tom Meyers	Kelly Sabia
Jayne Atwood	Carol Fasick	Carol Johnson	Michael Mizgala	Jacqueline Schachte
Paula Bailey	Ron Fazio	Lena Johnston	Ann Moster	John Schachte
Raymond Barbar, Jr	Judith Ann Fesner	Megan Jones	Phil Murphy	Brian Schilling
Joseph Beasock III	Joan Fiaschetti	Jennie Kemp	Beverly Nasci	Thomas Serra
Karen Bieksza	T. Kathleen Flemming	Paul LaSalle	Tari-Lyn Orton	Emmalynn Sharrow
Mary Ann Boucher	Diana Fowler	Teresa LaSalle	Debbie Pacicca	Alexander Simpson
James Brooks	Julianna Fusco	Bill ." Dobbie" Link	Clair Papadametrious	Freja Emily Simpson
Lorayne Calicchia	Lauri Fusco	Lori Losowski	Rachel Pawlikowski	Russell Smith
Stephanie Calicchia	Augusta Ginsburg	Anne Lubecki	Barbara Pazdur	Spencer Robert Smith
Mary Carmody	Scott Ginsburg	Nicole Mathe	Jim Pekarski	Gabriel Streiff
Annie Cimo	Amanda Gold	David, Liz & Mitzi	Carol Piatt	Blanche Sweatman
Nick Coonrod	Gail Greene	Marcelletta	Datie Ponath	Anne Toepp
John Cordsen	Donald Hartman	Geoff Marchione	Patrick Quinn	Dominick Tuzzolino
Tom Delpico	John Hedrington	Russell Marchione	James Rank	James Van Damme
Barry Dunning	Joshua Hedrington	John Massett	Bill Reese	Vito Waterman
Sarah Eastup	William Herrig, Jr.	Patrick McLaughlin	Catherine Roman	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Al Eisinger	Billy Jo Hildenbrandt	Brian McQueen	Robert Roman	John Wright
Paul Eisinger	Barbara Joanis	Joe Migeroll	Lisa Ryder	Bernice Young
Robyn Engle				

*Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.*

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**  
**All Masses at St. Peter's Church**

**SATURDAY** Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
**SUNDAYS** 7:30 am \* 10:00 am \* 6:00 pm  
**WEEKDAYS** Monday through Friday 7:00 am  
 Saturday 8:00 am  
**HOLYDAYS** 5:30 pm Vigil \* 7:00 am \* 12:10 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**  
Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or by Appointment

**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 VISITATION**  
Since COVID, our visitations have been restricted "until further notice." But it still keeps us informed for the family member to continue to indicate the person being admitted to the hospital, is a Catholic & belongs to a certain parish.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**  
Will burn the week of **January 3 & 10**  
for **Peter & Patricia Charney** by Simpson Family

**MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS**  
Mission of the Christ Child  
**In Memory of**

**Shirley Campbell** requested by  
Diane & Richard Mumpton

**Kathleen Skinner** requested by  
Christine Betrus  
Mary Felice  
Patricia C. Wyman  
Janice & Richard Reif

Misc Donations  
Frank & Carol Riolo  
William & Mary Carmel Wolf  
St. Paul's Social Ministry  
Alliance Paving Materials  
Anonymous

**PARISH STAFF**

**Director of Faith Formation:** Laura Mack  
**Organist:** Barry Russo  
**Office Administration:** Sharon Hansen  
**Administrative Assistant & Bulletin:** Kathy Miller  
**Maintenance Director:** Mark Lagasse  
**Cemetery Superintendent:** Kate Stephan  
**Communications/Media:** Joseph Stanton

**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  
**ASL Interpreters:** Mary Margaret VanDamme  
 Gabby Griffin

Volunteers are needed as: Altar Servers \* Lectors  
 Eucharistic Ministers \* Ushers  
 Choir \* Greeters  
 Please call the rectory for more information.

**PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Father Sean O'Brien, Pastor**

**President:** Kevin Barry  
**Trustees:** Dale Rashford, St. Mary's  
 Bernard Kaier, St. Mary's  
 Joseph Maurer, St. Peter's  
 Vacant, St. Peter's

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
**SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
St. Peter's School, 400 Floyd Ave., Rome, New York

**ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE**

**January:** Mary Ann Cox \* Mary Ellen Flanagan  
**February:** Char Rondinelli \* Mary Ellen Utter

**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.

**St. Mary's /St. Peter's Collection**  
**December 21, 2020**

Regular Collection	\$7,417.00
Electronic Giving:	\$1,231.41
Make ups:	\$ 920.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,568.41</b>

**PLEASE NOTE: COLLECTION  
FOR DECEMBER 25th & 27th;  
JANUARY 1st & 3rd WILL BE IN THE  
BULLETIN OF JANUARY 10th.**

**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](http://stmarysstpeters.com) and locate **DONATE** in the menu. Questions? Give us a call: 315-336-5072



## **Faith Formation**

*Out of an abundance of caution,  
we are suspending in-person  
Faith Formation and  
Sacramental Preparation classes  
until January, 2021.*

Please visit the Faith Formation website:

[www.smspfaith.com](http://www.smspfaith.com)

and follow St. Mary's/St. Peter's  
Faith Formation Facebook  
page for the latest updates  
regarding our schedule/program

If you have any questions or concerns,  
Please contact the Faith Formation Office:  
(315) 336-5066  
*Thank you!*

**REMINDER: LECTORS,  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
AND ALTAR SERVERS  
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR MASS  
SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY, 2021  
IN THE SACRISTY.**

## Altar Rosary Society

### ALTAR ROSARY MEETING

*NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN  
JANUARY & FEBRUARY  
ALTAR ROSARY WILL RESUME IN MARCH.*

*The ladies of the Altar Rosary Society wish you Love,  
Peace, Health & Happiness in the coming New Year.*

If 2021 permits the ARS anticipates resuming  
our traditional "Calendar of Events" as follows:

\***March:** Our parish wide catered St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
[by Eddie's Paramount Diner].

\***April:** Palm Sunday weekend.

The bi-annual **Bake Sale & Article Sale**

We are always looking for ladies of our parish to attend one  
of our meetings to see what we are all about.

Your time & talents are welcomed.

We are a fun & productive group of ladies  
who sponsor various fundraisers throughout the year.

### THE MERRY MAKERS

#### Knitters & Crocheters' Meeting

#### Sewing Group Meeting

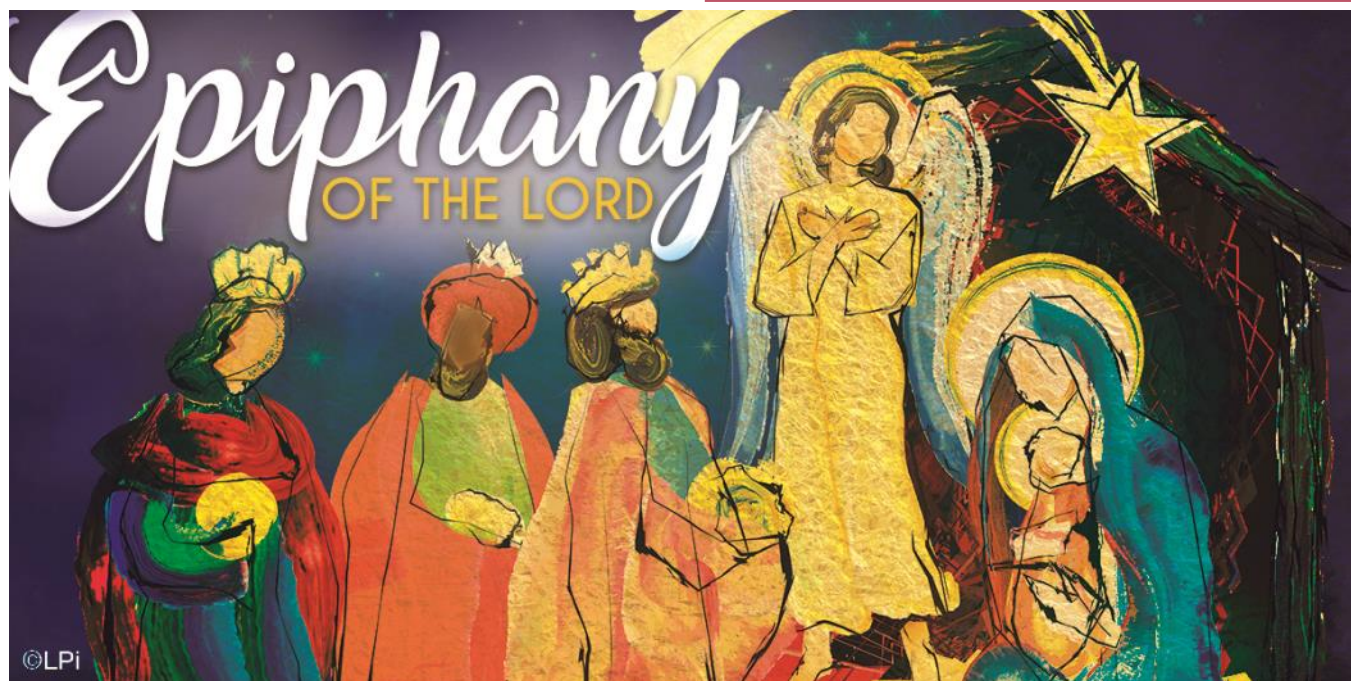
**SEWERS:** We have lots of beautiful fabric, but we need  
sewers and people to help cut patterns.

Sew at your own pace at home when you have some time to  
work, knowing you are helping to improve someone else's  
quality of life.

If you would like to **sew at home**, we will supply you with  
*ready to sew* items to assemble,  
with instructions

For additional information:

Cate Powers 315-337-2289 315-225-7900



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

**Epiphany Sunday (Mt. 2:1-12)**


The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Do not let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children




**MOTHER MARIANNE'S WEST SIDE SOUP KITCHEN**

St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's Church in Utica is seeking a dedicated individual for the position of Director of Mother Marianne's West Side Soup Kitchen. The position will require volunteer support and recruiting, overseeing the preparation of meals and gentle attention to our guests. Flexible hours. Small stipend for this ministry of love. Call Mary Stronach for further details at (315) 796-9284

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH  
THE LAST SUPPER  
WINDOW ORNAMENT**  
  
**TO ORDER THE LAST SUPPER  
WINDOW ORNAMENT  
PLEASE CONTACT DIANE SJODAHL  
AT (315) 271-1880  
OR EMAIL [dsjodah@gmail.com](mailto:dsjodah@gmail.com).**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**   
  
The Knights are looking for interested Catholic males over 18 to join and help us support our area churches and community.  
  
For Information to learn about the Knights call (315) 337-4010 or join online at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and use *Council 391*.

**ADORATION  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
AT TRANSFIGURATION  
Church Chapel**   
Adoration times will be from 7 am to 9 pm with 2 adorers required for each hour.  
To sign up or for questions call Bernadette Kapps at 315-337-5439.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP  
at St. Paul's Parish Center**  
  
Meetings are held the second Sunday of the month.  
For Information:  
Call Celeste 315-794-9851

**2021  
IGNITE MEN'S RETREAT**  
Saturday, March 20th 8:00am-2:30 pm  
**St. Peter's Church**  
Streamed from place to place  
Cost: \$25.00  
Contact: Eric Stutmann at (315) 264-7828

**Dear Padre,**

*A friend who is a fundamentalist insists Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I say there's no way it could have. Who is right?*

Catholics believe each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there is a saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there is a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably did not happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true king, the light to all nations, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

—Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR



**Pope Francis** asks us to pray for one of his published intentions each month.

To pray with the Pope daily, visit: [clicktopray.org](http://clicktopray.org)

**JANUARY INTENTIONS**

**Evangelization and for Human Fraternity.**

***Lord, give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.***



10475 Cosby Manor Road, Utica, New York



**SEPARATED & DIVORCED  
SUPPORT GROUP**

**Every other Sunday from 6:30-8:30 pm**  
***Finding help and healing for the hurt of  
separation and divorce.***

The Separated and Divorced group is here for you and led by people who have gone through it and know what you are dealing with. This confidential group is FREE and open to anyone trying to rebuild their life after the pain of a broken relationship.

**THE THIRD OPTION**

**Every other Sunday 6:30-8:30 pm**  
The Third Option is a FREE confidential skills-based group program that helps participants build stronger, more fulfilling relationships  
Open to the public. Come together or individually.

**WOMEN AT THE WELL**

**Last Tuesday of Each Month 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**SISTER ELLEN SCHOPFER** Facilitator  
All Christian woman of any age are invited to come to *Women of the Well* to enrich their awareness of God in their life and become more attentive to the ways He nourishes them each day.

**PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES**

**PRESENTER: MICHELLE HOLLIDAY**

The primary goal is to provide hope through education and support for parents and other family members dealing with addicted loved ones by offering confidential peer support. Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) is a national organization founded in Arizona by a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor

**Every other Monday 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**Beginning November 2, 2020**  
**Reservations are required**

**GRIEF SURVIVORS**

***A Grief Recovery Support Group***

If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. That's the reason for Grief Survivors, a support group for those grieving the loss of someone close. It's such a relief to talk to folks who are going through what you are. They get it. They understand.  
**Every other Tuesday 6:00-7:30 pm**

**At The Good News Center**

For more information contact: The Good News Center at 315-735-6210 or visit us at [www.thegoodnewscenter.org](http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org)