



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

December 13, 2020



**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

**St. Peter's Church**

200 N. James Street  
 Rome, NY 13440

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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

**Religious Education**

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

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



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
**OF ADVENT**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 12, 2020 Our Lady of Guadalupe (Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47)**

8:00 am Mass for **BOB ROOD** by Mom

5:00 pm Vigil Mass **PATRICIA CHARNEY** (Birthday) by Family \* **JAMES CORNISH** by Wife, Dawn  
**FRANK J. O'BRIEN** by Family \* **LYNNIE ZELLER** by Faith Formation

**Sunday, December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1Thes 5:16:24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)**

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

7:30 am Mass for **IRENE MEYERS** (Anniv) by Family

10:00 am Mass for **CAROL KAUN** by Friends \* **RONALD GUGLIELMO** by Angie Guglielmo

**EDWARD LANIGAN** (1st Anniv) by Kathy Oliver

6:00 pm Mass for **BRYAN MacLAUGHLIN** by The Arthur Zelesnikar Family

**Monday, December 14, 2020 St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

*(Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Lk 5:17-26)*

7:00 am Mass for **VLADIMIR WILLIAMS** by Mom \* **JEANNE PALMER** by Friends

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Advent Weekday (Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:86-32)**

7:00 am Mass for **KAREN DEANE** (Birthday) by Charlotte Young \* **JOSEPH E. McMAHON** (Anniv) by Martha

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020 Advent Weekday (Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23)**

7:00 am Mass for **FRANCES GALLUPPI** (Birthday) by Dorothea & Paul Iselo

**GARY BINKIEWICZ** by Arthur Zelesnikar Family \* **JEAN ERNENWEIN** (Anniv) by Judy Ernenwein

**Thursday, December 17, 2020 Advent Weekday (Gn 49:2, 8-10, 21c-25; Mt 1:1-17)**

7:00 am Mass for **M/M WALTER STINEBRICKNER & JOSEPH ESCH** by Their Estate

**Friday, December 18, 2020 Advent Weekday (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25)**

7:00 am Mass for **MARTY SIMONS** by Mom \* **SHIRLEY CAMPBELL** by Jeanette & Art Reid

**Saturday, December 19, 2020 Advent Weekday (Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25)**

8:00 am Mass for **KATHLEEN "KAY" SKINNER** by Mrs. Sheila Semo

5:00 pm Vigil Mass **JOSEPH MICHAEL CHUBBUCK** With Love, Mom & Dad

**Sunday, December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent (2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-28)**

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

7:30 am Mass for **MARY MEYER-TAYLOR** (Anniv) by Family \* **MARION NILES** by the Dunn & Testa Families

**FORREST M. "RED" HOUSE** by Children & Grandchildren

**ROBERT & MARGARET SIMONS** by Daughter, Mary

10:00 am Mass for **JACK CERJAN** (25th Anniv) by Friends \* **JOHN DICKSON** by Mother, Judy

**MARY G. REID** (Anniv) by Art & Jeanette Reid

6:00 pm Mass for **CAROL KAUN** by the Sprock Family

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

Georgie Amodio  
Jayne Atwood  
Paula Bailey  
Raymond Barbar, Jr  
Joseph Beasock III  
Karen Bieksza  
Mary Ann Boucher  
James Brooks  
Lorayne Calicchia  
Stephanie Calicchia  
Mary Carmody  
Annie Cimo  
Nick Coonrod  
John Cordsen  
Tom Delpico  
Barry Dunning  
Sarah Eastup  
Al Eisinger  
Paul Eisinger  
Robyn Engle  
Bill Evans

Carol Fasick  
Ron Fazio  
Judith Ann Fesner  
Joan Fiaschetti  
T. Kathleen Flemming  
Diana Fowler  
Julianna Fusco  
Lauri Fusco  
Augusta Ginsburg  
Scott Ginsburg  
Amanda Gold  
Gail Greene  
Donald Hartman  
John Hedrington  
Joshua Hedrington  
William Herrig, Jr.  
Billy Jo Hildenbrandt  
John Hinman  
Barbara Joanis

Jessa Johnson  
Carol Johnson  
Lena Johnston  
Megan Jones  
Jennie Kemp  
Paul LaSalle  
Teresa LaSalle  
Bill ." Dobbie" Link  
Lori Losowski  
Anne Lubecki  
David, Liz & Mitzi  
Marcelletta  
Geoff Marchione  
Russell Marchione  
John Massett  
Patrick McLaughlin  
Brian McQueen  
Tom Meyers  
Joe Migeroll

Michael Mizgala  
Ann Moster  
Phil Murphy  
Beverly Nasci  
Tari-Lyn Orton  
Debbie Pacicca  
Clair Papadametrious  
Rachel Pawlikowski  
Barbara Pazdur  
Jim Pekarski  
Carol Piatt  
Datie Ponath  
John Preski  
Patrick Quinn  
James Rank  
Bill Reese  
Catherine Roman  
Robert Roman  
Lisa Ryder

Kelly Sabia  
Jacqueline Schachte  
John Schachte  
Brian Schilling  
Thomas Serra  
Emmalynn Sharrow  
Alexander Simpson  
Freja Emily Simpson  
Russell Smith  
Spencer Robert Smith  
Gabriel Streiff  
Blanche Sweatman  
Anne Toepp  
Dominick Tuzzolino  
James Van Damme  
Vito Waterman  
Ray "Dusty" Whitman  
John Wright  
Bernice Young

*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** 7:00 am \* 12:10 pm \* 6:00 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.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE: 5:00 pm \* 12 Midnight**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY: 7:30 am \* 10:00 am**

**NEW YEAR'S MASSES SCHEDULE**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE: 6:00 pm**  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY: 9:00 am**

Parishioners are asked to sign up for the Christmas and New Year's Masses as seating is limited due to COVID guidelines.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

Will burn the weeks of **December 13, 20 & 27**  
 for **Vladimir Williams**  
 by Mom

**MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS****Memorial Fund****In Memory of**

**Ira C. Lyon** requested by  
 Ralph & Robin Cutillo  
 MGS Manufacturing  
 Kathryn & Scott Stephan  
 Denise A. Kennedy

**Mission of the Christ Child****Misc Donations**

St. Paul's Social Ministry  
 Mary Ann Massett  
 Patricia Johnson

**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**

**December:** Tina Brognano \* Mary Wahl  
**January:** Mary Ann Cox \* Mary Ellen Flanigan

**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 6, 2020**

Regular Collection	\$ 9,816.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,223.13
Flower Donations:	\$ 2,455.00
Make Ups	\$ 442.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13,915.13</b>

**"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

Sunday, December 13  
**First Penance Class - 9:00-9:50 am**  
St. Peter's Social Hall

Sunday, December 13  
**RCIC - 11:00 am**  
St. Peter's Social Hall

Monday, December 14  
**Grades 1-9 - 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Parish Center on Floyd Ave.

Sunday, December 20  
**First Penance Class - 9:00-9:50 am**  
St. Peter's Social Hall

Sunday, December 20  
**RCIC - 11:00 am**  
St. Peter's Social Hall

For information on our online sessions,  
please visit the Faith Formation website:

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

We look forward to seeing you  
and to sharing our faith with you!

For the Children of the Parish

## Blessing of the Bambinelli

Bring the Baby Jesus from your home nativity for a blessing at the end of Mass!

After all Masses, December 12th -13th  
St. Peter's Church

**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

RSVP: December 10, 2020

Contact: Eric Stutmann at (315) 264-7828

## Altar Rosary Society

### ALTAR ROSARY MEETING

*Due to COVID restrictions our annual Christmas Party is cancelled.*

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

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*



**December 21st From 4-7 pm  
St Peter's Church in Rome.**

*This is the opportunity to have the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation-  
Sacrament of Penance during Advent.  
All Rome priests will be at St. Peter's*

**THE AREA PARISHES WILL BE OFFERING  
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**EVERY MONDAY DURING ADVENT  
5:00-6:00 pm  
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

**EVERY TUESDAY DURING ADVENT  
5:00-6:00 pm (Benediction Following)  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING ADVENT  
5:00-6:00 pm  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE****THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Jn 1:6-8)***Provided by the Hope Appeal Funds*

Today's Gospel reports,  
*There is one among you whom  
 you do not recognize.*

It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that do not start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at Mass, *The Lord is with you*, are not a hope, they are a fact.

**ADVENT GIVING TREES****"BLESSED MOTHER'S ALTAR"**

Tags are on the **GIVING TREE** which describe a gift to be purchased for a child in need.

Please stay within the \$25 price limit.

Feel free to shop the sales.

If you cannot find the suggested gift, please substitute similar age appropriate gifts.

If you have questions call Anne at 315-525-7311.

*"Do not wrap the gifts"*

*For the tree in front of  
**ST. MICHAEL'S STATUE***

(Across from the Confessional)

*we are asking you to donate items that  
 will be distributed by the school nurses  
 for the need of so many students.*

When shopping...suggestions are:

**Elementary Level:**

*3T to 6T boys & girls underwear.*

*Unisex pants, Sweat pants for boys & girls*

*Size 5/6 unisex colors, hats, gloves*

*Socks, underwear, Hygiene items*

**For High School:**

*Unisex Sweatshirts & sweatpants, sizes s-xxl*

*Additional items: Hygiene kits,*

*Soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes*

*Deodorant sticks, feminine products,  
 cleaning wipes*

St. Peter's Church  
**First Annual Christmas Ornament**  
**"Last Supper Window"**



The Last Supper  
 2020  
 Made in the USA

**\$25.00**  
 per-ornament

To Order: Contact St. Peter's Rectory  
 315-336-5072 or email [smsprectory@twcny.rr.com](mailto:smsprectory@twcny.rr.com)



REMEMBER  
 our fallen U.S. veterans.

HONOR  
 those who serve.

TEACH  
 your children the value of freedom.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

Wreaths will be placed on veterans graves,  
 December 19th in conjunction with  
 National Wreaths Across America Program  
 At: St. Peter's, St. John's, St. Mary's,  
 Evergreen and Westernville Cemeteries

If you would like to purchase a \$15 wreath for  
 a loved veteran, send your check to:  
 "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA"  
 c/o GRUC-MOAA

PO Box 36

Rome, NY 13442-0036

You can also include the military history of your  
 loved veteran in the brochure made for the event.

*To volunteer helping place the wreaths,*

*Email or call JOE MAURER at*

*(jmaurer1215@gmail.com) 315-725-9673*

Please visit [www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org)

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP  
 at St. Paul's Parish Center**

Meetings are held the  
 second Sunday of the month.

For Information:  
 Call Celeste 315-794-9851

**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 or  
 when meetings are scheduled, call (315) 337-4010  
 or join online at [kofo.org/joinus](http://kofo.org/joinus) and use *Council 391*.

**Dear Padre,****Who was John the Baptist?**

What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John's parents were Zechariah, who was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. When he was in his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a hermit in the desert. John began his public ministry in his late twenties in the Jordan River Valley. His preaching followed the long line of Jewish prophets who preached against the evils of the day and demanded inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued his preaching in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, the daughter of Herodias, and buried at Sebaste, in Samaria. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, 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)

**DECEMBER INTENTIONS**  
**Personal Relationship with Jesus**

**During this Advent season, we pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ would be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.**



**CHRIST THE KING  
RETREAT AND  
CONFERENCE CENTER**

**Christ The King Retreat House  
"He Reigns" Tour**

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, Fairmont  
December 17<sup>th</sup>—6:30pm-8pm**

Christ The King Retreat House is excited to present the "He Reigns" parish mission tour for the Diocese of Syracuse! This new initiative is inspired by Saint Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio and encourages parish communities to allow the kingship of Christ to prosper in the hearts of the domestic household! Allowing Christ to reign means drawing our families into a more intimate relationship with a Messiah who has promised to rescue, govern and fulfill the deepest longings of His people.

This one-night mission is designed to appeal to family members of all ages! The evening will include: Inspirational praise and worship from Syracuse's very own Jeremy Bobak, Three riveting mini talks from Father Jason Hage, Diocesan Director of Vocations. Families will also have an opportunity to pray in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and consecrate their families to Christ The King.

**Signups for these events will take place  
on each of the parish's respective website platforms**  
**For information regarding upcoming events**  
**call: 315-446-2680**



10475 Cosby Manor Road  
Utica, New York  
(315) 735-6270

**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

**For information call (315) 735-6210**