



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

December 20, 2020



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 Monday * Tuesday
 Thursday * Friday
 9:00am - 12:00pm * 1:00-4:00 pm
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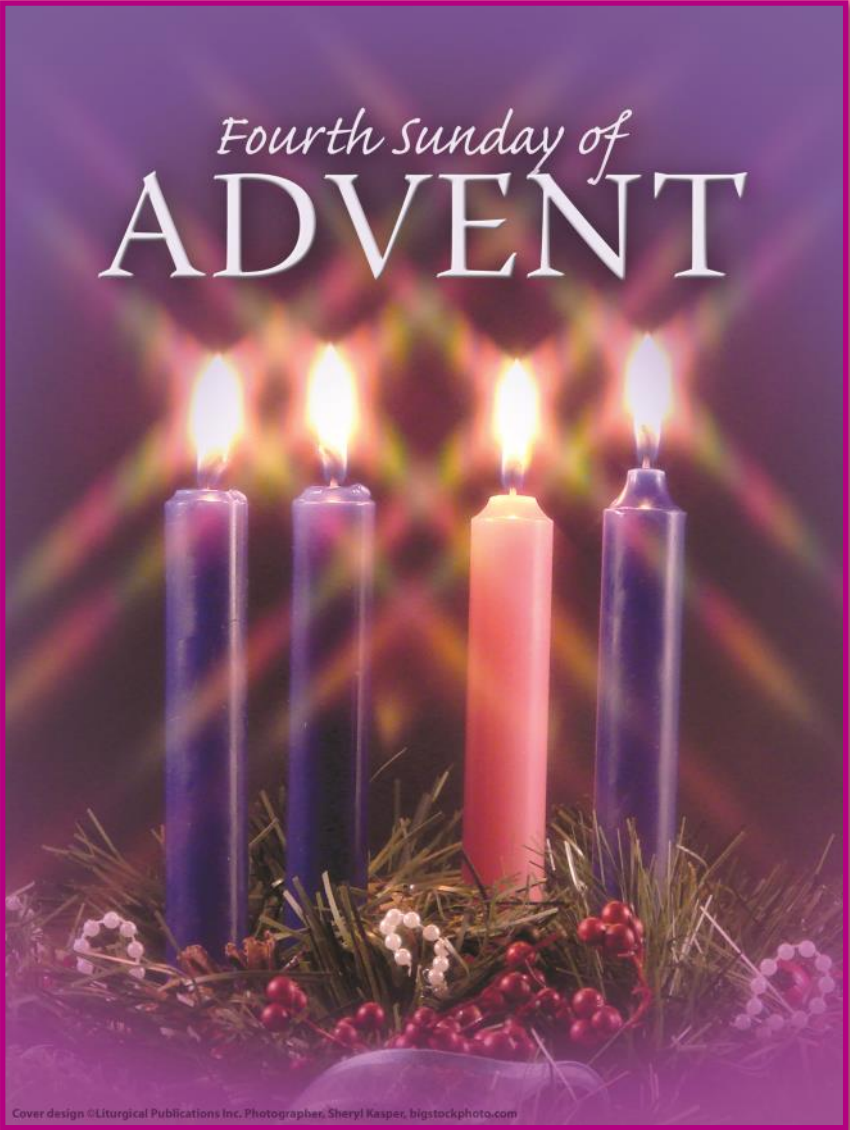
Parochial Vicar: Father Bernard Menard
Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher
Pastoral Associate: Laura Mack

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

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
ELEANOR CONIGLIO by Lucille & Tony Stolo

Sunday, December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent (2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38)

Today's Mass will be available online at: www.stmarysstpeters.com

7:30 am Mass for **MARY MEYER-TAYLOR** (Anniv) by Family * **MARIAN 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 Family * **JOHN DICKSON** by Mother, Judy
MARY G. REID (Anniv) by Art & Jeanette Reid
 6:00 pm Mass for **CAROL KAUN** by the Sprock Family

Monday, December 21, 2020 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Song 1:8-14; Lk 1:17-26)

7:00 am Mass for **MICHAEL DeCASTRO** (1st Anniv) by Katherine Dillon

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 Advent Weekday (1Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)

7:00 am Mass for **DEBORAH RASBACH** by Jim & Maureen Pekarski

Wednesday, December 23, 2020 St. John of Kanty, Priest (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)

7:00 am Mass for **STEPHEN GRANACKI** by Family * **PAULA & DAVID JOHNSON** by Family

Thursday, December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve. (Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 / Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14)

NO 7:00 AM MASS

5:00 pm Vigil **PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S/ST. PETER'S PARISH**
 12 Midnight Mass **PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S/ST. PETER'S PARISH**

Friday, December 25, 2020 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Christmas Day) (Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18)

7:30 am Mass for **PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S/ST. PETER'S PARISH**
 10:00 am Mass for **PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY/ST. PETER'S PARISH**

Saturday, December 26, 2020 St. Stephen, The First Martyr (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)

8:00 am Mass for **JOSEPH FOLEY** by Kathy Miller
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass **JOSEPH UTTER** (Anniv) by Family * **MARILYN PALINSKI** by Family

Sunday, December 27, 2020 HOLY FAMILY (Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40)

Today's Mass will be available online at: www.stmarysstpeters.com

7:30 am Mass for **VIRGINIA CAPPONE** by the Sprock Family
 10:00 am Mass for **SISTER VIRGINIA DUNN, SNJM** by the Gaffey Family * **CARL MASSETT, JR** by Family
FREMONT PLOPPER (Anniv) by Wife, Norma, Children: Robyn, Monty, Patrice and Families
 6:00 pm Mass for **BERTHA KOWAL** 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.**

Please remember our families, 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
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Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.

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.

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

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
HOLIDAYS 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 weeks of **December 20 & 27**
 for **Vladimir Williams** by Mom

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

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

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

In Memory of
Gary Koster requested by
 Cathie & Joe Destito
 Donna Richards
 Marion & Gary Bartell
 Louise Glasso
 Jane Izzo
 Joan Fuller & Don Pilera
 Birnie Family

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 13, 2020	
Regular Collection	\$ 8,442.10
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,244.50
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,272.00
Cathedralicum	\$ 540.00
Make Ups	\$ 528.00
Total:	\$12,026.60

Christmas Collection and Flower Donations

Did you know that your **Christmas** 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





Faith Formation

*Out of an abundance of caution,
we are suspending in-person
Faith Formation and
Sacramental Preparation classes
until January 10, 2021.*

Please visit the Faith Formation website:

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



December 21st From 4-7 pm

*To insure your health and safety,
our Vicar, Father Paul Kelly
has cancelled the Light is On
for all 3 Parishes in the City of Rome.*

**SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS
WILL CONTINUE BELOW:**

**ST. PETER'S PARISH
DECEMBER 22—5:00-6:00 pm
With Benediction to follow**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
DECEMBER 23—5:00-6:00 pm**

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

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

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 kofc.org/joinus and use *Council 391.*

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Lk1:26-28)***Provided by the Hope Appeal Funds*

QUESTION: What do you call a family, which began with an unmarried pregnant teen, and had a twelve-year-old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY!

Two lessons in today's gospel:

- 1) No matter what is happening in your family,
The Lord is with you.
- 2) **Do not be afraid** for
nothing is impossible with God

ADVENT GIVING TREES

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 (10-12) for boys & girls
Size 5/6 unisex colors, hats, gloves
Socks, underwear (4-8 & 10-12), Hygiene items*

For High School:

*Unisex Sweatshirts & sweatpants, sizes s-xxl
Additional items: Hygiene kits,
Soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes
Deodorant sticks, feminine products,
cleaning wipes*

BEREAVEMENT GROUP
at St. Paul's Parish Center

Meetings are held the
second Sunday of the month.
For Information:
Call Celeste 315-794-9851

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.

**HOLY CROSS ACADEMY**

4020 Barrington Road
Oneida, New York 13421
(315) 363-1669

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Do you know that *Holy Cross Academy is the only option for Catholic education in our area at the Junior-Senior high school level?* These formative years are critical for students, and *Holy Cross Academy needs your prayers and support to continue to offer this one-of-a-kind opportunity.* In this very difficult time of the pandemic our budget is strained significantly. The canceling of many events and activities, reduced operating income, and increased facility costs have depleted resources and forced us into emergency loans. We need our help to get us through this very challenging year.

Through the great generosity of faithful benefactors, **\$10,000 in Matching Funds** has been pledged for donations made during December. Would you prayerfully consider help us achieve our goal of \$50,000 this month? Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity before the year ends! As an independent school, Holy Cross Academy does not rely on funding from the state or diocese.
Our students rely on YOU!



CHRIST THE KING
RETREAT AND
CONFERENCE CENTER

For information regarding upcoming events
call: 315-446-2680

Dear Padre,

Does God call me, like God called Mary? Can the angel Gabriel speak to me as he did to Mary?

Perhaps God has already spoken to you! In the great calls in Scripture, God doesn't seem to care about age. God doesn't care about gender, race, talents, poverty or wealth, strengths or weaknesses. God calls each of us because we are God's daughters and sons. God's call is personal (to you and no other!), and this call is to always be Christian and serve the Lord. Most often the call won't be dramatic, like it was for Moses. More likely, your call will be quiet and personal. Remember what God said: "Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11).

In these hectic days before Christmas, find a peaceful place and quiet time. Be still and say to God, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). In this place, God will reveal your call to you, a call that was present long before your birth.

God has already spoken to us in our life's vocation. We are planted in friendships, relationships, marriages, jobs, families, a community, and a nation. In each place, we listen to hear what God is calling forth from us. Then, like Mary, we say yes! We reach into our most generous spirit and proclaim "yes" to even the most difficult, mundane, or boring aspects of our vocation.

—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

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.



10475 Cosby Manor Road, Utica, New York



SEPARATED & DIVORICED
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 any one trying to rebuild their life after the pain of a broken relationship

THE THIRD OPTION

Every other Sunday beginning 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