



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

December 27, 2020



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 Monday \* Tuesday  
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Parochial Vicar: Father Bernard Menard  
 Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher  
 Pastoral Associate: Laura Mack

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



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



# THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
 and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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 for **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](http://www.stmarysstpeters.com)

7:30 am Mass for **VIRGINIA CAPPONE** by the Sprock Family

10:00 am Mass for **SISTER VIRGINIA DUNN, SNJM** by 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

**Monday, December 28, 2020 Holy Innocents, Martyrs (1Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18)**

7:00 am Mass for **IN MEMORY OF OUR TWINS** by Grandma \* **MARIAN NILES** by Chris & Sharon Hansen

**JAMES & GERTRUDE MALAKIE** by Daughter, Mary \* **JEAN MOLES** (Birthday) by Bob & Barbara Brady

**Tuesday, December 29, 2020 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord (1Jn 2:3-11; Lk 1:46-56)**

7:00 am Mass for **MARIAN NILES** by Daughter, Connie \* **DEBORAH RASBACH** by Mary Beth Isom

**Wednesday, December 30, 2020 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord (1Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40)**

7:00 am Mass for **DAVID M. BOVI** by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pileckas \* **BILL & ANN HOUSER** by Children

**Thursday, December 31, 2020 Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord (1Jn 2:18-24; Jn 1:1-18)**

**NO 7:00 AM MASS**

6:00 pm Vigil Mass for **RUTH BIE JENKINS** by the Sprock Family

**Friday, January 1, 2021 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY (Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)**

9:00 am Mass for the **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HURLEY FAMILY** by the Sprock Family

**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 \* **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 Bokoy

**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  
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  
John Hedrington  
Joshua Hedrington  
William Herrig, Jr.  
Billy Jo Hildenbrandt  
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  
Rachel Pawlikowski  
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.*

**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 New Year's Masses as seating is limited due to COVID guidelines.

**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 week of **December 27** for **Vladimir Williams** by Mom

**MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS**

**In Memory of Gary Koster** requested by  
 Joan Fuller & Dodi Pitera  
 Tom & Mary Shantz  
 David & Debra Hyatt  
 David & Bethany McMonagle

**Window Fund**  
**In Memory of Joe Simons** requested by  
 Mary Simons

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



**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**  
**DUE TO THE EARLY SUBMISSION OF THIS BULLETIN, THE COLLECTION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JANUARY 3rd BULLETIN.**





## 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](http://www.smspfaith.com)  
and follow St.Mary's/St. Peters  
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!*

## Altar Rosary Society

### ALTAR ROSARY MEETING

*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*

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**  
**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Jn 1:1-18)**  
*Provided by the Hope Appeal Funds*

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving **ACCEPTANCE** of our children.

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**HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY (Lk 2:22-40)**

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph were not perfect parents. If you have ever been amazed and astonished at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you didn't understand your children or felt anxious about their behavior, so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough, but it is also the stuff of holiness.

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)

**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 or Email Darren Woods at: [mail@westsidekitchen.org](mailto:mail@westsidekitchen.org).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
*Next meeting*  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021**  
**Knights of Columbus #391**  
**112 Ridge St. Rome**

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*.

**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*

**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**

**Dear Padre,**

**Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting— Mary and Joseph.**

As Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

—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.**



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)