



**St. Peter's Parish**  
 200 N. James Street  
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**March 21, 2021**



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# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 20, 2021 Lenten Weekday (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53)**8:00 am Mass for **BOB ROOD** by Mom5:00 pm Vigil Mass for **ROY "PEANUT" AUSTIN** (24th Anniv) by Loving Family \* **MARILYN PALINSKI** by Family  
**THOMAS BARRY, SR.** (Anniv) by Jim & Mary Anne Kenny \* **MICHAEL PALINSKI** by Family  
**RICHARD KENNY** by Jim & Mary Anne Kenny \* **AGNES FALCONIO** (Birthday) by Anthony & Nickie  
**RENEE GILMORE** (Birthday) by Mom & Dad**Sunday, March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33)****Today's Mass will be available online at: [www.stmarysstpeters.com](http://www.stmarysstpeters.com)**7:30 am Mass for **ALSTON J. HUEY** (Anniv) by Family \* **MARLENE HUEY FRANKLIN** (1st Anniv) by Family10:00 am Mass for **PAULINE FROELICH** by the Merry Makers \* **JOHN E. MONICO** by Arthur Zelesnikar  
**ROGER WHOOTEN** by Lorrie Whooten4:30 pm Mass for **RAPHAEL VEGA** by Family**Monday, March 22, 2021 Lenten Weekday (Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)**7:00 am Mass for **PHILIP J. VESCIO, JR** (Birthday) by Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Garro \* **DAVID JONES** by Helen Boswell12:10 pm Mass for the **SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S/ST. PETER'S****Tuesday, March 23, 2021 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo (Bishop) (Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)**7:00 am Mass for **THOMAS MYERS** by Mike & Colleen Dunn12:10 pm Mass for **KIMBERLY CASLER** (Birthday) by Family**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Lenten Weekday (Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42)**7:00 am Mass for **LOIS SCHULER HURLEY** by Ginny Craiglow12:10 pm Mass for **DEBRA M. PUFFER** by Patricia Deacon & Phil Murphy**Thursday, March 25, 2021 Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)**7:00 am Mass for **FRANCIS PATRICK HEGARTY** (Anniv) by Family**SISTER KATHLEEN APPLER, D.C.** (1st Anniv) by Tim & Linda Voorhis12:10 pm Mass for **ROBERT PABIS** (1st Anniv) by Wife & Family**Friday, March 26, 2021 Lenten Weekday (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)**7:00 am Mass for **MARY L. ONDRAKO** (Anniv) by Son, Richard12:10 pm Mass for **CHRISTOPHER DESTITO** (Birthday) by RoAnn & Christopher**Saturday, March 27, 2021 Lenten Weekday (Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)**8:00 am Mass for the **SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S/ST. PETER'S**5:00 pm Vigil Mass for **MARGARET HOUSE** (Birthday) by Children & Grandchildren**MIKE MALAKIE** (Birthday) by Daughter, Mary \* **SISTER REGINA PELTZ, SNJM** by Joanne Gaffey**Sunday, March 28, 2021 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Mk 14:1—15:47)****Today's Mass will be available online at: [www.stmarysstpeters.com](http://www.stmarysstpeters.com)**7:30 am Mass for **SARA MARTIN** (Anniv) by Fred & Family**RICHARD P. DeLUTIS, SR.** (9th Anniv) by Bridget & Family10:00 am Mass for **DAVID BIRMINGHAM, SR.** by Arthur Zelesnikar \* **JENNIE KNUDSEN** by Kathy Miller**RICHARD MARTIN** by Sue Gigliotti4:30 pm Mass for **BRETT DIXON** (Anniv) by Kathy Miller, Aunt**Please remember our families, friends and parishioners in our prayers**Georgie Amodio  
Jayne Atwood  
Paula Bailey  
Raymond Barbar, Jr  
Mary Ann Boucher  
Chris Bousalis  
Jimmy Brognano  
Margaret Brizek  
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 EngleBill Evans  
Carol Fasick  
Ron Fazio  
Judith Ann Fesner  
Joan Fiaschetti  
James Flemming  
Diana Fowler  
Julianna Fusco  
Lauri Fusco  
Augusta Ginsburg  
Scott Ginsburg  
Amanda Gold  
Gail Greene  
Donald Hartman  
John Hedrington  
Joshua Hedrington  
Billy Jo Hildenbrandt  
William Herrig, Jr.  
Norma Hurbut  
Joan & Jerry JacobsBarbara Joanis  
Jessa Johnson  
Carol Johnson  
Lena Johnston  
Megan Jones  
Jennie Kemp  
Paul LaSalle  
Teresa LaSalle  
Bill : " Dobbie " Link  
Lori Losowski  
Anne Lubecki  
Nicole Mathe  
David, Liz, Mitzi  
Marcelletta  
Geoff Marchione  
Russell Marchione  
John Massett  
Brian McQueen  
Joe MigerollMichael Mizgala  
Ann Moster  
Phil Murphy  
Sonia Myers  
Beverly Nasci  
Tari-Lyn Orton  
Debbie Pacicca  
Clair Papadametrius  
Rachel Pawlikowski  
Barbara Pazdur  
Jim Pekarski  
Carol Piatt  
Datie Ponath  
Paul Powers  
Patrick Quinn  
James Rank  
Bill Reese  
Catherine Roman  
Robert RomanLisa Ryder  
Kelly Sabia  
Jacqueline Schachte  
John Schachte  
Brian Schilling  
Thomas Serra  
Emmalynn Sharrow  
Alexander Simpson  
Freja Emily Simpson  
Spencer Robert Smith  
Sharon Sprague  
Gabriel Streiff  
Blanche Sweatman  
Anne Toepp  
Rylin Turley  
Dominick Tuzzolino  
Vito Waterman  
Ray "Dusty" Whitman  
Diane Wolpert  
John Wright  
Bernice Young*Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.*

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**All Masses at St. Peter's Church**

**WEEKDAYS** 7:00am \* 12:10 pm  
**SATURDAYS** 8:00 am \* Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
**SUNDAYS** 7:30 am \* 10:00 am \* 4:30 pm  
**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.

**APRIL 2—EASTER SUNDAY: THE 6:00 PM SUNDAY MASS WILL RESUME.**

**MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS**

Mission of the Christ Child

**Herbert E. Canfield** requested by  
Richard Canfield

Misc Donations:

Ralph & Clare Mirabelli  
St. Paul's Social Ministry  
Frank & Carol Riolo

Window Fund

**In Memory of**

**Joseph Michael Foley** requested by  
Alane & Sarah

**Gary Koster** requested by  
RFA Class of 1963

**Help Us Grow:**

Did you know:

**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



**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  
 Barbara Thomas, St. Peter's

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 13th AT 6:30 PM**  
 St. Peter's School, 400 Floyd Ave., Rome, New York

**ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE**

**March:** Cathy Lennon \* Jackie Gamble  
**April:** Diane Sjodahl

**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**

March 14, 2021

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular Collection       | \$ 9,353.25        |
| Electronic Giving        | \$ 1,685.36        |
| Make ups                 | \$ 165.00          |
| <b>Total:</b>            | <b>\$11,203.61</b> |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ 757.00          |

*Thank you for your support!*



## Faith Formation

Sunday, March 21, 2021  
**First Sacraments Class**—9:00-9:50 am  
St. Peter's Social Hall

Sunday, March 21, 2021  
**NO RCIC**

Sunday, March 21, 2021  
**2nd Year Confirmation Class Retreat**  
1:00-4:00 pm

St. Peter's Parish Center on Floyd Ave.  
4:30 PM Mass at St. Peter's Church

Monday, March 22, 2021  
**Grades 1-9** - 6:30-7:30 pm  
St. Peter's Parish Center on Floyd Ave.

Sunday, March 28, 2021  
**First Sacraments Class** - 9:00-9:50 am  
St. Peter's Social Hall

Sunday, March 28, 2021  
**RCIC** - 11:00 am  
St. Peter's Social Hall

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### JESUS' LITTLE FRIENDS

*The Sunday morning Jesus' Little Friends Program is temporarily suspended, but the leaflets for the children will continue to be available at the exits.*



**MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021**  
6:00 pm

**A MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS**

**St. Peter's Parish Center**  
400 Floyd Avenue, Rome, New York

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!*

## Altar Rosary Society

- We regret to say that the **April bi-annual Bake Sale** will not take place this year due to COVID restrictions.
- COVID permitting, we will resume our meetings starting **Thursday, April 15th.**

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 social events and fundraisers throughout the year.

### THE MERRY MAKERS

**Knitters & Crocheters' Meeting**  
**Sewing Group Meeting**  
*Due to COVID-19, meetings are suspended until further notice*

**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 or 315-225-7900

Please... Don't Forget Your

## Easter Flower Donations

Your generous donations contribute to the beauty at St. Peter's Church during the Easter Season

Please use the donation envelope provided with your monthly envelope package, or you may use your own.

Or donate online at [stmarysstpeters.com/donate](http://stmarysstpeters.com/donate)

*Be sure to list your loved ones with you donation*

### **ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ST. MARY'S & ST. PETER'S CEMETERIES**

**PLEASE REMOVE THE WINTER DECORATIONS (i.e. WREATHS) FROM THE GRAVE SITES BY APRIL 1, 2021.**

### VOCATION MINISTRY

*The one who calls you is waiting.  
Will you be faithful to his call?  
Listen: God may be inviting you  
to be a priest, deacon, consecrated religious,  
or as a married or single person  
to share your gifts and talents.*

*Here at St. Peter's Parish,  
we will be starting a Vocation Ministry.  
It is essential that as a Faith Community,  
we work together to help grow and nurture  
our spiritual family.*

*Our efforts in the promotion of vocations  
will be in close collaboration with the  
Vocation Office of the Diocese of Syracuse.  
We will strive to encourage families towards  
this ministry as we create  
an environment that fosters it.*

*Finally we will support and honor those  
priests and religious leaders already  
working in their vocation, most especially  
our Pastor Father Sean O'Brien and  
our Parochial Vicar Father Bernard Menard.*

If anyone is interested or thinking about one of these vocations, please contact the Rectory at (315) 336-5072 to speak with Father Sean.



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

**EVERY MONDAY DURING LENT  
Beginning February 22nd  
5:00-6:00 pm  
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

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

**EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING LENT  
5:00-6:00 pm  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH  
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### Lenten Schedule

**Daily Mass Schedule During Lent  
Monday-Friday: 7:00 am \* 12:10 pm**

**2021 Rome City Wide Stations of Cross  
Every Friday at 7:00 pm  
March 26th: St. Peter's**

**Holy Thursday April 1st  
City Wide Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00 pm  
St. Peter's Church**

**Good Friday April 2nd  
City Wide Service at 3:00 pm  
St. Paul's Church**

**Holy Saturday Vigil Mass April 3rd  
8:00 pm St. Peter's Church**

**Easter Sunday Masses April 4th  
Celebrating the Risen Lord  
8:00 am \* 10:00 am \* 6:00 pm  
St. Peter's Church**

St. Peter's Music Ministry presents:

**Sundays at 3**

featuring

**Andrea DelPiano Falvo**

Soloist and Keyboard

Performing Broadway and Standard selections

**March 28th**  
**3PM**



St. Peter's Church  
200 N. James St. Rome

We are asking all who attend to bring an item or make a free will donation for our food bank. (In Mission of the Christ Child)

CDC Guidelines: Masks will be required and Social Distancing will be observed.

**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.

**Dear Padre,**

*I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?*

*Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God* Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote “certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come” (see Dialogues 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR



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

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

### **LENTEN INTENTIONS**

*The Women Who Are Victims of Violence*

*Throughout this season of Lent, we pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. We also pray throughout Lent, that each of us may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

## **FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

### **The Fifth Sunday of Lent— John 12:20-33**

Relationships come with a price tag.

We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence.

It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

### **AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES**

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### **GRIEF SURVIVORS**

***A Grief Recovery Support Group***

**Every other Tuesday 6:00-7:30 pm**

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.

### **THE THIRD OPTION**

**Every other Sunday beginning September 17**

6:30-8:30 pm (except holidays)

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 women 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.

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