

*St. Peter's Parish
Rome, New York
December 5, 2021*



2nd

SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

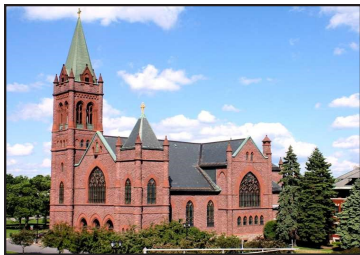
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MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 4, 2021**8:00am **PRO POPULO** (For the People)5:00pm **FRANK J. & ROSE O'BRIEN** by Family ***RENEE GILMORE** Love, Mom & Dad
WILLIAM E. LENNON by Annie DeCarlo**Sunday, December 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent**7:30am **THOMAS B. DAVIES** (Anniv) by Fred Martin & Family**DOROTHY FERLO** (B'day) by Dorothea & Paul Iselo**MARY ZAKALA REMICK** by Helen, Ann, Jamie & AnnMarie10:00am **LORETTA MARCHIONE** (Anniv) by daughter Loretta**PATRICK LORETO** by Allison Johnson & Family**SR. RUTH CECILIA DOWD** by SAA Class of 19536:00 pm **FREMONT PLOPPER** (B'day) by Norma, Robyn, Patrice, Monty & Family**Monday, December 6, 2021**7:00am **DONALD NIEMTZ SR.** by John & Mary Smith**JOSEPH FUSCO** (for healing) by Pete Wood & MaryAnn Lyman**Tuesday, December 7, 2021 Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**7:00am **JOSEPH M. FOLEY** (Anniv) by Alane & Sarah**REV. JOSEPH LARKIN** by Marion Waite & Family5:00pm **WILLIAM DEHIMER** by Chris & Brenda Klara**Wednesday, December 8, 2021 Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary**7:00am **FRANCIS WILSON** (9th Anniv) by Family**MARYANN LYMAN** (Living) by Pete12:10pm **ELIZABETH GRIDER** by Sonia Myers6:00pm **PRO POPULO** (For the People)**Thursday, December 9, 2021**7:00am **VLADIMIR WILLIAMS** by Pete**KATHY "MURPH" CLEM** (Living) by Pete & MaryAnn**Friday, December 10, 2021**7:00am **ANNA MAE STAPLE** (Anniv) by the Gannon Family**Saturday, December 11, 2021**8:00am **TONI BELMONT** (B'day) by Stanley Masztak**DARLENE TELLER** (for healing) by Pete Wood5:00pm **PATRICIA CHARNEY** (B'day) by Family**JAMES P. MCMAHON** (B'day) by Walter Frykholm**Sunday, December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent**7:30am **IRENE MEYERS** (Anniv) by Family10:00am **PATRICIA MASTRANGELO** (for healing) by daughter Amelia**JOHN F. KELLY** by Family**DONALD HARTMAN** by Dennis & Joan Belinger**ETHEL MCDONALD** by Elizabeth McPhillips6:00pm **ROBERT BAKER** by Aunt Sonia Myers**Please remember our families, friends and parishioners in our prayers.**

Georgie Amodio	Joan Fiaschetti	Paul LaSalle	Beverly Nasci	Jacqueline Schachte
Jayne Atwood	James Flemming	Teresa LaSalle	Dale Newman	John Schachte
Fr. Gabriel Berko	Diana Fowler	Joan Leahy	Tari-Lyn Orton	Brian Schilling
Paula Bailey	Joe Fusco	Bill Lennon	Debbie Pacicca	Patricia Sterling
Raymond Barbar, Jr	Julianna Fusco	Bill "Dobbie" Link	Clair Papadametrious	Thomas Serra
Chris Bousalis	Lauri Fusco	Michael Loso	Rachel Pawlikowski	Emmalynn Sharrow
Jimmy Brognano	Joanne Gaffey	Lori Losowski	Barbara Pazdur	Alexander Simpson
James Brooks	Augusta Ginsburg	Anne Lubecki	Jim Pekarski	Freja Emily Simpson
Carla Cacciatori	Scott Ginsburg	Nancy Mango	Joseph Petrelli	Spencer Robert Smith
Lorayne Calicchia	Amanda Gold	David, Liz, Mitzi	Carol Piatt	Sharon Sprague
Stephanie Calicchia	Gail Greene	Marcelletta	Datie Ponath	John Stark
Mary Carmody	John Hedrington	Geoff Marchione	Paul Powers	Gabriel Steriff
Adam Carpenter	Joshua Hedrington	Russell Marchione	Patrick Quinn	Neil Sutherland
Annie Cimo	Mike Henry	Pattie Mastrangelo	James Rank	Blanche Sweatman
John Cordsen	Billy Jo Hildenbrandt	Nicole Mathe	Bill Reese	Anne Toepp
Tom Delpico	William Herrig, Jr.	Brian McQueen	Francine Riolo	Barbara Thomas
Barry Dunning	Norma Hurbut	Joe Megerell	John Ritchie	Rylin Turley
Paul Eisinger	Jerry & Joan Jacobs	Carol Misiaszek	Catherine Roman	Sr. Rosaire DeMare
Robyn Engle	Jesse Johnson	Kathy Miller	Robert Roman	Vito Waterman
Carol Fasick	Lena Johnston	Michael Mizgala	Lisa Ryder	Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Ron Fazio	Megan Jones	Ann Moster	Kelly Sabia	John Wright
Judith Ann Fesner	Jennie Kemp	Sonia Myers		Bernice Young

Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.

Visit us at stmarysstpeters.com



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Office Hours:

Monday * Tuesday
 Thursday * Friday
 9:00am-12:00pm &
 1:00pm-4:00pm
 Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm

Pastor: Father Sean P. O'Brien
Parochial Vicar: Father Bernard Menard
Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher
Pastoral Associate: Laura Mack
Seminarian: Ben Schrantz

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS 7:00 am
SATURDAYS 8:00 am * Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
SUNDAYS 7:30 am * 10:00 am * 6:00 pm
HOLYDAYS 7:00 am * 12:10pm * 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or by Appointment

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM /MATRIMONY/ MARRIAGE

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.

Faith Formation Office

315-336-5066

Online at: www.smspfaith.com

Email: spcdre@twcny.rr.com

St. Peter's Cemetery

E. Dominick Street Rome 315-337-8307

St. Mary's Cemetery

W. Liberty Street, Rome 315-336-3110

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation: Laura Mack
First Sacraments Coordinator: Jean Bauer
Music Ministry: Barry Russo
Office Administration: Sharon Hansen
Administrative Assistant: 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.
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Miller
Scripture Study: Betty Pettinelli
Funeral Preparations: Barbara Thomas
Hospital Ministry: John MacGaffick
St. Aloysius Catholic Center: Julie McCormick
ASL Interpreters: Mary Margaret VanDamme
 Gabby Griffin

PARISH COUNCIL

Father Sean O'Brien, Pastor
President: Kevin Barry
Trustees: Bernard Kaier, Lawrence Riolo, Jr.,
 Timothy Sestito, Barbara Thomas
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
 Next meeting January 11, 2022
 6:30pm at St. Aloysius Center

St. Mary's/St. Peter's Collection

November 28, 2021

Regular Collection	\$7,841.00
Electronic Giving	\$903.33
Make-up	\$92.00
Total:	\$ 8,836.33
Fuel	\$ 4,025.00

Thank you for your support!

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.



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Sunday, December 5, 2021
First Penance 9:00AM

2nd YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASS

5:00PM Candidate/Sponsor Session
followed by
6:00PM Mass

NO FIRST YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASS

Monday, December 6, 2021
Grades 1-6 - 6:00-7:00PM
Grades 7-8 - 7:30-8:30PM

For information about classes and schedules
please visit our website
or stop by the Faith Formation Office.
We look forward to seeing you and
sharing our faith together!

www.smspfaith.com

Follow us at: St. Mary's/St. Peter's
Faith Formation Facebook page.

JESUS LITTLE FRIENDS

During 10:00AM Mass
December 5, 2021

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Will burn the week of December 5, 2021
for VIRGINIA DUNN SNJM
by family.

MISSION of the CHRIST CHILD

Rome Lions Club
St. Paul's Social Ministry

WINDOW FUND

Donation by Pete Wood

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of BARBARA JOANIS
by Raymond, Sandra, Mark & Jen Simpson

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

Mondays 5pm-6pm at St. Paul's Church

Tuesdays 5pm-6pm at St. Peter's Church followed
by Benediction at 6pm

Wednesdays 5pm-6pm at St. John's Church

Calling all Youth from our parish.....

You are cordially invited to participate in the
Christmas Vigil Mass Nativity Pageant at
the 5:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve.
The Gospel will be brought to life with the children
of the parish.

*For more information contact the
Faith Formation Office at 315-336-5066*

TREE OF LIGHTS

In honor or in memory of a loved one,
Rome Health's Tree of Lights
tree lighting ceremony
Sunday, Dec. 5th at 7:00pm.

This year we are honoring
Rome Health - Stronger Together.

*There will be no reception again this year,
due to Covid.*

GIVING TREES



The Giving Tree in front of the
Virgin Mary Altar will be for hats and
mittens. Hats and mittens collected will
be given to children of the
Rome City School District.

All sizes are welcome.

*A special request for size small for
preschoolers will be appreciated.*

For our other Giving Tree, we reached out to
the Joseph Michael Chubbuck Foundation.
Joey's Giving Tree will hold tags indicating toys
or gift cards requested by families within our
community. Many of these families are dealing
with a family member who has cancer.

Please read the poster on the tree to learn
more about Joey and

the Joseph Michael Chubbuck Foundation.

GIFT CARD BASKET WILL BE EMPTIED AFTER EACH MASS.

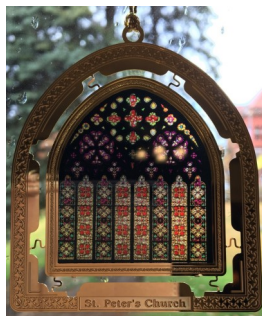
GREETING CARD MINISTRY

If anyone knows of a St. Mary's/St. Peter's
Parishioner who is ill, in a nursing home or home bound,
and would like to receive a greeting card, call
Debbie Pinti 315-337-5982 or email
debbiepinti5@gmail.com with the person's name and
address and our team will gladly send them a greeting card
to brighten their day.

Thank you in advance for all your help!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS HAVE ARRIVED

2nd Annual Window Ornament \$25:00 ea.
Money to support the Window Restoration Fund.
On sale after Thanksgiving.
Contact Diane Sjodahl 315-271-1881



St. Peter's Ornament



St. Mary's Ornament

There are a few of last year's ornaments still available of the **LAST SUPPER WINDOW** above the main altar.

A Night of Christmas Music

The St. Joseph's Church music ministry in Lee Center will present its 35th annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 17, 2021, at 7PM.
Directed by Scott Rutledge, accompanied by Jennifer Evans Fitzgibbon and Aaron Browka.

All are welcome!

Mission of the Christ Child Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is an all volunteer team that distributes free food to low and middle-income families from the mission office at 400 Floyd Ave. every Tuesday.
If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, please call or text the Mission at 315-281-9492.

November 23 & November 30, 2021 The Mission Served:

Households - 49(23rd)	50(30th)
Children - 31(23rd)	44(30th)
Adults - 61(23rd)	65(30th)
Seniors - 27(23rd)	32(30th)

Total People Fed: 119(23rd) 141(30th)

Total fresh rescue food distributed:
1781 pounds(23rd) 1837 pounds(30th)

A special thanks to those who have donated perishable and non-perishable items to the Mission during the Thanksgiving holiday.

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.*

Bless them and their families for the selfless act they perform for us in our time of need, and give us peace. Amen.

Altar Rosary Society

Religious Article/Bake Sale

December 4th -5th in the church vestibule before & after all weekend masses. Baked good donations are welcomed.

Parish-wide Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 14th at the Franklin Hotel.
5:30pm cash bar-6:00pm dinner.

Menu: Baked ziti, baked chicken, string beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, tossed salad, rolls/butter & dessert.
\$20.00 per person.

This is always a fun, social time for our clergy & parishioners. There will be door prizes & music to add to the festivities. Tickets will be sold for 2 consecutive weekends: December 4th -5th, December 11th-12th.

Advanced tickets are required for a head count.

There are no meetings/events in January or February. We will resume in March. Please consider becoming an ARS member. We are a fun, productive group of ladies whose mission is giving service to our clergy, our parishioners & our church.

THE MERRY MAKERS

KNITTERS & CROCHETERS **SEWERS MEETING**

If you have items to drop off, or if you need more yarn, please call ahead.(315)337-2289

To anyone who can knit, crochet or sew:

The **MERRY MAKERS** is a group of knitters, crocheters & sewers who currently knit and crochet hats, mittens and scarves for local school children. For cancer patients we make chemo caps, lap robes and prosthesis (to fit into mastectomy patient's bras).

We also make adult bibs, masks and walker bags. We give all these items to the local school nurses, cancer & infusion centers, local adult facilities and to individuals upon request.

If you or someone you know are in need of these items or if you would like to join in this endeavor, please call Cate Powers at (315)337-2289 or (315)225-7900.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Thank you all for continuing to produce so many beautiful items for the people we care about.

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CARE

December: Tina Brognano, Fran Rose

Vocation Ministry

Dedicated year of vocations with the Traveling Icon of St. Joseph will be visiting St Peter's the week of Nov. 27th to Dec. 4th



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 18th in conjunction with
National Wreaths Across America Program
At: St. Peter's, St. John's, St. Mary's,
Evergreen, Wright Settlement
and Westernville Cemeteries

If you would like to purchase a \$15 wreath for
a loved veteran, send your check to:

"Wreaths Across America" in care of

Joe Maurer, P.O. 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 at*

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

Please visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even?
Listen to St. John the Baptist in today's gospel and
repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block
your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift,
which makes a difference.

Give forgiveness.



Pope Francis asks us to pray for one of his
published intentions each month.
To pray with the Pope daily visit:

clicktopray.org

DECEMBER INTENTION

CATECHISTS

*Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to
announce the Word of God: may they be its
witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the
power of the Holy Spirit.*



CAROLING CHRISTMAS JOY

Let us celebrate the nativity and the birth of Jesus Christ as The Good News Center welcomes Notre Dame Elementary Children's Choir for a Christmas Concert. We are spreading the spirit of Christmas Joy with an old fashioned sing-a-long, Friday, December 10th starting at 11AM here at The Good News Center. The concert will be followed by a Christmas themed luncheon, \$12 per person, 1992 Society Members are \$10. Please call for reservations by December 6th 315-735-6210, Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30 or email us at info@thegoodnewscenter.org.

GRIEF SURVIVORS

Grief Survivors is a bi-weekly program that helps individuate journeying through grief. Grieving individuals feel a variety of emotions. Many times individuals going through them wonder if this is normal. Grieving is unique to each Individual although there are many similarities. The Grief Survivors support group allows individuals to explore their feelings, find support from individuals experiencing similar feelings, and move through the grieving process. Each session is unique offering blend of discussion, activities, and video presentations. Fellowship is a large part of the process and there is time for that as well. Individuals are invited to share during the discussions, but there is no pressure to do so. *The program is offered every other Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.* Upcoming meetings are December 7th and December 21st.

For more information, please contact the Good News Center at 315-735-6210, info@thegoodnewscenter.org, or visit us online at www.goodnewscenter.org. For those who prefer the program is also being offered via Zoom.

We ask you to please call 315-735-6210 to register for both in-person or virtual meetings.