



St. Mary's /St. Peter's Parish

200 N. James Street

Rome, New York 13440

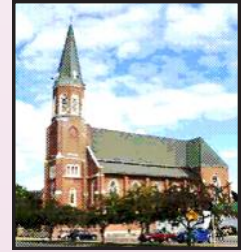
Pastor: Father Sean P. O'Brien

Deacon: Deacon Nicholas Rosher

Pastoral Associates:

Sister Rosaire Anne De Mare, CSJ
Mrs. Laura Mack

March 1, 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

Parish Office 315-336-5072

St. Peter's Fax 315-336-0855

E-Mail:

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Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday and Friday
8:00am - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00pm

Tuesday and Wednesday
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Religious Education

Office 315-336-5066

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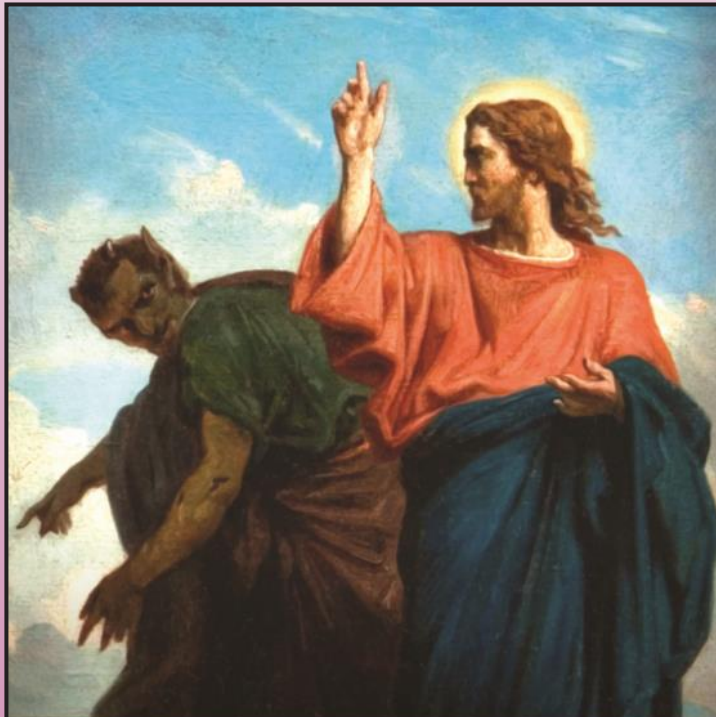


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MISSION STATEMENT

The Faith Community of St. Mary's/St. Peter's is centered in the Eucharist and is dedicated to serving the Spiritual and Social life of the people of God, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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Our Lenten Sacrifices

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.

Weekdays of Lent: No obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Easter Duty Obligation: Easter duty is the obligation of Catholics to receive Communion at least once a year during the Easter season. If a baptized person has sinned in a grave manner, there is a requirement that they go to confession before receiving Communion. Must be made from the First Sunday in Lenten (Feb. 26th) through Trinity Sunday (June 7th)

Self Denial: Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, The Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and deeds of mercy and kindness.

Abstinence: no meat for those over 14 years of age.
Fast and Abstinence: a full meal (ages 18 through 59) and no meat (14 years of age and over).

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 29, 2020 (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)

8:00 am Mass for Jim Muldoon by Mary Simmons
 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Jim Scott by Family
 and Diana Kozma by Colleen Jerome and Barbara Brady
 and James Grifasi by Thomas and David Aquino
 and Marguerite Weidenfeller (Birthday) by daughter, Ann



Sunday, March 1, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Edwin Kindler by Juliet James
 and John E. Pekarski by Family
 10:30 am Mass for James Muldoon by Roy Austin III Memorial
 and Joan Cunningham by James Cunningham

Monday, March 2, 2020 (Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt. 25:31-46)

7:00 am Mass for Monsignor Francis Culkin by Ines Worlock
 12:10 pm Mass for Did and Lil Jones by Family

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin (Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)

7:00 am Mass for Toni Belmont by Sprock Family
 12:10 pm Mass for Jeanne Palmer by Natalie Ciaccia

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 St. Casimir (Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)

7:00 am Mass for Charlotte Fisher by SAA Class of 1957
 12:10 pm Robert and Margaret Simons by daughter-in-law Mary Simons
 and Amy Frykholm (birthday) by Dad and Sister, Laurie

Thursday, March 5, 2020 (12, 14-16-23-25; Mt 7:7-12)

No mass scheduled

Friday, March 6, 2020 (Ez 1:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)

7:00 am Mass for The People of our Parish
 12:10 pm Mass for Susan Grace by James Cunningham

Saturday, March 7, 2020 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs (Dt 25: 16-19; Mt 5:43-48)

8:00 am Mass Edward Lanigan by Mary and Tom Schantz
 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass** for Jim and Mark Grifasi by family
 and Diane Kozma and Barbara Cole by Pat DeMatteo
 and Lisa A. Casapulla by Bob and Josephine Polce

Sunday, March 8, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am Mass for Jane A. Martin (anniv) by Fred Martin
 and Maureen Watson (11th anniv) by children
 and Frank Calicchia (anniv) by Lorayn and Nick
 10:30 am for John Dickson by mother
 and Carl Massett, Jr. (birthday) by Family
 and for James Muldoon by Pat Austin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 pm
 or by appointment at the Rectory

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

It is important that a family member
 indicate that the person being
 admitted to the hospital is a
 Catholic and belongs to a certain
 parish. Our Parish Ministers who
 are visitors go to the hospital
 almost everyday.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members to our
 parish family. We invite you to
 become an active participant of our
 parish community. Please
 introduce yourself to the Pastor and
 please call the rectory to register.

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.

*No second collection
 this weekend!*

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 and locate **DONATE** in the menu. Questions? Give us a call: 315-336-5072



February 23, 2020

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

Regular Collection	\$9,910.50
Electronic Giving	\$667.60
Total	\$10,578.10
Make ups	\$267.00

Thank you for your support!

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, March 4th, **Scripture Class on St. Matthew** at 6:00 pm
in St. Peter's Church Hall

Wednesday, March 4th, **Scripture Sharing** to reflect on the Readings for Sunday
Liturgy at 10:00 am in St. Peter's Church Hall. All are Welcome

Wednesday, March 4th **Prayer Group** at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
All Masses at St. Peter's Church

SATURDAY	Vigil MASS 5:00 pm
SUNDAYS	8:00 am and 10 :30 am
Weekdays	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 am & 12:10 pm
Holydays	Saturday 8:00 am 7:00am, 12:10pm and 5:30 pm Vigil



**ALTAR AND
SANCTUARY CARE**
March
Mary Ellen Utter
Ashley Engle

COLLECTION HELPERS
March 1st
Pat Austin Lisa Austin
Amy Balog
March 8th
Ann Copperwheat
Nancy Reilly

HOSPITAL VISITATION
March 1st
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team 1
March 8th
St. Mary's/St. Peter's Team 2

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
the week of March 1st
For **Mark and Jim Grifasi** requested by family
the week of March 8th
For **Fred Pacicca, Jr.** by wife and children

 **Faith Formation**

Sunday, March 1st, **First Communion Class** from
9:15-10:15 am

Sunday, March 1st, **2nd Year Confirmation Large Group**
10:30 am and class until 1:00 pm

Monday, March 2nd, **Grades 1-6** from 6 to 7 pm

Monday, March 2nd, **Grades 7-9** from 7:30 -8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 4th. **Grades 1 to 6** from 8 to 9 am

Sunday, March 8th, **First Communion Parent Session**,
with class for children at 9:15 am

Sunday, March 8th, 9th Grade **Evening of Reflection** from
5 to 8 pm at the former
St. Peter's School 400 Floyd Ave
(St. Aloysius Parish Center)

Adult Faith Formation
Classes during Lent

Father O'Brien will be teaching
Monday evenings 6:00 - 6:50 pm
March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th
at St. Peter's School, 400 Floyd Ave.



**The Passion of Jesus Adapted from the
Gospels of Matthew and John**

On Friday evening March 6th, all are welcome to
join us at 7:00 at St. Peter's Church in Rome for an
hour presentation on the "Passion of Jesus adapted
from the Gospels of Mathew and John." Through a
narrative and songs, "the Exodus", a Christian con-
temporary singing group directed by Paul O'Neil,
from the Eastern Region of the Diocese of Syra-
cuse, invites all who attend to reflect with us on the
Passion of Jesus. This presentation will provide an
opportunity for everyone to enter more deeply into
the event of Palm Sunday and the day we call
Good Friday.

EUCCHARISTIC FAST
means to fast one hour from
**Foods and liquids before receiving
Holy Communion .**
Water and medicine never breaks the fast.

Dear Padre,

Is gambling a sin?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church mentions gambling in the context of “temperance” to moderate attachment to worldly goods, “justice” to render to our neighbor what is due, and “solidarity in accordance with the golden rule” (CCC 2407). “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter....” (CCC 2413).

Gambling, therefore, is morally neutral. When properly controlled, it can be a form of recreation for some. However, it becomes an enslavement when obsessive gamblers neglect their families or jobs, risk financial security, and compromise their responsibilities to self, others, and God. The allure of winning and the desire to win even more—along with venues that provide easy gambling credit and other incentives—often make it harder for people to know their limits.

Consequently, a severe gambling addiction can lead and has led to stealing to pay debts, divorce, job loss, despair, and suicide. No wonder St. Augustine cautioned, “The devil invented gambling.” Even if Satan didn’t invent it, he’ll gladly take credit for it when gambling becomes a means to his ends. In so many words, those who win large amounts from lotteries and games of chance frequently warn, “All that glitters isn’t gold.” Despite visits enticements, gambling ultimately fails to satisfy the human heart’s longing for meaning and fulfillment. —Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

the CATHOLIC SUN

February is Catholic Press Month, a time aside each year to recognize the Catholic press’ unique and essential role in sharing the truths of our faith and stories of those who live it, including those right in our own parish. For more than 125 years, since the very first issue in 1892, the Catholic Sun has done just that, serving its readers with Catholic news, views and teachings.

The Catholic Sun depends on parish subscriptions to continue its critical mission. That’s why the Sun team will mark this Catholic Press month with a subscription campaign aimed at ensuring its work can continue for another 125 years.

There are **subscription envelopes** at the church entrances, which you can make a donation and fill them out. If you have already made a donation earlier in the month we will register your name.

We thank you in advance for our efforts to help the Catholic Sun to continue to share the Good News and light of Christ with all our brothers and sisters.



**FOR LENT
FOR LIFE**

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
CRS RICE BOWL**

Lent is a 40-day Journey of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving
Each day during Lent the Rice Bowl invites us to reflect on how your Lenten sacrifices can help families around the world overcome the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition.
Through the CRS Rice Bowl you help reach more than 127 Million people with life saving support.
The Rice Bowls are at the Church entrances. Please take one and put it on your dinner table or kitchen counter.
Encourage everyone to donate to the bowl. There is a prayer on it...so at the end of each day families can pray together.
There are stories and a calendar in the bowl for your use too.
By Easter you bowl should be full of pennies and nickels.....bring it to Church and we will forward it to Catholic Relief Services.
So Pray.. Fast.. and .. Give.. generously

“DON’T GIVE UP ON ME”

An evening with Darryl Strawberry
Life after baseball.
I finally found my purpose in life”
Tuesday, May 5, 2020
6 to 7 pm Autograph signing
Dinner at 7 pm
Memorabilia Raffle Tickets \$75
Call the Good News Center for tickets (315-735-6210)
Or visit the goodnewscenter.org

**FAMILY PERSEPCTIVE
Provided by the Hope Appeal Funds**

In today’s gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; “one does not live on bread alone,” Let Lent 2020 be a time when you are “led by the Spirit” to explore new ways to be a moral guide to you children.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



We regret to announce there will not be the annual Parish wide **St. Patrick Day dinner**. We were unable to coordinate a date among Father Sean's, the Church hall or Eddie's Diner Calendars.

Our meetings resume after the "Winter Break on Thursday, March 19 at 6 pm. Please plan to attend and bring a dish to pass. We will discuss the calendar of events and do some "brain storming" on new projects.

The Altar Rosary Society is always welcoming new members to join our organization. We are a productive and fun group of ladies and would love to see you come to see what we are all about. Your time and talents are needed!!!!!!

The "Merry Makers" Meeting Schedule

Knitters & Crocheters: Wednesday
March 11th from 6 to 9 pm.
Sewing Group: Thursday and Friday
March 12th & 13th from 10 am. to 4 pm.

We need SEWERS to sew at home and/or to sew with us at our monthly meetings. You need not be an expert. If you can sew a straight seam, please consider joining "Merry Makers".

For additional information:
Cate Powers
315-337-2289 315-225-7900

Hospice and Palliative Care

Services are available to us

When someone is seriously ill or are suffering from the pain that comes from dealing with loss. They are a resource for you. If you have a family member who needs guidance for themselves or a loved one, we can help. They offer several resources to support. Call Joanne Moskal 315-735-6484 for more information.



Knights of Columbus
Next meeting Thursday, at 7 pm
K of C Council Hall on Ridge Street



Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday

Masses at 7:00 am and 12:10 pm
Evening Mass at 6:00 pm
St. Peter's Church
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

City Wide Stations of Cross

Friday's at 7:00 pm
February 28th St. Paul's
March 6th Transfiguration
March 13th St. Peter's
March 20th St. Joseph's Lee Center
March 17th Transfiguration
April 3rd St. Peter's

The Light is ON  for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday, April 6th from 4 - 7 pm
At all our Churches

Holy Thursday April 9th

Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00 pm
St. Paul's Church

Good Friday April 10th

City Wide Service at 3:00 pm
St. Peter's Church

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass April 11th

8 pm St. Peter's Church

Easter Sunday Masses April 12th

Celebrating the Risen Lord
8:00 am and 10:00 am St. Peter's Church

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation
Laura Mack

Organist
Barry Russo

Office Administration
Sharon Hansen

Administrative Assistant
Sister Rosaire Anne DeMare, CSJ

Maintenance Director
Mark Lagasse

Cemetery Superintendent
St. Peter's and St. Mary's
Joseph Fusco

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 B. Thomas
Hospital Visitations Jim Flemming

Volunteers are needed as:
Altar Servers * Lectors
Eucharistic Minister
Collection helpers
Ushers * Choir * Greeters
Please call the rectory for
more information.

Pope Francis

asks us to pray for one
of his published inten-
tions each month. To
pray with the Pope
daily

Visit: clicktopray.org

March

*We pray that the
Church in China may
persevere in its faithful-
ness to the Gospel and
grow in unity.*

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Meetings are held on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

Father Sean O'Brien, Pastor

Kevin Barry, President
Betty Pettinelli, Vice President
Joseph Maurer, Trustee
St. Peter's
Dale Rashford, Trustee
St. Mary's
Joseph Stanton, Trustee
St. Peter's

Michael Adey
Toni Belmont
Ginny Craiglow
Sister Rosaire Anne De Mare
Edward Donohue
Doug Holdridge
Carol Kaun
Joan Lamb
Laura Mack
Marguerite Maurer
Patrick Reilly
Deacon Nicholas Rosher

**Let us remember our family, friends
and parishioners in our prayers**

Georgie Amodio
Paula Bailey
Raymond Barbar, Jr
Ben Boulay.
Doris Barry
Joseph Beasock III
Karen Bieksza
James Brooks
Lorayne Calliichia
Stephanie Calliichia
Mary Carmody
Mary Jane Colangelo
Nick Coonrod
John Cordsen
Esther Curran
Alice Dearo
Tom Delpico
Barry Dunning
Sarah Eastup
Al Eisinger
Paul Eisinger
Robyn Engle
Bill Evans
Ron Fazio
Judith Ann Fesner
Joan Fiaschetti
Diana Fowler
Julianna Fusco
Lauri Fusco
Aususta Ginsburg
Scott Ginsburg
Michael Gans
Amanda Gold
John Greene

Gail Greene
Donald Hartman
Billy Jo Hidenbrandt
Joshua Hedrington
John Hedrington
John Hinman
Barbara Joanis
David Johnston
Carol Johnson
Lena Johnston
Paula Johnston
Jenny Kemp
Mary Ann Kimmel
Gary Koster
Paul LaSalle
Teresa La Salle
Bill "Dobbie" Link
Lori Losowski
Anne Lubecki
Geoff Marchione
Russell Marchione
Mary McAdoo
Pat Mellioris
David, Liz and Mitzi
Marcelletta
Brian McQueen
Angie Messineo
Joe Migeroll
Tom Moonan
Ann Moster
Phil Murphy
Beverly Nasci
Tari-Lyn Orton

Clair Papadamtrious
Debbie Pacicca
Barbara Pazdur
Robert Pabis
Clair Papadametrious
Jim Pekarski
Rachel Pawlikowski
Datie Ponath
John Preski
Patrick Quinn
James Rank
Dale Rashford
Bill Reese
Catherine Roman
Robert Roman
Lisa Ryder
Kelly Sabia
Brian Schilling
Emmalynn Sharrow
Alexander Simpson
Freja Emily Simpson-
Kaye Skinner
Russell Smith
Spencer Robert Smith
Blanche Sweatman
Anne Toepp
Dominick Tuzzolino
Alma Walton
Vito Waterman
John Wright
Ray "Dusty" Whitman
Bob Wood

Please call the rectory for additions, deletions and corrections.



**CHRIST THE KING
RETREAT AND
CONFERENCE CENTER**

For all events call: 315-446-2680

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24-26

Women's Ignatian Retreat with
Joann Heaney

May 10th

Mother's Day Mass
and Breakfast

May 22-24

Recovery Retreat

May 31-June 4th Yoga Retreat

June 6th

Retreat on Anthony De Mello with
Sister Ellie Martinez

June 8-12th

Clergy Retreat

July 11th: Spiritual Reflection
Retreat with Brother Don Bisson



Call for more info and to register call
315-735-6210

**Luncheon.....
preparing for Holy Week**

presented by Father Nathan Brooks

He will be walking us through
Holy Week and giving us some
tools so we can enter more fully
into Holy Week and be prepared
for Jesus to enter our lives a much
fuller and in a richer way on
Easter Sunday.

April 2nd from 11 am to 1 pm
Cost \$10 . Please register.

Day of Prayer and Reflection

With Mass and confession
May 16th from 10:15 am to 5 pm
Given by Father McKeon, SJ
"Growing in Gratitude"
and "Fruits of the Holt Spirit"

**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament
AT TRANSFIGURATION Church Chapel**

Adoration times will be from 6 am to 9 pm with 2
adorers required for each hour. To sign up or for
questions call Bernadette Kapps at 315-337-5439.



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.*