



Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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Garry Holt, Chairperson

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Karl Costin

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Office Hours are
Monday-Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm

Parish Mission Statement

Rooted in the Word of God...nourished and strengthened by the Sacraments...guided by the Holy Spirit... We, the people of St. Peter's are united in our desire to promote social justice, to live Christian values and to deepen our spiritual lives. We will compassionately serve those who are in need and make every effort to build strong, loving families and a solid faith community. Our 155 year old tradition is alive and open to new ways of being Church eager to give living witness to Jesus Christ.



Liturgical Life

Daily Mass Schedule

6:45am & 12:05pm, Monday - Friday
8:15am Saturday

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:45-3:30pm
Wednesday 12:30-1:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm
Sunday at **8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am
** Interpreted for the Hearing Impaired

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00-8:00am 1st Sat. of the Month
7:30-8:00am Thursday
12:30-1:00pm Friday

Baptism and Marriage
Please call the Parish Office



Our Credo

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church;
 No matter what your current family or marital situation;
 No matter what your past or present religious affiliation;
 No matter what your own personal history, age, background, race or color;
 No matter what your own self-image or esteem;
 You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at
 St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Parish Ministries and Committees

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent in one of the following areas, please call the Parish Office.

Community

- Activities/Hospitality
- Altar Rosary Society
- Bereavement Ministry
- Bethany Ministry (Post Funeral Lunches)
- Bible Study
- Buildings and Grounds
- Finance Council
- Homebound Ministry
- Knights of Columbus
- New Beginnings – Divorced/Separated
- Parish Council
- Parish Nurses
- Pre-Cana
- St. Matthew's Guild
- Women's Group

Religious Education

- Rite of Christian Initiation
- 1st – 8th Religious Ed Catechists
- Confirmation Program
- Children's Church
- Baptism Visitors
- Seton Academy/Catholic High

Social Justice

- Soup Kitchen
- Respect Life
- Homeless Hospitality
- Food Shelf
- JustFaith – Environment
- Mission of Hope

Youth Ministry

- Sunday Evening Group
- Young Adult Ministry

Worship Ministries

- Liturgy Committee
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Prayer Chain
- Greeters
- Lectors
- Altar Servers
- Ushers

Music Ministry

- Adult 9:30 am Choir
- Contemporary 11 am Choir

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

- 6:45am Carlos Leiva by the Flores family
- 12:05pm Mark Renaud by his mother Beverly

Tuesday, September 16 *Cornelius and Cyprian*

- 6:45am Kenneth Beebie by his family
- 12:05pm Helena LeClair by her family

Wednesday, September 17

- 6:45am Andre Light by his wife Honey
- 12:05pm Harold Parrott by Henry Jarvis



Thursday, September 18

- 6:45am Philip Bordeau by Shirley Guillon
- 12:05pm Orville Brothers by Willard & Betty Miller

Friday, September 19

- 6:45am Julia & Charles Provost by Barbara & Gertude
- 12:05pm William Brown by Roger & Judi

Saturday, September 20

- 8:15am Pearl Buska by her estate



1:30 pm Wedding

Suzanne Tart and Duncan May

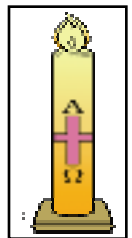
- 4:00pm Stanley Bordeau by Scott & Judy Defayette

Sunday, September 21

- 8:00am Robert & Loretta Griffin by their family
- 9:30am All Parishioners
- 11:00am Carol Ellsworth Kesler by Contemporary Choir

Vigil Candles for this Week

- In Memory of **Richard Rascoe**
by Grace & family
- In Memory of **Paul Choiniere**
by Ann Bechard
- In Memory of **William Brown**
by Roger & Judi



You may contact the Parish Office to secure a time for a seven day vigil candle -- \$10 is the offering.

God's Plan for Giving ... Tithing

- September 9, 2007 \$11,919.00
- September 7, 2008 \$18,047.43
- (Including electronic transfers)
- Building Fund Campaign.. \$ 5,520.00

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to stewardship.

Are you writing or rewriting your will?
 Consider designating a gift to St. Peter's and give witness to your faith.

Newly Baptized

The parish family of St. Peter's gives thanks to God as it celebrates the new and everlasting birth given through the waters of Baptism to:



Lauryn Brooke Donahue

We rejoice because our family continues to grow through those who are baptized in Christ. We pledge to these children our prayers, encouragement and support as they grow in the faith we profess in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We welcome our newly registered parishioners...



**Tina Monette
Wayne & Janet Parrotte
Susan Zsido
Lori Miner**

All of us at St. Peter's Parish extend a prayerful and grateful welcome to all of our new parishioners. Together we may live as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus.

R.C.I.A is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a process by which new adult Catholics are born. A group will be forming which will meet weekly September through April to share the Gospel Message and to learn more about the Catholic Church and St. Peter's Parish Community. Please call the Parish Office at 563-1692 and ask to speak with Rianna.



St. Peter's Religious Education



**Starts Sept. 21
Register by Sept. 17**

Classes on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Grades 1-6 will meet at Seton Academy
Grades 7 & 8 will meet in the Upper Room of St. Peter's Church

Volunteers Needed

We would like to welcome the candidates of the RCIA classes each Wednesday with refreshments brought in by present members of the parish. Your participation will not only provide a refreshment to participants of the classes, but will assist in connecting parishioners with the RCIA candidates each week. There are 25 people participating and any type snack will do. It does not have to be home made. There is a sign up in the entrance and please remember to provide your phone number (a reminder phone call will be made a few days ahead of time.) If you are unable to bring the snack in, someone will pick it up from your home. For more information, please contact Mary Remillard at 561-0775.

Youth Group Begins!

Join the **Junior High** Youth Group of St. Peter's on **Sunday, Sept. 21**, in the Upper Room of St. Peter's from 6:30-8:30 pm. The **Senior High** Youth Group will begin on **Sunday, Sept. 14**, in the Upper Room of St. Peter's from 6:30-8:30 pm.



Confirmation



Don't forget that classes begin on **Sunday, Sept. 21** from 7:00-8:30 PM in their respective locations.

First Communion Starts in First Grade

It is important that children have a healthy and wholesome understanding of God. Our children benefit greatly throughout all of life from the values and virtues they learn in childhood. The early school years are truly formative years for all of life. If you wish your child to receive his or her First Communion in 2nd grade, he or she should be in religious education in 1st Grade. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 563-3278 and ask for Miss Rianna.

Vocation Evening

As a single man or woman have you ever wondered if Sacred Scripture was applicable to your daily life 2000 years later after Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension? Join Fr. Bryan Stitt and Miss Therese Moen as we discover Christ's living Word in Sacred Scripture and discuss religious life followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

Where: The Upper Room of St. Peter's
When: 6:30-8:30 pm, Wed., Sept. 17



**Pick up your copy
each week before
Mass.**

If you have any questions on any of the above programs, please contact Miss Therese Moen at 563-3278 or stpetersyd@charterinternet.com. God bless!

Parish Directory

Anyone who has not had a photo taken and would like to appear in the directory, may drop off a 4 by 6 glossy or digital photo to the Parish Office by **September 15th** and we will include it in the publication. Three or four weeks after that we will receive our proof and final printing will begin. Thank you for making our new directory a success!



Seton Academy News

Parents, students, staff, pastors and Education Council members should plan to attend the Spaghetti Supper and Bonfire on Saturday, September 20. More information will be forthcoming. Please call school for your reservations at 825-7386.

Community Events

Hannah's Hope For G.A.N. Dinner and Night Out

Monday, Sept. 15, 4-6 pm
Mainly Lobster, Military Turnpike
\$20 per ticket

Fall Retreat sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Young Adult Ministry

Fri.-Sun, Sept. 19-21 @ Camp Guggenheim
Contact Gib Patenaude @ 518-637-2091 or
gpatenaude@dioogdensbur g.org

Lord Teach Us To Pray Our Lady of Adirondacks House of Prayer

Saturday, Sept. 20 9-4 pm
7270 Star Rd, Route 190
Ellenburg Center
518-594-3253

Annual Harvest Dinner

St. Ann's Mooers Forks

Sunday, Sept. 21, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Adults - \$9, Children - \$4.50, Under 6 - Free
Roast Beef Dinner with fixings!

Harvest Dinner Buffet

Sacred Heart Church of Chazy

Sunday, Sept. 28, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Adults - \$9, Children - \$3, Under 5 - Free
Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings!

Crop Walk 2008

Sunday, Sept. 28 at 2:00 pm.
Contact the Parish Office at 563-1692 to register and
pick up a pledge packet.

IN OUR PARISH

Rosary Altar Meeting

The Altar Rosary Society will meet on **Tuesday, September 16** at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Agenda items include plans for the Fall Money Maker Campaign and a Fall Retreat.

Traveling With The Turtle

Session 12 of "Traveling with the Turtle" will be held **Friday, September 19** at 7:00 pm in the Emmaus Room. The topic will be "Acting for Peace." The next session's readings are on Page 229-232.

Catechist Sunday

All Catechists and Catholic School Teachers are invited to receive a blessing at the 11:00 am Mass on **Sunday, September 21**. Please make plans to attend.

Light Weigh

Light Weigh is a spiritual growth weight-loss program held **every Wednesday** evening in the Chapel, at 7:00 pm. Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating.

New Beginnings

The support group New Beginnings for those divorced or separated meets **every Thursday** in the Upper Room at 7:00 pm.

Parish Nurses

Meetings for the parish nurses are held on the **2nd Thursday of each month** at 6:30 pm in the Emmaus Room.

Healing Ministry

St. Peter's Parish, under the direction of Eve McGill, Maggie Hutchins and Fr. John, is forming the "Living Waters Healing Ministry." Soon a monthly Healing Mass will be celebrated. If interested in finding out more about the ministry please contact the Parish Office at 563-1692 or spchurch1692@charter.net.

Hospital Ministry

Attention Eucharistic Ministers! The Hospital Ministry is looking for your assistance. If you can serve, please call Gerry Rascoe at 561-4732.

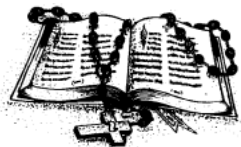
Blessing of Pets

Sunday, October 5 at 1 pm. at St. Peter's parking lot rain or shine. Please bring a can or bag of pet food for the Humane Society.



St. Peter's Harvest Dinner

Save the date -- **Sunday, November 2**.



Gospel Glimpses

Mt 18:15-20

Fashion Check

Stop and take a close look at yourself today. How many designer or company logos can you find on your clothes, your briefcase or purse? One? Two? Five? We are seduced by the status that we assume these symbols give, and willingly become walking billboard advertisements for dozens of corporations and fashion gurus on a daily basis.

Now look again and see if you can find a logo that advertises God. Oh that, you shrug, I'm not into those WWJD bracelets or T-shirts with in-your-face Christian slogans. Ok, but then how **do** people know that Christ is the "designer" of your life? Is He lifted up and carried proudly in your heart and "on your sleeve?" Can people walk into any room of your life and say, ahhh, I see you prefer Jesus' style. Take a moment's pause today and ask yourself, do my actions reflect Jesus' name-brand or have I hidden Him in the bottom drawer with my castoffs? If you find that His emblem, His cross is missing from your wardrobe, perhaps it's time for a change in fashion.

The Year of St. Paul

"Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross"
(Philippians 2: 6-11)

Today we celebrate the **St. Paul Event** as a Diocese with Solemn Vespers for the *Feast of Triumph of the Cross* at 4:00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. The 2nd Reading summons all of us to have the same attitude as that of Jesus, that is, to be self-emptying and to be humble. Yes, Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of us all. St. Paul goes on to tell us that there is nothing more important than "knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:3) taken from the Vespers reading of today's celebration. It is this saying that becomes the theme for the St. Paul Event. Knowing Christ Jesus Christ Our Lord was St. Paul's passion for the rest of his life. Knowing Christ Jesus Christ Our Lord must become our passion as Christians. The Year of St. Paul is an invitation for all of us to become evangelizers, to bring the good news to the world.

St Paul, Apostle of the Gentiles, pray for us.

National POW/MIA Memorial Service
Wednesday, September 17th at 5:00 pm at the Memorial Chapel, 100 US Oval, PAFB.
Guest Speaker: Col. G. F. Seiferth, Jr. Ret.

As we begin "Commitment Weekend" for the 2008 Bishop's Fund Appeal, it is our hope that we can match and even go beyond the great success of last year's Appeal. The theme of this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal is ***From Generation to Generation... Continuing the Journey***. Please prayerfully consider supporting the many good works of the Diocese. Your pledge will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you in advance for your support.



Aging Advisory Committee

The Clinton County Office for the Aging Advisory Committee members and staff will travel to meet with senior citizens and others wishing to comment on or learn more about services for elders. Information secured at the public hearings help shape the Office for the Aging plans for the future. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Monday, Sept. 15 at Beekman Towers

Lunch served at 11:45 am; Hearing begins at 12:15 pm
Call 561-5360 a day in advance to make a lunch reservation

Thursday, Sept 18 at Lakeview Towers

Lunch served at 12 noon; Hearing begins at 12:30 pm
Call 561-8696 a day in advance to make a lunch reservation

Friday, Sept 26 at the Senior Center, N. Catherine St.

Lunch available at 12 noon; Hearing begins at 11 am.
Call 561-7393 a day in advance to make a lunch reservation.

Clinton County Department of Social Services

There is an urgent need for foster parents in Clinton County.

An Orientation and Information meeting for prospective Foster/Adoptive and Respite Parents will be held on **Tuesday, September 16** from 6-7:30 pm. at the Department offices at 13 Durkee Street, Plattsburgh. All are welcome and there is no commitment.

On **Tuesday, September 23** the Department will host a Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) training for prospective Foster/Adoptive and Respite Parents.

Please call 565-3320 to confirm attendance or obtain more information.

RSVP of Clinton County

The RSVP offers the Home workers program which consists of volunteers who knit and crochet much needed items for the population of our community. There is a need for acrylic yarn that parishioners for which they have no use. Please call RSVP at 566-0944 and they can arrange to pick up your donation.

**Readings
for the Week**

September 14

Nm 21:4-9
Ps 78:1-2,34-38
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

September 15

1 Cor 11:17-26,33
Ps 40:7-10,17
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

September 16

1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31
Ps 100:1-5
Lk 7:11-17

September 17

1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Ps 33:2-5,12,22
Lk 7:31-35

September 18

1 Cor 15:1-11
Ps 118:1-2,16-17,28
Lk 7:36-50

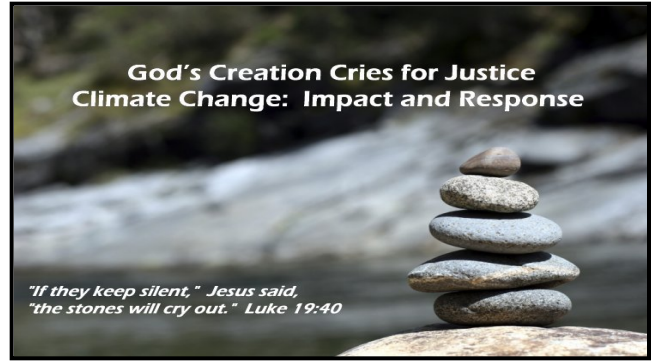
September 19

1 Cor 15:12-20
Ps 17:1,6-8,15
Lk 8:1-3

September 20

1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49
Ps 56:10-14
Lk 8:4-15

*Please join our faith
community in study
and action!*



The approach to global climate change by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change and Catholic Bishops' Environmental Justice Program has been to focus on the themes of prudence, poverty and the common good, as well as Catholic Social Teaching. **JustMatters** will expand and explore these principles and will have a strong emphasis on how climate change will impact the poor at home and abroad.

The **six session program** will draw out arguments for and against action and demonstrate—through both faith and science—the hazards to poor people of doing nothing.

This study group will include action items for stopping further global warming (mitigation) and what will be needed to help the poor at home and abroad who will be most impacted by climate change (adaptation).

The 2 hour sessions will cover:

- Catholic Theology on the Environment. Reflections on our place in and responsibility for God's creation. Voices on the theology of ecology and the implications for future generations.
- The Science of Climate Change. In the face of the consensus of the scientific community about climate change, how do we deal with fear, dread, and feelings of powerlessness?
- Climate change and the poor. Voices and experiences of the poor and marginalized focus on social justice connections and the impact on the poor.
- Border-crossing experience. An action, engagement, field trip or immersion that sheds light on the implication of climate change and what we can do to address it. An opportunity to learn about our sources of energy and what is our local "carbon footprint".
- Where do we go from here? What actions are we committed to taking so that everyone can live in a sustainable future, strengthened by our faith community?

For more information, call Paul or Alice Scott at 561-1962. Registration will be held September 13 & 14, and September 20 & 21st after each Mass. You may also register by contacting the rectory by September 23rd.

Classes will start on Sunday, September 28th, 2:00-4:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. Sessions will be held one Sunday per month (to be announced).

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually.



On **Tuesday, October 7**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will be praying a contemplative rosary beginning at 7:00 pm in the Church. Following the rosary, a guest lecturer, Rev. Theodore Crosby, will speak on "Contemplating the Face of Jesus with Mary." Fr. Crosby was ordained by Bishop Barbarito in August 2000 and is current pastor of St. Bernard's, Lyon Mountain and St. Michael's, Standish. He has preached parish retreats throughout the Diocese and was recently a guest of our Rosary Altar Society. This will be a great evening of prayer and celebration of Jesus and Mary! A reception will follow in the Emmaus Room.