



Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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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

Youth Ministry

- Sunday Evening Group
- Young Adult Ministry

Worship Ministries

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

Music Ministry

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 22

- 6:45am Marie Brothers by The Clinton Crew
- 12:05pm Alice Foley by Jack & Suzanne Beaumont

Tuesday, September 23 *Pio of Pietrelcina*

- 6:45am Christina LaPlante by Nancy & Lester
- 12:05pm Peter Lynch by his wife Lois

Wednesday, September 24

- 6:45am Leslie Duquette by George Ciccone
- 12:05pm David Davidson (5th Anniversary)
by his daughter Nancy



Thursday, September 25

- 6:45am Judy Martin by family & friends
- 12:05pm Marion Pombrio by David & Madeline Pombrio

Friday, September 26

- 6:45am Evelyn Davidson by Anita & Jake Reynolds
- 12:05pm Ray L. Carter by his wife Teresa

Saturday, September 27 *Vincent de Paul*

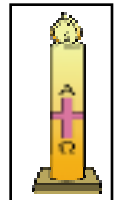
- 8:15am John Anderson by Suzanne Anderson
- 1:00pm **Wedding David Hall-Melanie Bliss**
- 4:00pm Audun Grimnes by his wife Erma

Sunday, September 28

- 8:00am Clare Beaubriand by Linda & Jim Bracy
- 9:30am Parishioners
- 11:00am William Guilbo by his wife & children

Vigil Candles for this Week

- In Memory of **Stanley E. Desautels Sr.**
by his family
- In Memory of **Priscilla Steele**
by her family
- 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 16, 2007 \$13,526.67
- September 14, 2008 \$12,374.50

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:



Dominic James De Angelo

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.



St. Peter's Harvest Dinner

The first organizing meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 30th at 7 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. This event is always a most enjoyable experience for all. Please come to this planning session if you are interested in helping to organize this *fun* draiser that will take place on Sunday, November 2nd.

Youth Group Begins!

Join the **Junior High** Youth Group of St. Peter's on **Sunday, Sept 28** in the Upper Room of St. Peter's from 6:30-8:30 pm.



Senior High Youth Group: **Sunday, September 28** we will be meeting at United Methodist Church on Beekman Street from 2 - 4 pm to walk for hunger. **CROP** (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) is an opportunity to fight hunger in our world and right here in Plattsburgh

We pray for those who have recently entered eternal life. May the angels lead them into paradise.

- Catherine Hewson**
- William LaMarche**
- Ricky Mitchell**
- Jeanine Nicholas**
- Catherine Ruprecht**
- Brother Roland Vigeant**



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

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 Rianna Minert.

Confirmation



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

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

St. Peter's Religious Education



Starts Sept. 21
It's not too late join!

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



Cruise the Mediterranean - Fall of 2009

Have you ever thought of traveling to the Italian island of Capri and the Amalfi Coast, the pyramids of Egypt, the Acropolis in Athens, the Greek island of Mykonos, the Cathedral of Santa Sophia in Istanbul? The parish will be setting sail with *Princess Cruises* on October 13, 2009. Over 30 cabins are now reserved for this trip - it is not too late to join the trip of a lifetime..call Touraid at 888-206-4174 and ask for about St. Peter's trip to Egypt and the Aegean.

There is a Pot Luck Dinner on Wednesday, September 24th at 6pm in the Upper Room. Please RSVP by calling Religious Education Office 563-3278





Register today!
be a CROP Walker
or sponsor one online.

Crop Walk 2008

The annual Crop Walk to combat the plight of the poor in our world as well as our local

community will take place on **Sunday, September 28 at 2:00 pm**. The walkers will leave from the United Methodist Church on Beekman Street and will have the option of walking either 4.25K or 10K. Any group or individual who would like to participate should contact Mark Bennett at the Parish Office at 563-1692 to register and pick up a pledge packet. Please consider supporting this worthwhile event.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Harvest Dinner Buffet

St. Edmunds Parish Center in Elenburg

Sunday, September 28, 11:30 to 4:30 pm

Adults - \$9, Children - \$3, Under 5 - Free

Harvest Dinner Buffet

Sacred Heart Church of Chazy

Sunday, Sept. 28, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Adults - \$9, Children - \$3, Under 5 - Free

3rd Annual Mountain Climb

Young Adult Weekend

Oct. 3-5 @ Camp Guggenheim

Contact Gib Patenaude @ 518-637-2091 or

gpatenaude@dioogdensburg.org

Harvest Dinner

Our Lady of Victory

Sunday, Oct. 5, Noon - 5 pm

Adults - \$9, Seniors - \$8, Under 12 - \$5,
and Under 5 - Free

125th Anniversary

Annual Roast Turkey Harvest Dinner

St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora

Sunday, Oct. 12, 11 am - 5 pm

Adults - \$8, Seniors - \$7, Ages 5-10 \$5,
Under 5 - Free, Family Rate - \$25

"Strike Out Malaria"

You can save a life with a mosquito net costing \$10! The PSUC Athletic Dept. is sponsoring a gathering featuring Bill "Spaceman" Lee, former Rod Sox and Expos pitcher on September 28 at 1 p.m. at the Chip Cummings Field on Rugar St. The game admission of \$10 will buy a life saving mosquito net for those at risk of malaria in Africa. For more information call 563-1744 or 564-4830.

IN OUR PARISH

JustMatters

JustMatters Climate Change Study and Action Group meets **Sunday, September 28**, 2 - 4 pm, in the Emmaus Room.

Light Weigh

Light Weigh is a spiritual growth weight-loss program held **Wednesday's** for registered participants in the Chapel, at 7 pm. Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating. Those interested, please call Sue Holt for more information 561-2782

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

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 19**. The parish will be sponsoring its third annual blood drive, conducted by CVPH's North Country Regional Blood Center. The time is schedule for 10:00-13:00 pm in the Emmaus Room.

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.

Vocation Evening

Have you ever wondered if Sacred Scripture was applicable to your daily life 2000 years later after Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension? Come and find out about it with Fr. Bryan Stitt and Miss Therese Moen as we discover Christ's living Word in Sacred Scripture and discuss religious life. The night will include talks from Fr. Bryan and Therese and a half an hour with the Living Word Himself, Jesus Christ in Eucharistic Adoration.

Who: Single Men and Women wondering about Sacred Scripture and Religious Life

Where: The Upper Room of St. Peter's

When: 6:30-8:30 PM



September 21, 2008
Mt 20:1-16a

The Rating Game

Nobody likes to be underpaid. Lower wages say we're worth less than say, Bob or Barb, when we know we work harder than them. So we keep a sharp eye out, comparing our paycheck value with others, to be sure that life, or at least our employer, treats us fairly.

But those negotiations have no place in God's kingdom. As His servant we can't be worth more or less than Bob or Barb, because we have all earned the same wages from our sin: death. And if God truly paid us fairly, none of us would see His kingdom. Just like the workers in the Vineyard we're not getting what we deserve, and thank God's mercy for that. And even better, because we are all saved by grace, we are all equal before God, no one is graded, or rated more valuable. There aren't four-star Christians or one-star Christians. We are each beloved, valued and precious children accepted into God's family. And that is perfect fairness, no matter what we might think.

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WHY CATHOLIC? JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

Experience a deeper understanding of how the Sacrament of the Eucharist nourishes your life, the Sacraments of Healing strengthen your spiritual life and the Sacraments of Service deepen your Church and family life. "Please call Mark at the Parish Office.

Uninsured or Underinsured?

Let the Clinton County Health Department Healthy Living Partnership provide you with FREE cancer screenings. Screenings available through many local doctors' offices for those eligible. FREE screening covered include; Mammograms, Cervical Cancer Screenings (PAP tests), Clinical Breast & Pelvic Exams, Colorectal Cancer Screenings (easy, at home kit), and HPV vaccinations for ages 19-26. Call today 562-7112.

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Our parish's Bishop's Fund Appeal activity is coming to a close. If you have not yet made a gift or

pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge envelopes (In-Pew envelopes) are located at the back of the Church. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, thank you.



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.

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.

Interfaith Food Shelf

The interfaith Food Shelf serves the greater community of Plattsburgh and is supported by all of the religious institutions located in our area. This worthwhile endeavor supplements the food supplies for anyone who finds it hard to feed themselves or their families. During the month of August, the food shelf supported 461 households and a total of 1,436 people, and year to date, they have served 3,600 households and 10,806 people! The escalating cost of food and fuel will make this a tough winter for everyone. Please continue to drop off any non-perishable food items at the Church, and monetary donations will be gladly accepted at the rectory office. Thank you all for your support of this crucial community service.

Altar Server Training Session

Has your child shown an interest in becoming an altar server? We are currently looking for children in the fourth grade or higher who have made their First Communion and are interested in being trained as altar servers. Our servers work under the direction of a master server who is at the same Mass every week. The master servers will assist the children during their training period. Candidates must attend two training sessions. Both sessions are at 9:00am on Saturday, October 25th and Saturday, November 8th. Special arrangements can be made for those who cannot make those dates. Applications are available at the main entrance to the church and in the sacristy. For additional information please call Sue Pombrio at 561-0997.

**Readings
for the Week**

September 21

Is 55:6-9
Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
Phil 1:20-24,27
Mt 20:1-16

September 22

Prv 3:27-34
Ps 15:2-5
Lk 8:16-18

September 23

Prv 21:1-6,10-13
Ps 119:1,27,30, 34-35,44
Lk 8:19-21

September 24

Prv 30:5-9
Ps 119:29,72,89,101,
Ps 104,163
Lk 9:1-6

September 25

Ecc 1:2-11
Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17
Lk 9:7-9

September 26

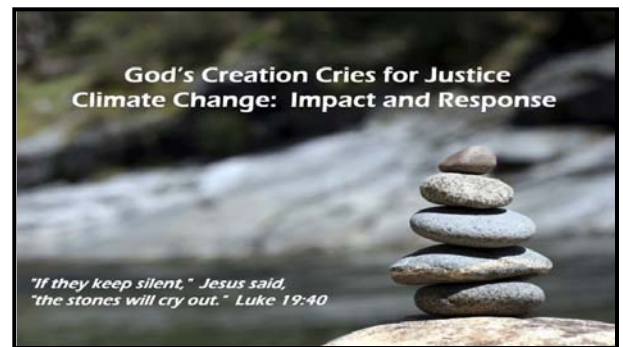
Ecc 3:1-11
Ps 144:1-4
Lk 9:18-22

September 27

Ecc 11:9-12:8
Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17
Lk 9:43-45

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

Just **JustMatters** Just FAITH



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. **Just Matters** 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).

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Kids!

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week before Mass.**



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.