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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 Celebrations

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 9:30am Choir
- Contemporary 11am Choir

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 20

- 6:45am Teresa Brawner by Frank & Kathleen Hay
- 12:05pm Lea Mitchell by her sister Theresa DeFayette

Tuesday, October 21

- 6:45am Brian P. Mehan by Dorothy Mehan
- 12:05pm Leslie Duquette by Dr. & Mrs. John Griffin & family

Wednesday, October 22

- 6:45am Willard Miller, Sr. by Jennie Miller
- 12:05pm Floyd Dumas by David & Ann Bilow

Thursday, October 23

- 6:45am Ronald Snyder by Leon & Janice Trombley
- 12:05pm Julia & Charles Provost family by family

Friday, October 24

- 6:45am Nancy LeClair by Anita Soltero
- 12:05pm Margaret Moses by the family

Saturday, October 25

- 8:15am Leon Aumell by his family
- 4:00pm Paul & Sandra Bretz by Morena Bretz

Sunday, October 26

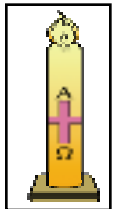
- 8:00am Claris Norcross by Nicole Kean
- 9:30am Parishioners
- 11:00am Charles Filion by Susan & Derek Massey

A \$10 offering is customary for each Mass.
 Please contact the Parish office for available times.



Vigil Candles for this Week

- In Memory of **Geraldine Meseck**
by Anna Meseck
- In Memory of **Andre Light**
by his wife Honey
- In Memory of **Helen Davis**
by Kathleen & Clark Everleth



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



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

God's Plan for Giving ... Tithing

No Report due to Holiday

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.

Healing Mass

A Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and prayer teams under the direction of Eve McGill and Maggie Hutchins will be celebrated on **Thursday, Nov. 6** at 7 p.m. in St. Peter's Church. All are welcome.

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

John B. Baker
Raymond Gallant
Baldassre "Ben" De Marco Morreale
Aidai Normandi



St. Paul Scripture Study

The parish will offer a scripture study on St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians as part of our celebration of the year of St. Paul. We will have an introductory meeting on **Wednesday the 21st of October** at 7:00pm in the Emmaus Room. The course will begin the following week on the 28th and continue for five weeks. The study will be completed with an additional five weeks, which will be offered in the spring. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend as we witness St. Paul's passionate devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

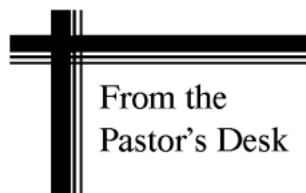
Advent Festival

Christmas is a very important time in the development of our children. They are bombarded with all kinds of ads to ask their parents to buy things. Advent is a time when we can focus on what is truly important. Have you thought about helping out at this year's Advent Festival. Do you like creating crafts? Do you enjoy watching a child's face light up when they've created something with their own hands? Do you gather your family around the Advent Wreath and share just a few moments in prayer as a family. Then join the Children's Liturgy/Ministry Committee in planning this year's Advent Festival. To volunteer please call Rianna at 563-3278 or Sue Pombrio at Spombrio@SetonCatholic.net.



Marriage Encounter Weekend

God's Dream for every married couple is that they love each other as much as He loves them. If this is your dream too, a Marriage Encounter weekend can help you make it come true. The next Marriage Encounter weekend in Vermont is November 7-9 in Stowe. For more information or to register, contact Call Dave & Jennie Erksen @ 1-800-434-4218 or via e-mail at erksonmext@comcast.net to register or for more information. Or check out www.wme.org.



From the Pastor's Desk

New Trustee Named

St. Peter's has benefited greatly by the fine insight and guidance that Patrick McGill and Clara LaRose have given in their capacities as trustees. During the years in which they served, the parish underwent a major campaign to put a new copper roof on the church and built the new Emmaus addition. They have participated in all parish council and finance council meetings and have overseen the growth of numerous new ministries in the parish. They very graciously accepted my request to stay on longer as trustee during my sabbatical absence. Last year Carol Kipp accepted the position of trustee to replace Clara and this year Joseph Giroux has accepted the position to replace Pat. With very sincere gratitude I thank Clara and Pat and with great enthusiasm and I welcome our new trustees.

Father John

Join Us After Mass

Coffee, juice and donuts (from Banker's Orchard) will be provided in the Emmaus Room after this Sunday's masses. Our treats are sponsored by **Super Cuts at Consumer Square**. We are grateful for their generosity.



Brief Reminders

At the time of admission to CPVH, you should identify yourself as a St. Peter's parishioner. Merely stating that you are Catholic is not sufficient to have your name put on the St. Peter's list. Once your name is on the parish list our Holy Communion visitors and others from the parish staff will have access to you. Thank you.

Diaper Donations

The rectory is often contacted by people who are in need of diapers for their infant children. It would be helpful if we had a supply on hand to respond to these request when the need arises. We are asking anyone who wishes to help, to purchase disposable diapers and drop them off at the rectory office. The sizes that are most requested are infant, size 4 and size 5. Thank you for your generosity.

Adirondack Humane Society

"Not Necessarily New," a not-for-profit shop which supports the Adirondack Humane Society, is seeking volunteer sales persons. Donations of used furniture and appliances in good condition would be gratefully accepted. Call Joe Swinyer (293-7528) for details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harvest Dinner

St. Joseph's Church Treadwell Mills

Sunday, Oct. 19 Noon-6pm

Adults - \$9, Children - 12 & under \$5, Take Out - \$9

Roast Beef harvest Dinner

St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabethtown

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2-6 pm

Adults - \$8, Children under 12 - \$4

Spaghetti Supper

St. Edmund's Parish Hall, Ellenburg

Saturday, Oct. 25, 4-7 pm

Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving

Notre Dame Church, Malone

Sunday, Oct. 26, 1pm

St. Peter's Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 2nd

Marriage Jubilee Mass

St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2:30 pm,

Help For Homeless

St. Peter's will act as the host for a homeless family on behalf of **Family Promise of Clinton County**, formerly the **Interfaith Hospitality Network**. We are responsible for the week of the **2nd of November**. If you can help out by cooking a meal, acting as a host, or sleeping over please sign up on the sheet located in the hall between the Church and the Emmaus room. Contact Mark Bennett at 563-1692.

St. Peter's Harvest Dinner... Sunday, Nov. 2 Your help is needed!



One of the great *fun* fundraisers of our parish is the annual Harvest Dinner. The Sunday before Election Day is our time to get out, have a great meal and talk about life. Much help is needed to make this always successful event. Our homemade pies are a delicious end to the meal. This weekend there will be "promise slips" in the pews for those willing to bake for the day.

We also need help in the following ways:

- Saturday, Nov. 1 at 8 a.m. Set-up
- Sunday, Nov. 2 – Pie cutters, two different serving crews and clean-up crew at 5 p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the Hallway.

If you cannot work, please consider coming to the dinner or getting a take-out.

The proceeds from the dinner and craft fair will go to support our Monday Soup Kitchen...please come and eat so that others might eat!

IN OUR PARISH

• Blood Drive

Our blood drive is scheduled for this Sunday between 10am - 1pm in the Emmaus Room.

• JustMatters

JustMatters Climate Change group meets **today** from 2:00-4:00pm in the Emmaus Room. If you walk or carpool to the meeting keep track of the miles of driving that you saved! We can make a difference!

• Youth Groups

The Senior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, Oct. 19** in the Upper Room to talk with Colleen Miner about the Life Chain experience.

The Junior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, Oct. 26th** in the Upper Room of St. Peter's.

• Parish Council

There will be a meeting of Council members on **Monday, Oct. 20**, at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. This meeting is open to all in the parish.

• Liturgy Committee Meeting

Monday, Oct. 20 at 10:30am in the Parish Office. The topics to be discussed are autumn liturgies, Advent and some Christmas planning. All are welcome.

• Altar Server Training Session

Training will be held at 9:00 am on **Saturday, Oct. 25th and Saturday, Nov. 8th**. Applications are available at the main entrance to the church and in the sacristy. For additional information please call Sue Pombrio at 561-0997 or the Parish Office at 563-1692.

• 1st Communion Meeting

The Introductory meeting for First Penance and First Reconciliation will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 26** at 9:30am at Seton Academy. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$20. All materials will be given out and the program explained.

• Children's Ministry "All Saints Party"

All ages are invited to come celebrate the Communion of Saints on **Saturday, Nov. 1 at 6:30-8:30 pm** by dressing up as their favorite saint. Prizes for costumes, games and great "saintly food" are all part of the festivities!

• Light Weigh

A spiritual growth weight-loss program held **every Wednesday** evening in the Chapel, at 7 pm. For more information contact Sue Holt at 561-2782.

**Celebrating the Year
of St. Paul –
Discovering the
Sacred Scriptures**

We are celebrating the Year of St. Paul. Paul experienced a conversion - was called by God - answered the call and became a powerful apostle by traveling throughout the ancient world spreading the Good News. How many times has God called you to spread the Good News? God wants each of us to know Sacred Scripture. That is where you find the Good News! St. Paul says "Our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." Pray to the Holy Spirit so that you may read and know Sacred Scripture and shine like a light in the world.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5



**Halloween
Festival**

At Plattsburgh
Housing Outlet
Route 3, Plattsburgh
To Benefit the
Ronald McDonald House
In Burlington, VT
Saturday, Oct 25 1-4pm
Games, Raffles and
Ishkabibble the Magician

Our Cherished Right, Our Solemn Duty

By the Catholic Bishops of New York State

Every four years, 12 months prior to the presidential election, the Bishops of the United States issue a statement calling Catholics to faithful citizenship. Simply put, faithful citizenship refers to our duty as Catholics to be full participants in the public square in order to make our nation and the world a better and more just place. With this duty comes the responsibility to exercise our right to vote and to be engaged in the political process. This right did not come easily, having been bought with the blood of our forebears and protected through the centuries by our Constitution and the men and women in uniform who defend it.

We Catholics are called to look at politics as we are called to look at everything – through the lens of our faith. While we are free to join any political party that we choose or none at all, we must be cautious when we vote not to be guided solely by party loyalty nor by self interest. Rather, we should be guided in evaluating the important issues facing our state and nation by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church.

Our national and state elected officials have profound influence on countless matters of great importance, such as the right to life, issues of war and peace, the education of children and how we treat the poor and vulnerable. We must look at all of these issues as we form our consciences in preparation for Election Day, November 4.

It is the rare candidate who will agree with the Church on every issue. But as the U.S. Bishops' recent document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (www.faithfulcitizenship.org) makes clear, not every issue is of equal moral gravity. The inalienable right to life of every innocent human person outweighs other concerns where Catholics may use prudential judgment, such as how best to meet the needs of the poor or to increase access to health care for all.

The right to life is the right through which all others flow. To the extent candidates reject this fundamental right by supporting an objective evil, such as legal abortion, euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research, Catholics should consider them less acceptable for public office. As *Faithful*

Citizenship teaches, "Those who knowingly, willingly, and directly support public policies or legislation that undermine fundamental moral principles cooperate with evil."

These are complex times, so our task is not light. Educating ourselves for the presidential election is somewhat easier than doing so for the congressional or state legislative races, mainly because the candidates' positions are generally better known. The presidential candidates of both major parties have legislative voting records which often provide valuable insight. In addition, their campaign Web sites, debates and news coverage regularly highlight the differences of the two on the issues.

It is often more difficult to get as good a grasp on the positions of incumbent congressional representatives and state legislators, not to mention their challengers. (How many of us cannot even name our state Senator or Assembly Member, let alone their electoral opponents?) News accounts of positions are harder to come by, and voting records on important issues are often lacking. So the task of doing due diligence can be truly challenging. Yet our state is facing many critical issues which are of vital concern to faithful Catholics, and it is absolutely necessary for good citizens to pay attention to these races and to vote accordingly for the better candidates. You can find all of the candidates for elected office at the New York State Catholic Conference Web site (www.nyscatholic.org).

Many of the most compelling moral issues of the day play out at the state level. Commonsense restrictions on abortion, whether or not to employ the death penalty, issues related to same-sex "marriage" and civil unions, parental rights in education, programs to serve the poor, access to health insurance – all of these debates occur in the halls of our state Capitol in Albany. Your vote for State Senator and Assembly Member may be as critical as your vote for President of the United States.

We set forth below potential questions for candidates on a variety of critical issues, and we

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• **Recitation of the Rosary**

Join the Altar Rosary Society the **1st Sunday of every month** - one half hour before the 4:00 pm and 9:30 am masses. The next recitation is **Nov. 1&2**.

Join the Knights of Columbus on the **2nd Wednesday of every month** at 7:00 pm in the Church. The next recitation is **Nov. 12**.

• **Altar Server Pizza Party**

Friday, November 14 at 5:30pm in the Emmaus Room.

• **New Beginnings**

Are you divorced, going through a divorce or separated? New Beginnings meets **every Thursday** in the Upper Room at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to this group regardless of religious affiliation.

**Readings
for the Week**

October 19

Is 45:1,4-6
Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10
1 Thes 1:1-5
Mt 22:15-21

October 20

Eph 2:1-10
Ps 100:1-5
Lk 12:13-21

October 21

Eph 2:12-22
Ps 85:9-14
Lk 12:35-38

October 22

Eph 3:2-12
(Ps) Is 12:2-6
Lk 12:39-48

October 23

Eph 3:14-21
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,11-12,18-19
Lk 12:49-53

October 24

Eph 4:1-6
Ps 24:1-6
Lk 12:54-59

October 25

Eph 4:7-16
Ps 122:1-5
Lk 13:1-9

urge you to learn where *all* the candidates for *every* office stand with regard to them. This list is by no means exhaustive, but our hope is that it serves as a valuable tool in forming your consciences as you make your decisions in the voting booth as Catholic faithful citizens.

While we as Church officials cannot and do not endorse candidates for office, we encourage you to properly form your conscience by reflecting on the moral and social teachings of our Church and we strongly urge you to vote on November 4. For when we vote, we are exercising our cherished right and our solemn duty as Americans and as Catholics.

**Important Questions
for Political Candidates**

The Right to Life

Do you agree with the need to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*, which struck down all state laws criminalizing abortion and established a woman's "right" to abort her unborn child in the womb?

Do you oppose the state's "Reproductive Health & Privacy Protection Act" or the federal "Freedom of Choice Act" which both go beyond *Roe v. Wade*, guaranteeing a fundamental right to abortion with no restrictions or regulations?

Do you support a ban on physician-assisted suicide?

Do you oppose government funding for human embryonic stem cell research?

Do you oppose the death penalty?

Parental Rights in Education

Do you support the right of all parents – especially poor parents – to be provided with the means (such as education tax credits) to choose the most appropriate school for their child, including a religious or independent school?

Do you support restoring full state reimbursement on mandates in religious and independent schools?

Protecting Marriage

Do you support maintaining the historic understanding of marriage as between a man and a woman?

Immigration Reform

Do you support immigration reform that regularizes the situation for undocumented immigrants already in this country?

Do you oppose punishing charitable organizations which provide social services to undocumented persons?

Access to Health Care

Do you support legislative action to provide universal access to health care?

Protecting the Poor

Do you support an increase in New York State's public assistance grant, which has not been raised since 1990?

Do you support an increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, available as refunds to families with the greatest need?

Religious Liberty

Do you support the right of faith-based health and human service providers to offer services to the community in accord with their religious beliefs?

Do you support the right of faith-based health and human service providers to make employment and employee benefits decisions in accord with their religious beliefs?

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St. Peter's Religious Education

Classes are 9:30-10:45am
Grades 1-6 at Seton Academy
Grades 7 & 8 in the Upper Room

Fall Schedule

Oct. 19, Oct. 26,
Nov. 9, 16 and 23, Dec. 7 and 14
(NO CLASSES on Nov. 2 or 30)

**Children's Liturgy
(Children's Church)**

There will be a Children's Liturgy at the 11:00 Mass on the following dates:
October 26,
November 9, 23,
December 14, and 28.