



# 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 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  
\*\* Mass is Signed for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

### 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

November 16, 2008

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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

- Junior High Youth Group
- Senior High Youth 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

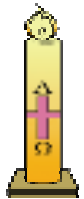
### Mass Intentions for the Week

- Monday, November 17** *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*  
 6:45am For Intentions of Jennie Miller by Margaret O'Keefe  
 12:05pm Calista Dumont by Georgia Branham
- Tuesday, November 18**  
 6:45am Raymond H. Carter by Betty Carter & Family  
 12:05pm Edward & Alma Lavigne by their Family
- Wednesday, November 19**  
 6:45am Edwin E. Cole by Elizabeth Cole  
 12:05pm Geraldine Rugar by Jean O'Hearn
- Thursday, November 20**  
 6:45am Leslie Duquette by George Ciccone  
 12:05pm Raymond H. Carter by wife his Betty & Family
- Friday, November 21** *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin*  
 6:45am Jeanne Boslet by Bob & Mary Melhorn  
 12:05pm George Cote by Valida Cote & family
- Saturday, November 22**  
 8:15am Majorie Dumas by Sandra Baker & Leo Wells  
 4:00pm Yvonne Hackert by her husband Harry Hackert & Family
- Sunday, November 23 Feast of Christ the King**  
 8:00am Theresa B. Gallant by her husband Ray Gallant & Family  
 9:30am Thomas Bushey by his family  
 11:00am Parishioners



### Vigil Candles for this Week

- In Memory of **Leslie Duquette**  
by George Ciccone
- In Memory of **Francis J. Ryan**  
by Don Rushford
- In Thanksgiving to **St. Mary for a Favor Received**  
by Jane Arena



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

- November 11, 2007..... \$12,304.50
- November 9, 2008 ..... \$15,833.50

**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.



**Junior High Youth Group: Sunday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30-8:30 pm we will meet in the Upper Room to learn about the Saints and the example of Christ's life brought to life through their actions and courage.

**Youth Group: Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 6:30-8:30 pm our gathering will be held in the Chapel at St. Peter's. The discussion will center on "truth," what is it, and how do I obtain it?

**March for Life:** If you have not signed up for the March for Life, are in high school, and would like to go to Washington DC with the Diocese of Ogdensburg there still is an opportunity. Pick up a permission slip at the religious education table and get it in to Therese Moen in the Parish Office ASAP.

**Coffee House:** The annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Coffee House is just around the corner. If you have a special talent (play music, juggle, read poetry, want to share your love for missions etc.) at the Coffee House, please contact Therese Moen either by e-mail or in the Office of Religious Education. The Coffee House will be on **Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9:00 pm in the Emmaus Room.

If you have any further questions about any of our youth programs, please call Therese Moen at 563-3278 or e-mail at [stpetersyd@charterinternet.com](mailto:stpetersyd@charterinternet.com). God bless!

**Enter To Win An  
All Expense Paid Orlando Vacation  
For President's Week 2009**

Seton Academy is raffling an all-expense paid Orlando vacation for President's week, 2009 valued at over \$6,000. The package includes round-trip airline tickets, a one-week stay in a two bedroom, two bath condo at the Marriott Cypress Harbour, a \$1,000 vacation fund, and a luxury luggage set.

Ticket donations are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25 and can be purchased at Lakeside Coffee, General Trading Company, Lake Shore Candy and Flowers, Clinton Community College, Koffee Kat, Banker's Orchards, and Carsana's Meat and Delicatessen. For more information or to purchase your tickets online visit [www.seton-academy.net](http://www.seton-academy.net).

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit Seton Academy Elementary School.

**Diaper Donations**

The rectory is often contacted by people who are in need of diapers for their infant children. 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.

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



**Stephen Dudyak  
Gary Garrard  
Dorilda Lambert  
Marjorie McGee  
James Montequ**

**children's Ministry**

**Advent Festival --A Family Event:**

Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm; Upper Room  
All ages are invited to come celebrate the beginning of Advent. Make an advent wreath out of real wood and greens and decorate with festive apparel. Children can make paper Advent wreaths.

**Advent Festival Preparation Team**

Volunteers are desperately needed to help with crafts and food, set-up and tear-down for this great event. So many people come to enjoy the festivities, but there are few who come forth to make them happen. Please consider being an active part of this celebration and actively playing a part in St. Peter's Children's Ministry.

**Movie and Popcorn Night --A Family Event:**

Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm, Upper Room  
Let us help you get your Christmas shopping done! Drop your children off in the Upper Room of St. Peter's to watch Muppets Christmas Carol and The Boy who became Santa. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Members will baby-sit. Popcorn and snacks will be served. Questions, call Miss Rianna at 563-3278

**Christmas Eve Mass Choir Practice**

Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> (After 11:00 Mass)  
12:00-12:30 pm, Upper Room  
Come practice Christmas Carols with Miss Meinert to be sung at the Christmas Eve Mass--6:00 pm Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Liturgical Dance Troupe**

Adirondack Liturgical Dance Troupe is looking for 6 graders and up to participate in the dance troupe. The Troupe is non-denominational and participates in worship services in area churches. Besides participating in worship services, the group dances at local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, concerts and specialized fund raising events.

The Troupe's mission is to encourage young people to participate in worship services and volunteer their time to the community in which they live. All are welcome to join, but will need to be available one evening a week to take class and participate in the rehearsals. For further information contact Kathy Koester at 335-7385.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Marriage Jubilee Mass**  
**St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg**  
Sunday, Nov. 16, 2:30pm

### Christmas Craft Fair

**St. Mary's Academy, Champlain**  
Saturday, Nov. 22 8:30am - 6:30pm Free Admission

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**St. Joseph Church, West Chazy**  
Sunday, Nov. 23, 3:30pm

### Parish Food Drive



Msgr. Morris L. Dwyer, Knight's of Columbus Council 255, Plattsburgh, NY will be conducting a Parish Food Drive on **Saturday & Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Knights will be at all parish masses at St Peter's, St John's and the Newman Center for the weekend masses. With the food and fuel prices escalating many families depend on the food shelf for their families. The Easter food drive was a huge success. Let's make this drive even better.

Thanksgiving is a time of year for giving and helping those in need. Help us to help those families. Parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable foods to their respective masses. Donation boxes for those wishing to contribute money will be available at entrances to the various churches. Anyone wishing to contribute to this most worthwhile cause can also call for a pickup to 420-3334 and the donation will be picked up at your address. Help these needy families enjoy the holiday!

### Silent Auction

Seton Catholic & Seton Academy are collecting items for a Silent Auction on **Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** from 12 -5pm at our Annual Christmas Dinner at Seton Catholic. We kindly request your help with the donation of any gift certificates or new items (minimum value \$20) we'll offer for sale. Items can be dropped off at either school, given to a current Seton family, or by emailing Sharon Zalis (info@fleetpromo.com) to make arrangements for pick up. All proceeds directly benefit our schools. We appreciate the support of all parish communities that help provide for Catholic Education in the North County.

Entries for the bulletin must be submitted **at least one week** in advance of the date you would like published. Thank you for your cooperation.

## IN OUR PARISH

### • Blood Pressure Screening

The Parish Nurses will hold another free Blood Pressure Screening on **Sunday, Nov. 16** after each morning Mass.

### • JustMatters

The JustMatters Climate Change Study and Action Group meets **Sunday, Nov. 16** from 2-4pm in the Emmaus Room.

### • Natural Family Planning (NFP)

The Parish Nurses are planning an introductory talk on Natural Family Planning on **Sunday, Nov. 16** at 2pm in the Chapel. Any questions can be directed through the Parish Office at 563-1692 to Janice Tobin or to Angelo and Suzanna Pietropauli 483-0459 or vitae1977@yahoo.com

### • 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.

### • New Beginnings

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

There will not be any meetings on Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years.

### • Recitation of the Rosary

Join the Altar Rosary Society **the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the month** one-half hour before the 4:00pm and 9:30am masses.

Join the Knights of Columbus on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month** at 7:00 pm in the Church. The next recitation is **Dec. 10**.

### Back to the Basics: Fundamentals of Catholicism

The late Holy Father John Paul II stated that adult education is a principal form for catechesis: "one of the constant concerns whose urgency is confirmed by present day experience throughout the world, is the catechesis of adults. This is the principal form of catechesis because it is addressed to persons who have the greatest responsibility and the capacity to live the Christian message in its fully developed form" (CT 43).

If you are interested in aiding an adult education night once a month called "Back to the Basics: Fundamentals of Catholicism" by sharing your faith experience, teaching, or simply by sharing your talent of hospitality please contact Therese Moen in the Religious Education Office at 563-3278 or e-mail [tpetersyd@charterinternet.com](mailto:tpetersyd@charterinternet.com)



**Readings  
for the Week**

**November 16**  
Prv 31:10-13,  
19-20,30-31  
Ps 128:1-5  
1 Thes 5:1-6  
Mt 25:14-30

**November 17**  
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5  
Ps 1:1-4,6  
Lk 18:35-43

**November 18**  
Rv 3:1-6,14-22  
Ps 15:2-5  
Lk 19:1-10 or Acts  
28:11-16,30-31  
Mt 14:22-33

**November 19**  
Rv 4:1-11  
Ps 150:1-6  
Lk 19:11-28

**November 20**  
Rv 5:1-10  
Ps 149:1-6,9  
Lk 19:41-44

**November 21**  
Rv 10:8-11  
Ps 119:14,24,72,103,  
111,131  
Lk 19:45-48

**November 22**  
Rv 11:4-12  
Ps 144:1-2,9-10  
Lk 20:27-40

**MagnifiKid!**

**Kids! Pick up your  
copy every week  
before mass.**

**Do you know everything?**

By the time we become adults we have gathered a good deal of life experience and often want to share it with others – whether they want to hear it not. Or, we may think we don't need to ponder other people's ideas, even if considering them can strengthen our own. We sometimes forget that no one has all the answers except God. Consider this:

**Listen up.** If you do all the talking, you won't learn much that you didn't



already know. A good way to learn is to listen. Quiet down. Even when we are right, it isn't necessary to offer advice or point out others' minor mistakes. Opinions are like fingerprints; everyone has a unique set. Yours may be no better or worse than the next one.

**Think first.** People aren't always receptive to other opinions. There is no harm in keeping silent when we disagree on unimportant matters. Do speak up, however, in matters that contradict God's teachings or may endanger someone's life or soul.

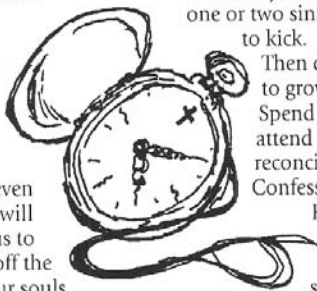
from **Scripture**

**Matthew 24:37-44, "Is he here yet?"**

Next month we celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. St. Mark quoted the parable of the master's mysterious return to remind us that Jesus will come when we least expect it. We have no way of knowing when the Second Coming will be, or even when our own lives will end. Jesus reminds us to be watchful, sweep off the layer of dust from our souls and be ready to welcome him when he comes for us.

With Advent starting at the end of the month, this is a good time to

prepare for our imminent visitor. Start by resolving to change your life. Examine your conscience and pick one or two sinful practices you want to kick.



Then do whatever you can to grow closer to God. Spend more time in prayer, attend Mass faithfully, reconcile through Confession.

Finally, give a few minutes in prayer each day for someone else who may

be struggling.

Then when your Master comes, you know you will be ready to greet him with joy.

**Feasts & Celebrations**

In November we celebrate the saints on All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and pray for our loved ones and souls in Purgatory on All Souls Day (Nov. 2). *Note: this year, All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation in many dioceses because it falls on a Saturday. Check with your parish to be sure.*

Plus, the first day of Advent falls on Nov. 30th this year. The Advent wreath is lit in households all over the world as we anticipate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

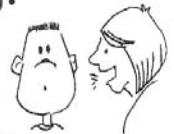
Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours

(397). The patron of soldiers, St. Martin was forced to join the army at the age of 15 in what is now Hungary but left to become a priest. He founded a monastery near Poitiers, France, and later became bishop of Tours.

Nov. 22 - St. Cecilia (230). A native of Rome, St. Cecilia was forced to marry although she wanted to consecrate herself to God. She eventually converted her husband and both were martyred for the faith. She is the patron of musicians.



**Q & A**  
**How can I stop people from gossiping?**



It is part of human nature to want to talk about each other. There are even times when it can be helpful. But detraction – exposing someone's faults or misdeeds without an objective reason other than to tarnish his or her reputation – is always wrong. It's another serious sin, called calumny, when false information is intentionally spread. You may not be able to stop gossip, but you can stop yourself from becoming one.

**Don't listen.** Giving a gossiper an audience encourages continuation of the practice. Either say, "I try not to get involved in other people's business," or simply walk away.

**Don't add to it.** No one has the right to anyone else's private information. Passing on information you may have only keeps the gossip alive.

**Squash false reports.** If you hear something you know to be false, contradict it immediately. *"If you blow upon a spark, it quickens into flame, if you spit on it, it dies out; yet both you do with your mouth!"* (Sirach 28:12).

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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**

Nov. 16 and 23,  
Dec. 7 and 14

(NO CLASS on Nov. 30)

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

There will be a Children's Liturgy at the 11:00 Mass on the following dates:

November 23,  
December 14, 24, and 28.  
December 24 will be at 6 pm