



Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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"When the fullness of time had come, God sent His son,
born of a woman..."

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:4

Christmas blessings to all!



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Liturgical Celebrations

Daily Mass Schedule

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

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm
Sunday at **8:00 9:30 & 11:00am
** Mass is Signed for
the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Reconciliation

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 29 *Saint Thomas Becket*

6:45am Charles LaMotte by Family
12:05pm Clare Beaubriand by Dorothy LaCombe

Tuesday, December 30

6:45am Ricky Mitchell by Leta A. Vann
12:05pm Jack Montroy by his Family

Wednesday, December 31 *Saint Sylvester I*

6:45am William LaMarche by Leon &
Janice Trombley
12:05pm Jean Belanger by M/M James
Norton
4:00pm Dorothy Malone Bukolt by Mary Ann
& Herb Ryder
5:30pm Wedding of Katie Castine & Justin Terry



Thursday, January 01, 2009 *Mary Mother of God*

11:00am Altar Memorial Mass

Friday, January 02, 2009

6:45am In Thanksgiving for a Favor Received by a
Parishioner
12:05pm Richard Dowd by Clarence & Joyce Kelley

Saturday, January 03, 2009

8:15am Greater Respect & Reverence for Life by K of C
Council 255
1:00pm Wedding of Katey LaDuke and Justin Johnson
4:00pm Parishioners

Sunday, January 04, 2009

8:00am Kathryn Macy by Geraldine & Mark Rasco
9:30am Jake DeCelle by Henry Jarvis
11:00am Evelyn Davidson by Gloria Sosa

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

Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of **Ruth Songstad**
by her family
In Memory of **Gilbert Langlois**
by his family
In Memory of **Lawrence Miller**
by his Wife & Family



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

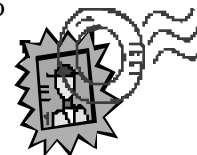
Due to the holidays and publication schedules
for our bulletins, figures are not available.

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.

Stamps for the Mission

Sr. Barbara Langlois continues to
collect cancelled stamps to raise
money for the missions. To ensure
that your donations of stamps reach
her, please leave the stamps at her
residence. 38 St. Charles Street
Plattsburgh.



Christmas Collection

Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas
collection. Like every North Country parish we forward 60%
plus \$500 per priest to the diocese to fund pensions for retired
priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for
the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation.

Clinton County Food Cooperative

Purchase nutritious foods at lower than retail cost!
No age limit! No Income Limit! Food Stamps
accepted! Unit Price is \$21.00 Sign up through January
12, 2009. For more information call 561-6310.

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:



Brayden M.C. Boire
Caroline Elise Marsden
Noah Reid Terry

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.

IN OUR PARISH

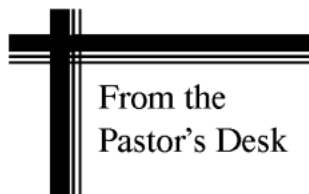
• Recitation of the Rosary

Join the Altar Rosary Society the **1st weekend of every month** - one half hour before the 4:00 pm and 9:30 am masses. The next recitation is **January 3&4**.

January 1... Altar Memorial Mass

The following are remembered:

Raymond Lynch Jr. by his wife & family, **Beatrice O'Connell** by her family, **Malcolm, Eva & Edna Hackett** by their estate, **Harvey & Yvonne Cartier** by their estate, **Ferdinand & Rita Cartier** by their estate, **Roland & Beulah Cartier** by their estate, **Rita & Anita LaPlante** by their estate, **Dr. David Gormon** by Tiep Van Hoang/ Yenthi Nguyen, **Felix & Alma Trombley** by Thomas Trombley, **Clayton & Stella Golden** by Betty Lynch, **Majorie & Lewis Royal** by Peg, **Michael Mannix** by Lee Sames, **Jeanne Boslet** by Reginald LaFontaine, **Mike Brodi** by Al Swoboda, **Charles Filion** by Brother Rene Demers, **Donald Baker** by his family, **Mary A. LaTremore** by Dan & Mildred Mitchell, **Belma Beebie** by Rodney & Dawn Soucey, **Morawski family** by the Aabye family, **Leo & Dora Sears & family** by Valida & family, **George Cote** by Valida & family, **Ethel Darrah** by Gail Nazak, **Gilbert Trombley** by his wife & family, **Catherine Ruprecht** by Jean Beaubriand, **John Trudeau** by Lincoln King, **Ricky P. Mitchell** by his family, **Bruce LaBarre** by Mark & Bernadette Mercer, **Moses & Eva Lemieux** by Alice Lemieu, **Lawrence Fortin** by Henrietta Defayette, **Brynes & Spiegel Family** by Mr. & Mrs. John Huru, **Majorie McGee** by Borner, **Long & Gainey Family**, **Wallace Russell** by Gary & Perry Provost, **Edna & Isola Martin** by daughter Wanda, **William Martin** by sister Wanda, **Raymond & Theresa Gallant** by sister Wanda, **Gary Garrand** by Aunt Jeannette & Uncle Jim, **Lawrence LaJoie** by Wife Beverly, **Dee & Ernie La Rose** by Clara LaRose, **Mildred Jakob & Florence Bombard** by family, **John & Elizabeth Cormier** by family, **Bertha Jones** by John & Barbara, **Kathryn Macy** by Jan Stanley.



From the Pastor's Desk

There is a great deal of excitement at Christmas but we must remember the simple truth that the first Christmas was a rather quiet event. In the silence of our hearts it would be good to

reflect on the mystery of our lives and the great love that God has for each of us. It is easy to lose the power of this day – the fact that God, the creator of the universe, searches us out, as the shepherd searches out the one lost sheep. God is constantly pursuing us. Let us not be distracted by the flashing lights, the war, the economic upheaval or anything else – let us be still on this silent night and recall how precious we are in the eyes of God – so precious that God gave us his only Son.

I want to express my genuine gratitude for your support and prayer over this past year. It is a great joy to be pastor here. There is such a strong spirit of cooperation and love. Please know of my prayers and love for you at Christmas and throughout the year. Thank you for your many wonderful Christmas gifts. As we gather around the Altar of God let our hearts be filled with gratitude. Merry Christmas!
Fr. John

The Music

For weeks our choirs have been preparing for Christmas. Special thanks to George Shnob and to Perry Provost and our two choirs and for the many fine instrumentalists who have joined in our worship. Thank you!



The Decorations

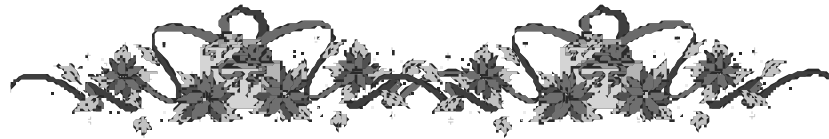
Our beautiful church was made even more so this holy season by the artistic work of so many talented people. It took many patient people to string the lights and hang the wreaths and place the birch trees in our church. Your efforts are truly appreciated by all. Thanks also to the hundreds of people who donated to the flower fund.

Christmas Card and Bulletin Cover

A word of thanks to Robert Kaschak for his beautiful gift of photography! One of Bob's photographs of St. Peter's from Christmas 2007 served as both our parish Christmas card and the bulletin cover today. Bob's superb artistic work is also found in the signs he made for the front of our church and the signs for both of the Seton schools.
Thank you Bob!

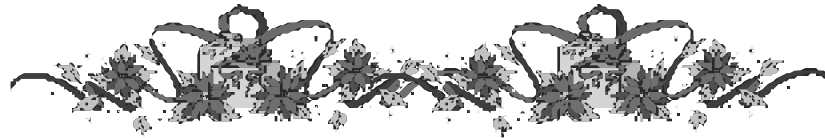
New Year's Eve

The holy day of Mary the Mother of God will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on Dec. 31st and 11:00 a.m. on January 1st.



Our Christmas Decorations... In Memory of:

Daniel L. Adams Family of Francis Adams Jeanne Ames Keith Ashline Family of Aumell Leona & Jess Aumell Sophie & Stephen Babics Donald Baker Emma & Dave Baker Herman & Helen Baker Ken Bates John Beach Mr. & Mrs. Frank Beaudet Francis & Helen Beaudly John (Jack) Bechard Marcel Bechard Family of Bedore Family of Abel Beebie Ken & Belma Beebie Mark Beebie Carleen Beldher Dian E. Benson Sr. Charles & Irene Benware Family of Viola & George Bezio Harry C. & Katherine M. Bezio Kirk Blackbird Edward & Helen Bleeker Edward Blow Merritt & Mary Ann Blow Raymond T. Bolin Florence Bombard Mildred Bombard-Jakob Nicki Bonhomme Orville Bonville Jan Bonville-Carrol Margaret Boodrow Roger Bourdeau Families of Bourdeau & Donna Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Bourdeau Jeanne Boslet Family of Bosley Families of Boule & Schoonmaker Harry & Eva Bourdeau Deceased Members of Bourey Family Anna Louise Bourkney William Bourkney Mr. & Mrs. L.A. Bouyea Sr. Joseph J. & Joseph F. Bradley Dorothea Brault Family of Braun Don & Julie Breyette David Brodell Mr. & Mrs. Edward Brown Families of Brown, Barcomb, & McCormick Mrs. Mary A. Brunelle Deceased Members of the Brunet Family	Families of Brynes & Spiegel John Andrew Buffett Arthur Bukolt Jr. Arthur Bukolt Sr. Dorothy Malone Bukolt Lester & Elsie Burdo Ann Marie Burke Irene Burns Catherine & Ernest Bushey Families of Bushey & Miller Deceased Members of Bushey & Yelle Families Marcella Buskey Ann & Emmanuels Busuttill Morgan & Marion Callahan Camanata Family Edward Camfield Marsha Carlson Anthony Caron Dan Caron Robert (Bobby) Carr Harold Carter Raymond Carter Ray L. Carter Seth Carter Jim Cayea Alexis & Viola Chagnon Forrest & Beverly Cleland Edward & Helen Clifford Family of Henry W. Clodgo Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Coates Edwin E. Cole Sr. Elsie Conlon John & Eva Cook Albert Cormier Elizabeth & John Cormier Rose Cormier Family of Manuel Costa Mr. & Mrs. Paul Costin Madonna Lucille Cyphers Family of Leonard Dandrow S.O. Dandrow Sherry Dapo Gail Dapolite Cecilia Davey Laurence Jake DeCelle Joseph & Mary Defayette Katherine Defayette Orel Defayette Dr. & Mrs. Arthur deGrandpre' Dion DeLong Families of Demarse & Giroux Elizabeth Depalma Stanley E. Desautels Sr. Priscilla Desrocher Mildred & Thomas F. Douglas Pearl Douglas Mr. & Mrs. Israel Dubray Mr. & Mrs. Foster S. Dubray	Stephen & Laura Dufrane Family of Dumas & Mousseau Lawrence DuMoulin Jerry Dupree Families of Dupree & LaFave Lesley Duquette Donald & Terry Duval Mr. & Mrs. William Dwane Al Edwards Terez & Ferenc Etli Clifton Everleth & Murphy Clifton Everleth Murphy & Everleth Families Roswell Fasset Jr. Guy Faubert Edward & Eva M. Favreau Deceased Members of Favreau & Desautels Raymond Favreau Families of Ferguson & Anastasia Charles Fillion John Fillion Carlos Flores George & Stella Fountain Astrid Franzon John Frechette George Fredette Mr. & Mrs. Merritt Frennier Arthur James Frennier Jr. Family of Leonard Furnia Clifford J Gaff Izzy Galameau Shirley & Sam Gantt Gary Garrand Frances Garsow Lester Gaudette George & Doris Gebo Families of George & Nephew Mary & Philip Gerace Wilfred Germain Anita Giambruno Sharon Gibson Cathy L. Gilman Ronald L. Gilman Jr. Ronald L. Gilman Sr. Julius & Leah Giroux Families of Giroux & Perkins Deceased members of Gladue and Remieres Families Elmer & Marie Goddeau Elmore & Helen Goddeau Emmett & Agnes Goddeau Harry & Eleanor Goddeau Lawrence Goddeau Marvin Goddeau Lois Goodspeed Albert & Clara Gooley Gertude, Robert, Dan, & Jason Gooley	Howard & Bessie Gordon Dr. David P. Gorman Family of Graser Joseph Green Avery Thomas Gregoire LeRoy Griffin Joe Groff Edgar & Robert Guay Deceased Members of Ferrara Guay Families Members of Guay & Filion Families Family of Guilbo Yvonne Hackett Sylvia Harman Robert Harpp Larry Hart Rita Hart Family of Hatch & Harris Robert Hay Louise Hayes Gilles Marc Hebert Mattie Hebert Paul E. Heffernan Helen & Dick Henley William & Catherine Hewson Johnnie Hicks Ed & Stella Hickey Mr. & Mrs. Art Higgins Deceased Members of Hilts & Kirchoff Families Anne & Warren Holt Bea & Albert Howard Family of Howard Deceased Members of Israel Favreau & Milton Powers Family Elizabeth Jackson Leona & Jess Jacobsen Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Jarvis Lawrence Jarvis Richard Jean Verlia & George Jock Donald Johnson Family of Joseph Lee Al & Lorraine Kaschak Gertude Kautz Michael Kelley Paul & Marion Kelly Kendra & Howard Family of Kiah John & Madelon Kilkeary Francis King George & Juanita King Ronald King Frank & Julia Kipp John & Heidi Kipp Kelly Kipp-Frendenburg Hilda & Bud Knowles Karl Kollinger
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Our Christmas Decorations... In Memory of:

Robert & Mary Kraemer	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Matott	Family of Pinkman	Sue Swoboda
Ernie & Dee La Rose	Lyndon W. McCadam	Oscar & Frankie Poissant	Mr. & Mrs. George Tallman
Bernadette & Edward LaBombard	James P. McCarthy	Deceased Parents & Siblings of	George Tarricone
Family of Clarence LaBombard	Sean McCullough	Poitras Family	Deceased Members of Tesoriere
Roy & Margaret LaBombard	Austin McDonagh	Marion Pombrio	Family
Richard Lachaunce	Rita & Roy McDonald	Edward & Lillian Prevo	The Theodore Family
Sylvia Lachaunce	Raymond McGill	Howard Prevo	Harvey & Rose Thibodeau
Ignatius Lacombe	Nancy McRoberts	Genevieve Proulx	Walter Thompson
Robert Lacroix	Thomas Means	Families of Proulx & Bechard	Deceased Members of Thompson
LaDuke Family	Brian P. Mehan	Roy B. Provo Sr.	Family
Lionel LaFave	Jason Meier	Mr. & Mrs. John Provost	Chris & Mike Todd
Orlin & Florence LaFleur	Miles Mesic	George & Robert Psillos	Mario & Virginia Torri
Family of Jay LaForest	Angeline Miller	Billy Quick Jr.	William & Catherine Tourville
Families of LaForest & LeGier	Clarence M. & Eleanor Miller	Roger Quinn	Betty Tripp
Mrs. Agnes Ann LaFountain-	George & Julie Miller	Ernest & Isabelle Racette	Amos Trombley
Frennier	Helen & Norman Miller	Louis & Elsie Racette	Charles & Laura Trombley
Therese M. LaGree	Thomas G. Miller	Roland Racette	Evelyn R. Trombley
Melissa Laitinen-Penfield	Deceased Members of Milne &	Mildred Mary Rascoe	Felix & Alma Trombley
William & Stella LaMare	Wood Families	Richard, Michael & Harry Rascoe	Gilbert Trombley
Dorothy LaMora	James C. Milne Jr.	Parents & Brother of Mary	Mr. & Mrs. Felix Trombley Sr.
Families of Lamura & Rivers	James C. Milne Sr.	Remillard	Maynard Trombley
Mr. & Mrs. Jud Lancto	Dorothy & Ricky Mitchell	Ed Richardson	Rita Trombly
George & Gladys Langlois	Ricky & Jody Mitchell	Joe & Fanchon Richmond	Family of Van Mace
Marion & Taylor LaPlante	Roger Mitchell	Dan & Anna Riley	Charles & Gertude Varno
Beatrice LaPorte-Patten	Wendy Mitchell	Kyle Rock	James Varno
Gwendolyn LaRose	Gary Moesch	George & Flora Roland	Beverly Varno-Trombley
Mr. & Mrs. George Lashway	Walter G. & Betty Moesch	Francis Rooney	Family of Theresa Venne
Wilfred LaValley	Family of Arthur Mongeon	Lewis & Majorie Royal	Vivien & Roland Venne
Edward & Alma LaVigne	Dale Mooney	Elsie Ruble	Janice & Ed Vidock
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald R. LaVigne	Susan Moore	Betty A. Rushford	Donald & Mary Ann Walker
Relative & Friends of	Jim Morgan	Family of Rushford	Deceased Members of Walter &
Raymond Lavoie Family	John & Helen Morawski	Bridget & Lawrence Ryan	Corodimas Families
Family of Albert LeClair	Henry & Margaret Moses	Dan & Mary Ryan	Families of Wardell & Dowdle
George LeClair	Nicolette Mousseau	Families of Ryan & Rascoe	Families of Webb & Keable
Steve LeCuyer	Roy & Ruth Mousseau	Families of Ryan, Fournier, &	Harry L. Webber
Carlos Leiva	Victor Mousseau	Filion	James Weeks
Cipriana Leiva	Dr. Richard E. Murphy	Carol Ryder	Edsel J. Welch
Maritza Leiva	Arthur & June Nephew	Marge Sabanos	Leo Wells Sr.
Santos Leiva	Clarence Nephew	Alice Samons	Edith & Don Whalen
James & Joseph Lemieux	Norman Neveret	Andrew Sampson	John Whalen
Mose & Eva Lemieux	Family of Novoselec	Marlene Sanford	Patrick & Malena Whalen
Everett & Mary Leno	Mavourneen O'Connell	Mary Sanita	Families of Whalen & Silver
Deceased Members of Lester &	Percy & Barbara O'Shaughnessy	Frederick, Victoria &	L. John Williams
Nancy LaPlante	Erma Ottman	Melina St. Louis	Donald R. White
Jeri Jo Linney	Pat & Jon Paddeu	Bernard & Hazel St. Louis	Mr. Herman Wild
St. Therese of Lisieux	Mr. & Mrs. Ellsworth Paquette	Joyce St. Louis	Jo Willis
Peter Lynch	Harry F. Pecotte	Edgar St. Louis	Lena & Randolph Wilson
Raymond Lynch Jr.	Avah & Gary Peets	Anthony Schwartz	Donald Wood
Kathryn E. Macy	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Peets	Aphonse Seymour	Eugene & Lois Wysocki
Richard Maisano	Everett & Mary Peno	Marge & Steve Shusda	Ronald Yanick
Love Ones of Marie Manor Family	Charles Pieschl	Gregory & Robert Smith	Donna, Harry, and Michael Yelle
Family Members of Mr. & Mrs.	Ginny Peischl	Julie Smith	
Mark Rasco	Eric H. Pellerin	George & Priscilla Steele	
Martha & Ed Martin	Families of Pennell & Defayette	Family of Andrew Stetz	
Patricia Martin	Family of Perkins	Family of Stone	
Ross Martin	Brad Perotte	Howard Stone	
Families of Martin & Trombley	John, Beatrice & Bill Phillips	Joseph & Helen Stone	
Joseph & Emily Masry	Family of Pierzynski & Vnicka	Mark Burton Strack	
Ronald Matton	Ephrem and Mary Pilon	Charles & Irene Summerfield	



**Readings
for the Week**

December 28
Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Gn
15:1-6; 21:1-Ps 128:1-5
Col 3:12-21 or Hb
11:8,11-12,17-19
Lk 2:22-40

December 29
1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-3,5-6
Lk 2:22-35

December 30
1 Jn 2:12-17
Ps 96:7-10
Lk 2:36-40

December 31
1 Jn 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2,11-13
Jn 1:1-18

January 1
Nm 6:22-27/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

January 2
1 Jn 2:22-28/
Jn 1:19-28

January 3
1 Jn 2:29-3:6/
Jn 1:29-34

**St. Peter's
Religious Education**
Classes are 9:30-10:45am
Grades 1-6
at Seton Academy
Grades 7 & 8
in the Upper Room
**Classes will resume on
January 11, 2009**

Children's Church
There will be a
Children's Liturgy
at the 11:00 Mass
December 28.



**The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

It may sound like a story line from a bad situation comedy, but how many of you parents out there have gone to one of those parent-teacher meetings, only to come away shaking your head in wonder. "Was that our kid she was talking about?" Little Junior who can't find the clothes hamper, talks with his mouth full, and slugs his sister at home is one of the most delightful young students in Mrs. Smith's class. Sometimes, are we standing too close to our children to really see them for who they are?

According to ancient Jewish laws, a woman who had given birth was not allowed into the temple for forty days, where she was then given "purification" as described in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Most new mothers would also offer a lamb and a dove for a sacrifice, or if the family was very poor, two doves or pigeons, as was the case for Joseph and Mary.

It was Simeon and Anna, two faith-filled individuals from outside the family, who recognized with joyful exclamations that the child Jesus was the Messiah. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary "were amazed at what was said about him."

In today's seemingly secular world, where those of faith are greeted with disdain and even hostility, the faithful family stands even more importantly as a center of life itself (CCC 1656). The Second Vatican Council even recognized that parents are "by word and example ? the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child." Today is the feast of the Holy Family; look at the children around you, perhaps for the first time, with amazement at these young gifts from God.

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Just Matters Workshop -- Progress Report

Since September 2008, a dedicated group of parishioners have been meeting monthly, focusing on the spiritual and practical aspects of responding to climate change and sustainable living. JustMatters is a workshop series organized by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change and the Catholic Bishops' Environmental Justice Program. We have explored the concerns of our members regarding climate change, which are representative of many people in our society:

- not being able to face the seriousness of climate change, due to the overwhelming nature of the problem, lack of information or desire to change,
- the ability of the human race to come together to take action, on a personal or governmental level,
- our self-interests and consumerism culture 'will trump the needs of our planet',
- that climate change may not be addressed in time to lessen the negative effects on all of us, especially future generations and the poor.

During this season of Advent we've returned our attention to our personal hopes:

- that we all will be able to become involved and work in unison, affirming the importance of life, becoming faith-filled, and focusing on being part of the solution,
- that as a parish, a country, and a planet community we can strive to take specific actions to make a difference, that God will give us the intelligence, grace and strength to alter our ways of living to accomplish the change that is needed.

In the final two sessions the focus of the JustMatters group will be to construct a recommended set of individual actions for our own lives, and collaboratively construct a set of action for parish-wide response as a faith community. We welcome input from all at St. Peter's, because together we'll start right here and now to be the change!

Have a blessed Christmas season, and look for more from JustMatters in the New Year!

Alice and Paul Scott