

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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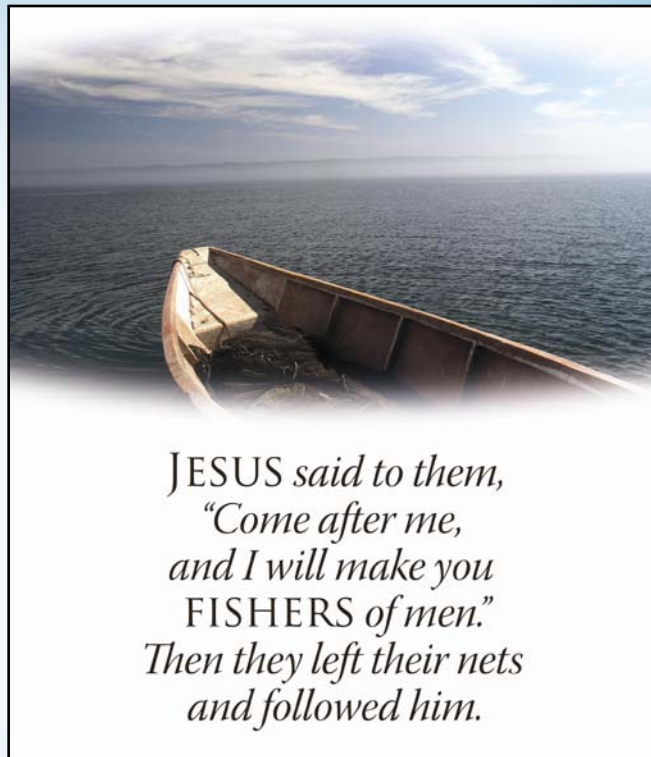
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Office Hours are
Monday-Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm



JESUS said to them,
"Come after me,
and I will make you
FISHERS of men."
Then they left their nets
and followed him.

Liturgical Celebrations

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

Daily Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation

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

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

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 25, 2009

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 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 26 *Saints Timothy & Titus*

6:45am Yvonne Grigware by Grace & family
 12:05pm Wallace Russell by Rose Oliver

Tuesday, January 27

6:45am Gilles Hebert(9th Anniversary) by his wife & family
 12:05pm Jeanne Boslet by Donald Miller

Wednesday, January 28 *Saint Thomas Aquinas*

6:45am For the Intentions of Beatrice A. White by her Daughter Sue Geddes
 12:05pm JoAnn Donah by George & Alice Fountain

Thursday, January 29

6:45am A special Intention by a Parishioner
 12:05pm Marie Goddeau(7th Anniversary) by Nancy Goddeau

Friday, January 30

6:45am Karen Wight by Jean Stanley
 12:05pm John Baker by Peg Jackson

Saturday, January 31 *Saint John Bosco*

8:15am Dorothy Dowd by Joyce & Clarence Kelley
 4:00pm Parishioners

Sunday, February 1

8:00am Belma Beebie by Theresa & Bernie Bosley
 9:30am Marie Belli by Anita & Bob Soltero
 11:00am Neil Guay by Linda & Rick Pickering

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



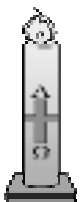
Readings for the Week of Jan. 25, 2009

Sunday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 16:15-18
 Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of **Marie Goddeau**
 Nancy Goddeau
 In Memory of **Belma Beebie**
 by John, Shelly, & Jesse Toohill
 In Memory of **Bruce LaBarre**
 by Lena & 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

January 20, 2008\$11,656.67
 January 18, 2009\$14,144.00
 which includes Electronic transfers

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.

Vocations

"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Are you considering a vocation as to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your pastor or visit www.myvocation.net to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.



This Weekend!

Refreshments will be Served

Danish, Juice and Coffee
after 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 Masses
Wine & Cheese after the 4:00pm
Sponsored by Super Cuts

Free Blood Pressure Clinic

After all masses on Sunday

The Parish Nurses will also help you fill out a **Vital Link Form**. This form is primarily for your medications and is very important. Please bring in all of your medications so that we can review and help you list them.



St. Peter's Religious Education

Classes are 9:30-10:45am
Grades 1-6 at Seton Academy; Grades 7 & 8 in the Upper Room
January 25
February 1 and 8
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5
(NO CLASSES on Jan. 18, Feb 15, Feb 22)

High School Students



If you are a high school student who is interested in meeting with other high school students for prayer, fellowship, and deeper knowledge of the faith come and join us on Sunday February 8th at 6:30-8:30 PM in the Upper Room. Our guest speaker will

be Fr. John Yonkovic speaking about Liturgical Prayer in our lives. If you have any further questions call Miss Therese Moen at 563-3278 or e-mail at stpetersyd@charterinternet.com.

For Your Marriage

Just as Jesus laid down his life for us, so spouses sacrifice their time, incomes, and very lives for the good of the beloved. Impossible? Such love is truly a miracle. What have you sacrificed today? For daily marriage tips visit: www.ForYourMarriage.org.

We welcome our newly registered parishioners...



**Dianna & John Betts
Joy Cayea**

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.



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

**Douglas Ashline
Donald Cook
Richard St. Clair**

children's Ministry

There will be a meeting of the Children's Ministry Committee on Tuesday, January 27th at 7pm in the Parish Office. We will be discussing Lent and additional Children's Liturgy (Church) dates. All are most welcome to come.

There will be Children's Liturgies on February 8th and 22nd at the 11:00 Mass.



Our preparation has begun for the third year of the **Why Catholic?** program here at St. Peter's. The focus this year will be: **Life in Christ: Walking with God**. Training for the Small Group leaders will take place in our parish on Wednesday the 11th of February from either 1:30 - 3:30 or 7:00 to 9:00. This would be a wonderful time to think about becoming a facilitator for the sessions on how we can deepen our relationship with Christ Jesus. Book three sessions 1-6 begin with the beautiful understanding of how "blessed we are..." through the gift of the Beatitudes. Sign up Sunday for all who wish to participate will take place on **02/08/2009**. Please contact Mark Bennett at the rectory office at 563-1692 if you are interested in becoming a group leader or with any questions you may have.

Thank You

Jeff Forkey wishes to thank all of the parishioners who sent him Christmas cards and holiday wishes. They reminded him that he truly is a part of the St. Peter's Family.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Beekmantown Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast to benefit Hospice of the North Country on **Sunday, Feb. 8th** at the Beekmantown Central Cafeteria. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, apple sauce and breakfast drinks. \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and children 5-11, children under 5 are free and family rate is \$15.00.

The **Healthy Neighborhoods Program** of the Clinton County Health Department will be conducting health and safety surveys throughout the Town of Plattsburgh during the months of January, February and March.

What is the Healthy Neighborhoods Program?

Healthy Neighborhoods (HNP) is a grant funded program designed to help improve the personal health, safety and environmental living conditions of residents within Clinton County.

How does HNP work?

HNP Educators conduct a short health and safety survey in your home. The survey takes about twenty minutes and covers five main topics: fire safety, lead, indoor air quality, tobacco cessation and asthma. Based on the outcome of the survey, and program eligibility, HNP may be able to provide you with a variety of safety products.

Some of the safety products that may be provided include:

- Smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers (to income eligible participants)
- Child safety products such as cabinet locks, shock stoppers and safety gates
- Asthma safety materials such as allergen barrier mattress and pillow covers, as well as dust wipes and other cleaning supplies
- Other safety products such as water bottles, first aid kits, flashlights and bath tub treads

In addition, HNP Educators provide education and resource materials about: carbon monoxide poisoning prevention, lead poisoning prevention, fire/burn safety, asthma, injury prevention, and tobacco cessation. During the visit, educators may also give information on and make referrals to other Clinton County agencies/programs with your consent.

Who can participate?

The program is **FREE** of charge and open to Clinton County residents of all ages.

How do I set up an appointment?

To receive more information or to set up a visit with a Healthy Neighborhoods Public Health Educator please contact us at 518-565-4993 or visit www.clintonhealth.org.

IN OUR PARISH

Parish Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, February 7

Westside Ballroom, New York Avenue – former Base Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar followed by a delicious roast beef dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. After dinner there will be entertainment featuring “English Country Dance.” It will be fun for all!

If you volunteer in the parish through any of our ministries such as being a Eucharistic Minister, a choir member, soup kitchen worker, Bethany Ministry...the list is long...then you are invited. Reservations are important so please call the Parish Office at 563-1692 or email at spchurch1692@charter.net by **Monday, Jan. 26**.

• JustMatters

The JustMatters Climate Change Study and Action Group meets **Sunday, January 25** from 2-4 pm in the Emmaus Room.

• Upcoming Parish Meetings

Parish Council: **Monday, January 26**

Finance Council: **Monday, February 9**

Council Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Emmaus Room – they are open to all in the parish.

• Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee will meet on **Tuesday, January 27** at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Office.

• Mass of Anointing and Healing

Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick and prayers for healing will be celebrated at St. Peter's on **Friday, Feb. 6th** at 7 p.m. The Living Waters Ministry with Eve McGill and Maggie Hutchins will be present.

• 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 **February 7&8**.

Join the Knights of Columbus on the **2nd Wednesday of every month** at 7:00 pm in the Church. The next recitation is **February 11**.

• Light Weigh

If you are constantly struggling with your weight - consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating. All registered members are welcome on **Wednesday nights** in the Chapel at 7:00 pm. For information and orientation call Sue Holt - 561-2782 or visit www.lightweigh.com.

• 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.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps you've heard the story about the small-town doctor who always bragged about the big fish he caught. It was hard to believe, but no one could catch heavier fish than him; he even had pictures of them hanging from his personal fish scale showing the weight. One day while fishing, he got an emergency call that a woman had gone into labor at home and he needed to get over there. After the baby was born, the family had nothing to weigh it with so the doctor pulled out his fish scale. The baby came in at twenty-six pounds, fourteen ounces. His prideful ways were revealed.

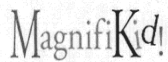
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Has anyone ever made a better offer? As Jesus began his ministry, he made a very conscious decision to surround himself not with disciples who considered themselves religious leaders of the day, but rather with ordinary men, men who worked hard, led simple lives, and whose minds were open to a new way of life in Christ. They abandoned their nets in order to take up a life of evangelization. The "nets" of salvation they will offer will in fact give us freedom from sin.

We are all members of the family of God, and Christ stands at the center of this calling. We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts (CCC 544). Throughout his life, he lived among the poor, the sick, and the sinners. He called his disciples from among them, and promised that the last shall be first. Today, you are invited to put down those things which have no real meaning, and take up the Gospel of Christ into your heart.

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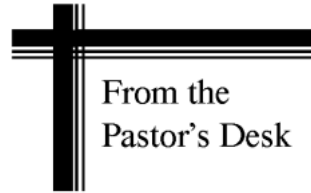
Notice to all Singers

Rehearsals for the Champlain Valley Voices Spring 2009 Concert "Great American Songbook, Vol II" will begin **Monday, Jan. 26** at 6:45pm to 9pm Rm 300 Meyers Fine Arts Bldg SUNY Plattsburgh. Please come join us. Concert is schedule for Saturday, April 18th.



Kids! Pick up your copy every week before mass.

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



From the Pastor's Desk

On Saturday, February 7th we will be having our annual parish appreciation dinner. This is always a most enjoyable evening of friends celebrating the faith that brings us together. This year we will be at the Westside Ballroom located on New York Avenue. The chef needs a head count by tomorrow, January 26th so please call or email the Parish Office if you plan on attending.

Thanks to all who serve the parish so generously. I realize that everyone will not be able to be part of this dinner gathering on the 7th but I do want everyone to know how important they are to the life of St. Peter's! Every member of the family has something to offer – thanks to all who so selflessly offer their time, talent and treasure to make our parish such a wonderful community of faith, hope and love.

Fr. John



Memorials for our Emmaus Room

In Memory of Loretta Drollette, we have received contributions from Lois Putnam, Sherl Drollette & family, Stephen & Linda Baughn, Vicky & Ray Tousignant, Sue & Blake Frechette, Glenn LaBarre & family, Teresa Carter, Jean Beaubriand, Gerald & Aleta LaBarre, Carol Trombley, Gerald & Diane Vancourt, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Peterson, Natalie, Chris & Rachel Sidletsky, J.R. Durham & Debbie Alexander, Carol Hoover, and Rose Oliver & family.

In Memory of Roland Racine we have received contributions from Patricia Racine, Jean Beaubriand, Michael F. Bushey, James & Nancy Gerace, David & Madeline Pombrio, Lee Ann Dutton, Matthew & Kristine Payment, Jay & Corinne Kerley, Charles & Sylvia Filion, Celine Paquette, CCT Construction, Lily & George Najim, and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.



Spend some quiet time with the Lord



January 18, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Wednesday, January 21, four busses of North Country pilgrims will travel through the night, arriving in our Nation's Capital to represent the Diocese of Ogdensburg at the 36th annual March for Life. They will join an estimated 150,000 fellow citizens in witnessing to the sanctity of all human life. Each of these busses will be subsidized by last year's Respect Life Collection.

The Respect Life Collection supports a variety of pro-life initiatives. Last year there were nineteen grant recipients. The collection provided support for:

- Gabriel Project crisis-pregnancy programs in: Gouverneur, Potsdam, Brasher Falls, Massena, and Plattsburgh
- The Catholic Charities Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program in Malone
- Pro-Life radio, television and billboard messages in Watertown, Plattsburgh, and Lewis County
- Pro-Life Fair Booths at the Clinton County and Lewis County fairs
- A two-day presentation in Watertown by the founder of Elizabeth Ministry, an outreach to young families who do not have family support.

With looming legislation – The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) on the national level and the Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act (RHAPP) at the state level, it is imperative that we increase our pro-life efforts to protect the most vulnerable of those among us. If this legislation is enacted, abortion will be the law-of-the-land. FOIA and RHAPP jeopardize 35 years of pro-life advances.

As God's people, we must work together to help build a Culture of Life. To achieve this, your financial support is needed. Each parish will take up a second collection to promote Respect Life initiatives on the weekend of January 24-25, 2009. Please be generous. Information on how to apply for a grant from this collection is available from your pastor or the Respect Life office.

May God bless you as together we continue to build a Culture of Life.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Q What happened fifty years ago today that eventually led to a renewed and significantly changed Catholic church?

A January 25 is the feast of the conversion of St. Paul, the premier apostle of Christ's message to the world. For over one hundred years, the day has also celebrated the conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Begun by the Graymoor Fathers of Garrison, New York, in 1908, the entire week actively promotes Christian unity through prayer, dialogue, and action among the various Christian denominations.

On this day fifty years ago, newly-elected Pope John XXIII was celebrating the close of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. Upon concluding the Eucharist, he announced to the few gathered cardinals that he planned to call a council of the universal church for the purpose of promoting church renewal and advancing church unity.

The reaction of the cardinals was one of stunned surprise. They were not expecting anything like this from a seventy-eight-year-old pope. Yet Pope John was not deterred as he pressed for preparations to make the council a reality. After three years of preparations, the Second Vatican Council officially convened on October 11, 1962. John, attributing the council to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, promoted the council as a "New Pentecost" intended to strengthen and renew the universal church.

How have the effects of the council been a source of strength and renewal for you?

