

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

114 Cornelia Street
Plattsburgh, New York 12901
Parish Office: 518.563.1692
Religious Education: 518.563.3278
Fax: 518.566.9420
spchurch1692@charter.net
www.saintpeterschurch.org
Seton Academy: 518.825.7386
Seton Middle/High: 518.561.403

Pastor

Rev. John Yonkovig

Parish Office Staff

Ann Bilow
Patti Cormier

Spiritual Life

Mark Bennett, Director

Religious Education

TBD

Youth

Therese Moen, Director

Music Ministry

Permelia Provost
George Shnob

Trustees

Carol Kipp
Joseph Giroux

Pastoral Council

Robert Kaschak, Chairperson

Finance Council

Garry Holt, Chairperson

Cemetery & Maintenance

Michael Rascoe
Karl Costin

Priests In Residence

Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin
Msgr. Robert Aucoin

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



New Acolytes

Mark Bennett and Frank Bushey were installed into the Order of Acolyte at the Cathedral in Ogdensburg by Bishop Cunningham on Sunday the 18th of January. They are continuing their studies towards ordination to the Diaconate in September of this year.

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

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 1, 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, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

6:45am Patrick (Patsy) O'Donnell by Maureen Walker

12:05pm Mark Burton Strack by his family

Tuesday, February 3

6:45am Tom Mazzella by Eleanor Bedard & George Bredig

12:05pm Gary Garrant by Rosary Society of St. John's

Wednesday, February 4

6:45am Joyce Rushford by Clarisa Stone

12:05pm Stephen Dudyak by Jeanne Bechard

Thursday, February 5

6:45am Charles Jock by his daughters

12:05pm Linda King by Betty King

Friday, February 6

6:45am Kyle Rock by his parents

12:05pm Gordon Stone by Starr & Patrick Burke

Saturday, February 7

8:15am Greater Respect & Reverence for Life by
K of C Council 255

4:00pm Steven LeCuyer by Kam & Tanner

Sunday, February 8

8:00am For all Parishioners

9:30am Henry Moses by his daughters & family

11:00am Muriel Douglas by Jim Nichols

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



Readings for the Week of February 1

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
 Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of **Lucien Houle**
 by his family
 In Memory of

Melissa Lahtinen-Penfield
 by Andre & Sally Bordeleau
 In Memory of **Evelyn Lemieux**
 by Beverly & Karl Costin



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 28, 2008.....\$10,862.50
 January 25, 2009\$12,065.50
 Respect for Human Life.....\$2,829.00

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

"Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you." If you are considering a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood, talk to your pastor or visit www.myvocation.net to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.



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

Clarence Miner
Eleanor M. Ghenoiu
William Tart



We welcome our newly registered parishioners...

Andrew & Jill Abdallah
Theresa Albatys
Eileen Barnes
Diana & John Betts
Joy Cayea
Matthew Forkey
Keri Zielinski

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.

WHY CATHOLIC?

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 in the Emmaus Room** from either 1:30 - 3:30 or 7:00 to 9:00 pm. 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 for all who wish to participate will take place on Sunday February, 8.** Please contact Mark Bennett at the Parish Office at 563-1692 if you are interested in becoming a group leader or with any questions you may have.

Parish Appreciation Dinner

Next Saturday our many volunteers and members of ministry teams will gather to celebrate the goodness of our God. In the gospels, Jesus sent out his disciples two by two and when they came back they shared their stories. In many ways that is what we do on this appreciation day – we share our stories of gratitude for being part of this community of faith.

Where: Westside Ballroom – New York Road (just past Seton Catholic on the left)

When: Saturday, Feb. 7 with cash bar at 5:30 and a delicious roast beef dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment: "English Country Dance" – fun for all!



Are you a young person who wonders why it is we celebrate Liturgy, what Liturgy is and what does Liturgy mean in your life as a young person? Come and join Fr. John in the Upper Room for a discussion on Liturgy: its forms and practices in the

Catholic Church and what it means in your life. Who can come? Any one of High School age. When? **Sunday, February 8th** from 6:30-8:30 PM. If you have any further questions please call Therese Moen at 563-3278 or e-mail stpetersyd@charterinternet.com.

St. Peter's Religious Education

Classes are 9:30-10:45am

Grades 1-6 at Seton Academy; Grades 7 & 8 in the Upper Room

February 1 and 8, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5

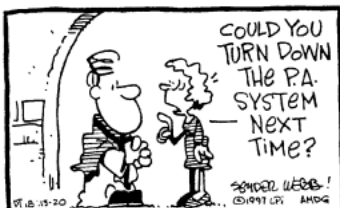
(NO CLASSES on Feb 15, Feb 22)

Pilgrimage to Ireland

Bishop Robert Cunningham and Father Douglas Lucia will lead a pilgrimage to Catholic sites in Ireland Sept. 21-30. The group will visit the Cliffs of Galway, Connemara, the Knock Shrine, Dublin, Waterford, Kerry and more. In his invitation to join the pilgrimage, Bishop Cunningham said, "We will celebrate Mass together in grand Irish cathedrals and charming village churches and at the Knock Shrine where the Virgin Mary appeared to 15 people in the village in 1879. Together, we will explore ancient church sites and castles, spectacular scenery and modern Irish cities. The pilgrimage promises to be a time of prayer and growth in our faith as we explore the treasures of the Catholic Church in Ireland. I look forward to sharing the wonderful opportunity with people from throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg." The cost for the pilgrimage is \$2,999 from Newark with connecting flights available from Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany and Burlington. To receive a brochure or obtain more information, call the North Country Catholic at 315-393-2540 or email mkilian@dioogdensburg.org

Clinton County Food Cooperative

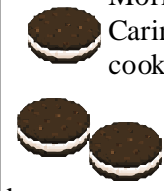
Purchase nutritious foods at lower-than-retail cost. No age limit! No income limit! Food Stamps accepted. Unit price is \$21. **Sign up through February 10.** Cash, check, or food stamp EBT QUEST cards accepted. Delivery will be on February 26. Call JCEO at 561-6310 for more information.



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.

Gift of Caring Project -- Cookie Sale



Morrisonville Junior Troop 4173 is doing a Gift of Caring project again this year as part of their cookie sale. The troop will be donating boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to the St. Peter's Soup Kitchen. The troop is asking for help from the parishioners of St. Peter's. The girls will be at the doors of the church after Masses the weekend of **February 14 & 15** to collect donations for this worthy cause. Cookies cost \$3.50 a box, but donations of any amount would be welcome. Thank you for your help!

We would like to continue to welcome the candidates from the RCIA classes to the Parish with refreshments brought in by present members of the parish. Your participation will not only provide refreshments to the RCIA participants, but will assist in connecting the



parishioners with the RCIA candidates each week. There are 20 people participating, and a store purchased or home made snack will do. There is a sign up in the Atrium

to provide your phone number and/or e-mail so that a reminder call/e-mail can be made a few days ahead of time. If you are unable to bring the snack in, someone will pick it up from your home. For more information, please contact Mary Remillard at 561-0775 or centorem@westelcom.com.

Thank You

It has been a great blessing to have the help of so many willing to provide a snack for all the catechumens and candidates for full communion to the Church in our RCIA process here at St. Peter's. Every week, we benefit from the meal of Christ's life given to us through Catechesis but it has also been a benefit to have the hospitality of so many wonderful people willing to share a snack with all those inquiring into the Church. God bless and thank you for your kindness. You are all remembered in my prayers each week! ~Therese Moen

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.

IN OUR PARISH

• Refreshments

Wine & Cheese will be served on Saturday, Jan 31 after the 4:00pm mass -- Postponed from last weekend.

• Catholic Daughters of America

Court 479 of the Catholic Daughters of America will meet **Monday, Feb. 2** at 1:00 pm in St. John's meeting room.

• Upcoming Parish Meetings

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.

• 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.

Family Promise Network

Once again it is time for our parish to host a family on behalf of the Family Promise network. The family will arrive on Sunday the 15th and will be with us for a week. If you can help by cooking a meal, acting as a host, or sleeping over, please sign-up on the volunteer sheet which is located in the Atrium. Thank you for your generous assistance, and if you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 563-1692.



Kids! Pick up your copy every week before mass.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Michael Kearney was homeschooled by his parents. At one point, he was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, though his parents declined to prescribe any medication for it. Michael simply went on to graduate from high school at age six, from junior college at age eight, and he received his Bachelor's degree from the University of South Alabama at age ten. By the time Michael Kearney was seventeen, he had completed two separate masters' degrees and was teaching classes at Vanderbilt University. Imagine that, such a young person as a teacher!

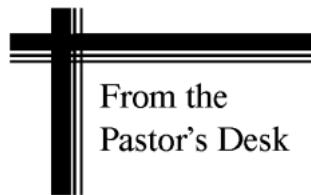
Jesus has just begun his ministry. So far as we can tell, he only has four of the disciples, James, John, Andrew and Simon Peter. On the Sabbath, Jesus calmly walks into the temple, sits down and begins teaching. Immediately, you can sense the elders' anger and ridicule over this "youngster" teaching among them. Impossible, they say. What could he know about the laws? Only when Jesus removes an unclean spirit from another man do the others begin to take serious note of him, and "his fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee."

It is said that our lives should be spent in continuous pursuit of knowledge, that we never stop learning. Jesus Christ's mission on earth was one of a teacher, and those who follow him will always be learning. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that Jesus is like a wise teacher, who leads us progressively towards an intimate relationship with God through prayer (CCC 2607). Likewise, just as we are disciples of Christ, our mission is to teach others to grow in faith, hope and charity along with us. Today, pray for an open mind and heart to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

©2008 Liturgical Publications Inc

St. John's Valentine's Ball

Treat your Valentine to a semi-formal evening of dining and dancing at the First Annual Charity Ball on Friday, Feb. 13. The donation is \$50 per person and includes a charitable gift to this year's benefactor, The Saint John's Church Special Needs Access Fund. The festivities begin at 6:00pm with hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine (Cash Bar will be available), a delicious classic Valentine Buffet until 11:00 o'clock and dancing and conversation. Tickets available through February 3rd at General Trading Company, Seton Catholic Central, Seton Academy, St. John's Rectory and John XXIII Newman Center Parish Office. For more information call 563-0730.



The first Catholic school in the Diocese of Ogdensburg began here at St. Peter's in 1856. We have a strong and supportive tradition of educating our young...mind, body and soul! Today we celebrate Catholic Education Week. Our young are most fortunate to have the opportunity of an education at Seton Academy and Seton Catholic Central. Thank you all for your support of these two fine educational experiences and to the staffs and teachers we salute you! To our many parents who choose Catholic education – you have made the choice that will impact your child for *all eternity!*

Fr. John

Seton Academy Theme: "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service" Week of February 1-6

- Sunday: 9:30 am Mass at St. Peter's Church
- Monday: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS -- ELA Correcting Day
- Tuesday: Spirit Day - wear green/blue and show your spirit (blue jeans allowed) .
- Wednesday: Grandparents' Luncheon -- Students may dress up or wear regular school clothes
- Thursday: Necktie Day -- wear a tie and regular school clothes
"What's In Your Pocket?" Game at 1:30 in the cafeteria. Mrs. Potthast is the MC
- Friday: Pajama Day Gr. 4 & 5 to Mt. Van Hovenburg
Movies in the afternoon for all other classes



Plattsburgh AARP Free Federal and State Tax-Aide Service

The Senior Citizens Council of Clinton County, 5139 North Catherine St, is providing space at the Senior Center for this service. Entry for the Senior Center for the tax preparation service is through the **west door** from the parking area behind the building. **There is no Court St. entrance in the winter months.** Walk-ins are welcome.

- February: 9:00 to 2:00 Mon/Tues/Fri & Sat and 9:00 to 6:00 Wed & Thurs (No Service will be provided on President's Day 2/16/09)
- March: 9:00 to 6:00 Wed & Thurs and 9:00 to 2:00 on Fri & Sat
- April: 1 thru 15 -- 9:00 to 6:00 Wed & Thurs and 9:00 to 2:00 on Fri.

2009 Lake Champlain Bus For Life

The organizers of the 2009 Lake Champlain Bus For Life would like to extend sincere gratitude to all who helped make possible our trip to the 36th National March For Life in Washington, DC held on January 22, 2009.

Heartfelt thanks to Bishop Cunningham, Colleen & John Miner (Diocesan Respect Life Coordinators), the



National March For Life on the steps of St. Peter's Church on 2nd and C Streets in Washington, DC

Diocesan Respect Life Committee for financial help, and The North Country Catholic for advertising assistance. Thanks to the many parishes across the northeastern portion of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. A special thanks to the many Knights of Columbus organizations including Council 255 of Plattsburgh, Msgr. A.M. Gilbert Mooers K of C, Rouses Point K of C, Port Henry/Moriah K of C, Peru K of C, and Council 2301 Ausable Forks K of C. Gratitude to the individuals that donated including Fr. Howard McCasland and Major Victor A. Pawlewicz (USAF, Ret).

Additionally, our gratitude to Bart and Wanda Gaffney (Champlain Valley Right to Life Coordinators) for suggestions, prayers, moral support, and for help in

advertising the trip. Our pilgrimage would have been nearly impossible without the support, prayers, and advice from our most excellent pastor, Fr. John Yonkovig of St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh. Also, thanks to the special angels who aided us and wish to remain anonymous. God knows them well, and we could not have completed this sojourn without their assistance.

Finally, we wish to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the bus participants. The trip was long, arduous, and tiring, but it was also a rewarding moment in our lives. Thank-you for making this pilgrimage and for stepping forward to speak for all Life from conception to natural death. May God Bless you for your endeavors.

Seton Catholic Launches Enrollment Campaign

The Seton Catholic High School Education Council has launched a massive enrollment campaign designed to ensure the survival and success of both Seton Academy and Seton Catholic High School, for decades to come.

The multi-pronged effort will involve faculty, staff, students, and parents. The enrollment campaign will include:



- The publication of a monthly newsletter for all members of the Seton "family".
- A unique bulletin designed especially for young people (ages 4 through 14), which will be distributed to public school attendees and day care students throughout Clinton County.
- A tutoring program, hosted by Seton CHS, which would offer Seton's best and brightest students as tutors to non-Seton students in need of extra help. Seton students would perform this service at no charge.
- Yard signs will soon be constructed and distributed at no charge to members of the Seton family. The "Seton Pride" signs will be used to publicize the fact that Seton is not only here to stay, it will grow even larger.
- An athlete-to-athlete program, whereby Seton's 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be encouraged to invite their non-Seton counterparts to visit Seton for a day, meet their coaches and teachers, and learn more about Seton's sports program and academic offerings.
- A direct mail campaign to parents of non-Seton students designed to educate them about the advantages of a private education and the extraordinary academic success achieved by Seton students.
- A letter to the editor campaign by recent graduates of SCHS, explaining how their experience at Seton has helped them at college or in the work force.

All members of the Seton family, including alumni, parents, and students are asked to offer their help in this very important project. If you would like to donate time or money, please contact Mark L Barie, President of the Seton Catholic Education Council at 518-297-7741 or marklbarie@gmail.com or Seton Catholic at 561-4031