

# Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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## Pastor

Rev. John Yonkovig

## Parish Office

Ann Bilow  
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## Spiritual Life

Mark Bennett, Director

## Religious Education

TBD

## Youth

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## Music Ministry

Permelia Provost  
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## Trustees

Carol Kipp  
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## 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



## March for Life

Twenty members of our youth group joined the Diocesan delegation of youth at the Respect Life March in Washington DC. Let us pray for a greater respect for all of life.

## 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

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 8, 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 9

6:45am George & Theresa Flynn by their estate  
 12:05pm Cathy Gilman by her Mom

#### Tuesday, February 10 *Saint Scholastica*

6:45am In Thanksgiving for a favor received by a Parishioner  
 12:05pm Neil Thomas Guay by Frank & Sue Guay

#### Wednesday, February 11

6:45am Mr. & Mrs. Charles O'Connell by their family  
 12:05pm Marge Sabonas by Ladies Aux K of C #4689

#### Thursday, February 12

6:45am Donald King by Bob & Gerri Kin  
 12:05pm Daisy H. Baker by Rose Oliver

#### Friday, February 13

6:45am Mr. & Mrs. William Dwane by their daughter Patricia Bock



12:05pm Karen Wight by Jean Stanley

#### Saturday, February 14 *St. Cyril & St. Methodius*

8:15am Billy Quick Jr. by his Parents  
 11:00am Wedding of Trevor Delong & Kathrina Svemkow  
 1:00pm Wedding of Ryan Kahil Williams & Kathleen Elizabeth Williams  
 4:00pm Jane Bryne deGrandpre by the deGrandpre family

#### Sunday, February 15

8:00am Leroy Griffin by George & Kathy Steele  
 9:30am Parishioners  
 11:00am Clarence Miller by Kathleen Coryea

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

### Readings for the Week of February 8

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39  
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10  
 Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

### Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of **Toni Beauchimin** by Beverly & Karl Costin  
 In Memory of **Majorie McGee** by Barb & Gary Bird  
 For the **Intentions of all Deceased Members of Altar Rosary Society**



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

February 3, 2008.....\$13,075.50  
 February 1, 2009 .....\$15,928.83  
 (Including Electronic Transfers)  
 Building Fund.....\$4,655.00

### 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 World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

"Everyone is searching for You." If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your pastor or visit [www.myvocation.net](http://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.

**Edward (Mike) LaRose  
George O'Connell**



### 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 8, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5  
(NO CLASSES on Feb 15, Feb 22)

### children's Ministry

**Children's Church:** There will be no Children's Church on February 8th; the new date is February 15th. The additional dates are February 22, March 15 and March 29.

**Children's Ministry Committee:** There will be a meeting of the Children's Ministry Committee on **Monday, Feb. 9th** at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome to come. We will be finalizing plans for the Family Stations and Dinner and other Lenten and Easter projects.

**Family Stations and Dinner:** Our second annual Family Stations and Dinner will take place on **Friday, Feb. 27th** at 6 pm in the Emmaus Room. Please join us in the celebration of this ancient prayer tradition. Families of all ages and sizes are welcome. Dinner will be soup, salads, breads and macaroni and cheese. Following the dinner will be a special Stations of the Cross where children will be encouraged to participate. Your reservation will be helpful, please call the Parish Office at 563-1692 or the Religious Ed Office at 563-3278 with your count. Anyone interested in helping out with this project please contact the Religious Ed Office or email [sombrio@setoncatholic.net](mailto:sombrio@setoncatholic.net).

### Parish Directory



Last summer many parishioners were photographed for our Parish Picture Directory. The directory contains not only the photos of a couple hundred of our parishioners but also the names and addresses of our entire parish family. If you had your picture taken for the directory your free copy will be available in the Emmaus Room next weekend. If your photo is not in the directory but you would like to buy one they are available for \$5.

Thanks to all who participated in this community building opportunity.



### 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:

**Jarrett James Collins  
Alicen Almyra James**

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.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> of February** 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.



Are you a young person who wonders why it is we celebrate Liturgy, what Liturgy is and what does Liturgy means 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? Anyone of High School age. When? **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:stpetersyd@charterinternet.com).

### 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. 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### 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!



### 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, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.



### Ash Wednesday February 25

6:45 am Mass  
12:05 pm Mass  
5:05 pm Mass

*Ashes are distributed  
during the Mass*

## IN OUR PARISH

### • 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.

### • Recitation of the Rosary

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 **February 11**.

Join the Altar Rosary Society the **1<sup>st</sup> weekend of every month** - one half hour before the 4:00 pm and 9:30 am masses. The next recitation is **March 7&8**.

### • JustMatters

The JustMatters Climate Change Study and Action Group meets **Sunday, February 22** from 2-4pm in the Emmaus Room.

### • 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](http://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.

### Caretaker Workshop

Are you helping a family member or friend with cooking, cleaning, managing medication, making appointments or meeting other needs. Consider coming to the Caregiver Workshop!

**Wednesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** @ 6pm

St. Peter's Church- Emmaus Room

Featuring: Carol Allen- 2007 Caregiver of the Year; Rachael Hite- Palliative Care Nurse from CVPH; and Mary Buckley-LaBonte – Caregiver Resource Center.

Discussions, information, refreshments and more!

Sponsored by the Clinton County Office for the Aging  
Questions? Call Office for the Aging (518)565-4620



**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.



### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was in May of 1873 that a young Belgian priest scaled through a rocky mountainous ridge and first set eyes on the village to which he was called to bring the Word of God. There, 816 people lived isolated from society; the priest not only ministered to their spiritual needs but to their physical needs as well. He did his best to provide medical assistance, he built houses, and he even dug graves, a task too frequently needed because this little village was named Kalaupapa on the Hawaiian Island of Molokai, where those afflicted with leprosy were banished to live. Father Damien contracted the disease as well, but continued his missionary work until his death in 1889 at the age of forty-nine.

Today's reading from the Gospel of Mark tells of Jesus accompanying James, John, Andrew and Simon to see Simon's mother-in-law, who was sick with fever. Jesus relieved her suffering, and then left to pray in solitude. When his disciples found him, he instructed them that they would now begin traveling to other villages in towns in the area, as it was his mission to spread his great news as far and wide as he could, especially to those who would need the saving grace of God the most.

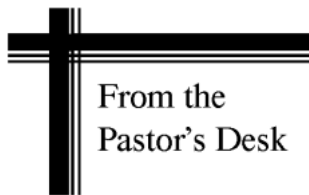
We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the Holy Spirit is the leader of the principal mission of the Church, to reach out to the spiritually and physically poor, thus unfolding the path of Christ, a way of service and self-sacrifice even unto death (CCC 852). In our lives, we are presented with opportunities to walk this path with Christ every day. By accepting our mission to reach out to others who need us, we are assured that we will never walk that path alone.

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### 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.



### From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend we are having our annual parish appreciation dinner. Nearly two hundred will gather at the Westside Ballroom to share in the celebrations. Many volunteers and members of ministry teams will not be able to be present. But even though you may not hear my words, please know of my gratitude to all who make the parish such a vibrant faith community. The sharing of time, talent and treasure is a wonderful expression of our faith.

And to all who live their faith so well – quietly caring for family and neighbor – reaching out to the needy – living holy lives – thank you! You may not be part of a ministry team or a volunteer but your commitment is genuine and sincere and I thank you. The reign of God is at work in our lives – our gratitude is great!

Fr. John

### Adoration During Lent- Volunteers Needed!

Lent is quickly approaching and St. Peter's would like to once again offer daily Adoration during the season of Lent. We will be offering Adoration Monday through Friday from immediately after the 6:45AM Mass until 10PM (closed during the 12:05 Mass). If you would like to sign up for one hour of Adoration a week beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 25th and ending on Wednesday, April 8th please contact Ceil Johnston at 566-0527 or email her at kjeleshouse@verizon.net.

### THE NET

The following activities are held at "The Net" -- 14 Charles St., Plattsburgh, NY.

#### Support Group Meetings

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Awakenings)**  
Time: Monday- Friday at 7:00 am, Saturday at 8:00 am  
The meetings focus on group discussion and everyone is welcome.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (KJ.S.S.)**  
Time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 12:00 pm  
Monday meetings are for beginners, and focus on the first three steps of the *Alcoholics Anonymous* program. Wednesday and Friday meetings offer general discussion and are open to all. The Saturday meetings are also open to all, with emphasis on the Big Book discussions of the AA program.
- **Narcotics Anonymous (No Matter What)**  
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 pm  
The meetings are open to everyone and the format is a one hour open discussion session.

## 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

### Youth Ministry

Sunday Evening Group  
 Young Adult Ministry

### Worship Ministries

Liturgy Committee  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 Prayer Chain  
 Greeters  
 Lectors  
 Altar Servers  
 Ushers

### Social Justice

Soup Kitchen  
 Respect Life  
 Homeless Hospitality  
 Food Shelf  
 JustFaith – Environment  
 Mission of Hope

### Music Ministry

Adult 9:30am Choir  
 Contemporary 11am Choir

### **Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**

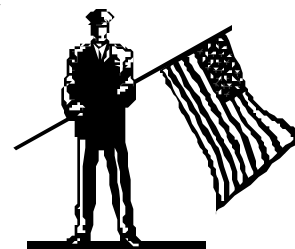
In 2007, the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe funded 340 projects in countries such as Serbia, Georgia, Albania, Poland, and Macedonia. This Collection supports church construction, ministry training, religious education, religious newspapers, missionary homes and children's educational programs. These projects are vital to the Church and to the further cultivation of faith and the love of God.

The theme for the 2009 Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is "Believe in the Power of the Spirit of Love." This Collection needs your help to continue to revitalize and to foster the Spirit of Love in its parishes and communities. Please be generous with your support of this collection which will be held on **Wednesday, Feb. 25.**

While the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former USSR endure decades of communist oppression, the Church suffered grave wounds to its spiritual life and pastoral capacity to serve its people. For generations, the Church leaders were killed or imprisoned. Catechists were persecuted, and churches, monasteries and seminaries were closed or destroyed. The Collection for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe provides a focal point for Catholics of the United States to express our compassion and solidarity with our brothers and sisters whose faith has endured such great suffering.

### **Prayer for Our Troops**

O God of Mercy, we beg You now to protect in a special way those who are fighting for us and the country we love. Bless them and take care of them. If they are tired, give them strength. If they are wounded and suffering, give them comfort. If they are lonely, touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near them. Amen.



### **The Importance of Belonging to Our Parish**

It is good for everyone to have a sense of belonging, someplace to call your own. Could you possibly be coming to St. Peter's, but never attempted to register or officially joined? If you do not receive mailings from the parish it may indicate we do not have your correct address or you may not be registered.

If you would like to call St. Peter's your parish, please fill in the lines below, mail it back to us or drop it in the collection basket. If you are a member of our church, please update any information that is not current. Please contact Patti at the Parish Office at 563-1692 for further information .

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

