

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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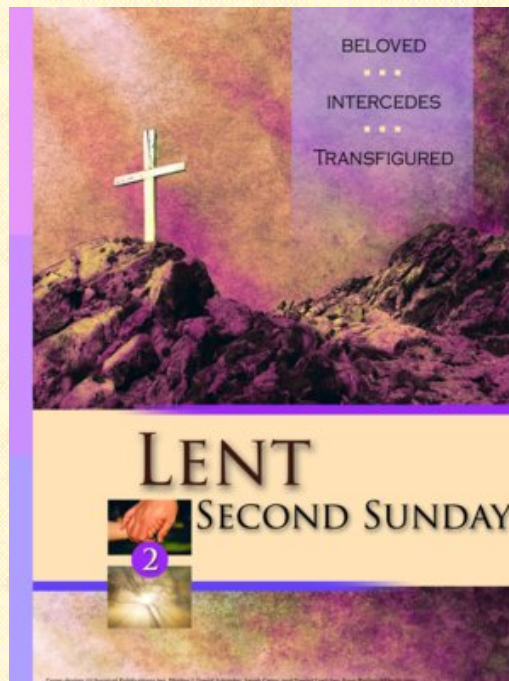
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Michael Rascoe
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Priests In Residence

Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin
Msgr. Robert Aucoin

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



*Then a cloud came,
casting a shadow over
them; then from the
cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved
Son. Listen to him."
Suddenly, looking
around, they no longer
saw anyone but Jesus
alone with them. -
Mk 9:7-8*

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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 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, March 9

6:45am Marjorie S. Golden by her husband
 12:05pm Lewis & Marjorie Royal by Daughter Marjorie

Tuesday, March 10

6:45am George & Theresa Flynn by their Estate
 12:05pm Byrnes/Spiegel Family by Mr. & Mrs. John Huru

Wednesday, March 11

6:45am Dorlida Lambert by Shirley & Dick Greuire
 12:05pm Ricky Mitchell by his Family

Thursday, March 12

6:45am Leo Kenyon by Ken Davies & Jessica Charland
 12:05pm Neil Thomas Guay by Mike & Barbara Maille

Friday, March 13

6:45am Mr. & Mrs. Leo Golden by their Son
 12:05pm Wilfred Gibeau by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Congelton

Saturday, March 14

8:15am Deacon Adam Crowe by
 Donald & Veronica Rothermel
 4:00pm Billy Tart by his Mother

Sunday, March 15

8:00am Jessica Laurin Smith by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Connell
 9:30am Parishioner
 11:00am Al LaTour by his Wife Elaine

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

Readings for the week of March 8

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
 Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt
 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3,
 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-
 17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of **John Trudeau**
 by Benny & Shirley King
 In Memory of **Ted Stein**
 by Grace & Family
 In Memory of **Rita Rock**
 by Doris LaFountain



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

March 2, 2008.....\$12,976.00
 March 1, 2009.....\$15,858.33
 (Including Electronic Transfers)
 Building Fund\$ 4,819.00

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

"If God is with us, who can be against us?"
 Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the
 grace of a vocation to the priesthood or
 consecrated life? 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.

Francis Gowett



St. Peter's Religious Education

Classes are 9:30-10:45am
Grades 1-6 at Seton Academy; Grades 7 & 8 in the Upper Room
March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5

children's Ministry

Children's Lenten Program: On Friday, March 13th at 6pm the children of the parish are invited to view a video in the Emmaus Room on what Lent is, followed by a short teaching on fasting. Snacks of pretzels will be provided with an explanation of their origin and their connection to our Lenten practices. The children will then be invited to attend the Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the main church. This will be a great learning experience for all.

St. Joseph's Day Pamphlets: On Sunday, March 15th the Children's Ministry Committee will be providing information on the Chaplet of St. Joseph and instructions on how your child can make their own chaplet. Please be sure to pick one up for your child.

Eastern Rite

Are you interested in Ethiopian Culture? Have you ever wondered about the Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church? Come and join Miriam Najimy and a special guest as they speak about the Eastern Rite of the Church. All are welcome to participate in the evening, but high schoolers are strongly encouraged to join us. The night will take place **Sunday, March 8th** from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Upper Room. If you have any further questions please call Therese Moen at stpetersyd@charterinternet.com or 563-3278.

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 March 10.** Delivery will be on March 26. Call JCEO at 561-6310 for more information.

Hospice Offers Support for Grief and Loss

Hospice of the North Country will be offering a Bereavement Support consisting of ten bi-monthly sessions **beginning Mon., March 9** continuing through June from 7-9:00 p.m. at the Hospice Office, 43 Durkee Street in Plattsburgh. For more information call Hospice of the North Country (Sister Mary Ann Gour) at 561-8465.

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:

Lindsey Ann Shanley



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.

Memorials for our Emmaus Room

In Memory **Clarence Miner** we received Contributions from Peggy & Adelia Clifford, Donald & Janet Miner, Alice M. Duprey and Clinton Community College.

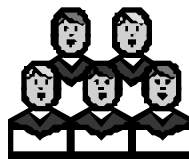


We also have received more contributions in Memory of **Clyde Lewis and Roland Racine** from Chris & Janie Parrott, Yvonne Dubrey and Anthony & Barbara Judge



Parish Mission

The Parish Community of St. John the Baptist and Blessed John XXIII in Plattsburgh will be hosting a Parish Mission at all weekend Masses March 21/22 and at St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 22 - 24 at 7:00pm. The mission will be led by Rev. Raymond J. Moreau, current pastor of St. Patrick's Church, St. Paul's Church and St. Michael's Church in Colton, South Colton and Parishville respectively. Topics that will be covered are: Weekend Masses - 'Our Journey to God', Sunday Evening - 'The Yellow Brick Road', Monday - 'The Potholes in the Road', Tuesday - 'The Eternal City'. Plan to take time out of your busy schedule to attend the Mission as we journey together in our relationship with God!



New Choir Members Welcomed

We are in need of new members... sopranos, altos, tenors, basses... for our traditional choir. We rehearse on Thursday evenings 7:00pm and sing at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday's and special occasions. Please joins us to share your talents. You do not have to be a music reader. Welcome to the Choir...Come join us!

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast

Knights of Columbus #7248 will hold a Pancake Breakfast (all you can eat) on **Sunday, March 8** from 8:30 to 12 noon at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall, Treadwell Mills. Adults: \$6.00, Children 6-12 years of age \$3.00, and no charge for under 5 years of age.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabethtown, NY will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on **Sunday, March 15**, at the Parish Hall next to the church from 2-6 Adults: \$8.00. Children under 12: \$4.00. Take outs will be available after 1:30 pm. Tickets for a cash raffle will be available.

Upcoming Catholic Deaf Masses

Sunday, March 22, 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM

St. Edmund's Catholic Church
5526 US Route 11, Ellensburg, NY 12934
518-594-8843
Father John Looby

Sunday, April 19, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
27 Church Street, Chazy, NY 12921
518-846-7650
Father William Gordon

Sunday, May 17, 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Notre Dame Catholic Church
125 Ford Avenue, Ogdensburg, NY 13669
(315) 393-5050
Father James Shurtleff

Saturday, June 6, 4:30 PM to 5:30

Church of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church
212 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662
315-769-2469
Father Donald Manfred

NO Masses on July and August, 2009

Healing Ministry

Living Waters Healing Ministry, affiliated with St. Peter's Parish, Plattsburgh has been holding monthly healing services since November, 2008. The ministry is currently accepting applications for membership on the prayer team. If interested one must complete a formal application, supply a letter of recommendation from your pastor, partake in a personal interview, complete a 10-12 hour training program and commit to 5-6 hours per month of ministry. Applications are available at the parish rectory at 114 Cornelia St., or via email at spchurch1692@charter.net or by calling 563-1692. Application **deadline is March 20, 2009.**

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 **March 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 **March 11.**

• Parish Nurses

The Parish Nurses hold meetings on the **2nd Thursday of the month** promptly at 6:30pm in the Rectory Dining Room. The next meeting is **March 12** at which Crystal Carter will talk to us about the Office of the Aging.

• Children's Liturgy Committee

Children's Liturgy Committee will meet on **Monday, March 16th** at 7pm in the Parish Office. We will be reviewing our Lenten programs and preparing plans for Easter. All are welcome to attend.

• Rosary Altar Meeting

There will be meeting of the Rosary Altar Group on **Tuesday, March 17** at 7:00pm in the Emmaus Room. The agenda is to plan the year's events as well as our Spring Rummage Sale.

• Stations of the Cross

Come and journey the 14 stations leading to Calvary **every Friday evening** at 7 p.m. during Lent.

• Divine Mercy

Msgr. Joseph Aubin will share history and reflections on the piety of Divine Mercy on **Sunday, March 15** at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel.

• Divine Mercy Chaplet to be Prayed

Therese Moen will lead everyone in the Divine Mercy Chaplet **every Friday during Lent** at 3PM in the Chapel as part of our Lenten Adoration.

• New Beginnings

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

• 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 Rectory at 7:00 pm. For information and orientation call Sue Holt - 561-2782 or visit www.lightweigh.com

• Upcoming Parish Meetings

Finance Council: **Monday, March 23**
Council Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Emmaus Room - they are open to all in the parish.

Second Sunday of Lent



We have a family friend who simply loves to entertain. No matter what the occasion, she can be counted on to provide the perfect entertainment, accommodations, and most importantly, the most imaginative and delicious food one could imagine. She thinks of everything, and has even been called on by our pastor to cater special parish events, such as the welcoming dinner for our new associate pastor. And on such occasions, we can always be assured that she will cook enough food to feed three times the invited guests, though miraculously nothing goes to waste.

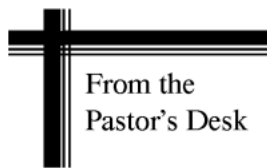
The story of the Transfiguration in today's Gospel from Mark contains a smaller lesson within the lesson, but one no less important. As the brilliant light transfigures Jesus, there appear Moses and Elijah to Peter, James, and John. All three disciples were stunned, but Peter, always one to speak up, offers that it's a good thing Jesus brought them along, because they can build tents for everyone! Of course, God must remind them of why they were really brought along-to bear witness to God's declaration that Jesus is his Son, and that they should listen to him.

It is upon a mountain that God first spoke to Moses and Elijah. At the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John are witness to the presence of the Holy Trinity. And it is here that they first hear of Jesus' rising from the dead, though they are cautioned not to speak of any of what they have seen (CCC 554). What a request! Could we, having witnessed such a glorious event, contain ourselves? Like the generous hostess who has provided far more than seems to be required, we are forever filled with the promise of salvation. Let Jesus Christ speak to you today, and don't just hear him, listen to him!

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Special Prayer for Vocations

The need for priests in our diocese is great! From **Mon., March 16 to Wed., March 18** the parish will be involved in a period of intense prayer for vocations. A monstrance (sacred receptacle that holds the consecrated host) that was for years used at Wadhams Hall Seminary will move from church to church during these 40 days of Lent. While it is here at St. Peter's you are strongly encouraged to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Let us together prayer for more vocations



From the
Pastor's Desk

Vocations! We hear a great deal about the need for good priests. Good priests come from our families and our communities.

They don't merely fall out of the sky. It is important to pray for and encourage vocations! Starting on Monday, March 16th until the 12:05 Mass on Wednesday March 18th I encourage you to set aside time for prayer for vocations. The monstrance used for Benediction from Wadhams Hall Seminary will be at St. Peter's during these days. The monstrance will be moving around our diocese during Lent to highlight prayer for vocations. A special holy hour will be prayed on Tuesday March 17 from 11 a.m. until 12 noon. During this time you might consider praying for a particular young man that you think would make a good priest. You might even let him know that you think he would make a good priest and that you are praying for him.

It was good for us to gather as a parish for our Lenten mission. Msgr. Poissant was a great homilist and I think all who participated gained from the experience.

We are blessed as a parish in that four people have expressed a real desire to become Catholics with us. They have been in preparation for the past 18 months. Next week's bulletin will have a short biography of each of them. We are blessed by Susan LaDuke, Brian Falb, Athena Lewandowski and Kelle Jo Kelley. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John

"The Shack" -- A Lenten Discussion

Join Father John in discussing the popular book "The Shack" written by William Young. Two opportunities, each one will be 90 minutes in length, - one on **Thur., March 26** at 1 p.m. and one on **Mon., March 30th** at 7 p.m.

"Prayer" Book Reflection"

Those who picked up a copy of Joyce Rupp's new book, "Prayer" are reminded that our first gathering will be this **Thursday, March 12** at 7 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. Please come having read pages 9 to 40. Sr. Miriam Najimy and Fr. John will facilitate these Lenten discussion sessions.

Stations of the Cross

A great tradition in our Church is the praying of the Stations. Why not come **this Friday at 7 p.m.** to pray them in community or pray them on your own on...booklets are found at the first station.



Renewal Prayer for Deaf Catholic Church

(to be said on every Friday)

Father, we ask you to look with mercy at us, your Deaf Catholic Church.

We ask you to bless us, inspire us to always love you above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We pray to you for our bishops, our spiritual leaders. Please bless them and give them the strength and wisdom to guide us, their people.

Help them to recognize, understand, and respond to our unique needs.

Please bless the priests, deacons, religious, and lay people who serve our community. Inspire them so that they may then inspire all hearts of deaf people to know, love, and serve you and your Catholic Church.

Father, we pray to you for our baptized Deaf Catholic brothers and sisters. Please send your Holy Spirit to enkindle and renew their hearts so that they may continue to grow spiritually through making time for prayers, receiving sacraments, and serving other people.

Our young baptized Deaf Catholics are growing up in a challenging and confused world. Almighty God, please help them understand that the way of the world does not give life; your way alone gives true life. Please touch their hearts and guide them to find your love. Bring them back to the Church. Put in them the desire to pray, to receive the sacraments and to serve other people.

Holy Spirit, come and transform each of us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Holy Mary, our Mother, pray for us. Amen.

Finding the "Perfect College"

This presentation and discussion is designed to help families contemplating or beginning the college search process. Topics will include information about reliable resources, factors to help match the student to the institution, answers to frequently asked questions, and suggestions for developing a short list of colleges that everyone (students and parents) can be happy with.

The presenter will be Jackie Girard Vogl, Assistant Director of Admissions with 18 years of experience as a member of the admissions staff at SUNY Plattsburgh. The session will be on **Sunday, March 29** at 1 p.m. in the Emmaus Room.

Spend some quiet time
with the Lord



North Country Catholic Campaign

The annual North Country Catholic subscription campaign begins this weekend. The price for a year's subscription to the paper is \$25 for Catholics within the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Support for the Catholic Press in the North Country through patron subscriptions at \$35, \$50, \$100 and \$250 allows the newspaper to maintain an affordable subscription rate for all. The North Country Catholic is the best way for us to be informed and stay connected with the 112,000 members of our diocesan family. Please enter your subscription today. Extra issues of the paper and subscription envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

RCIA Needs 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 assist in connecting the parishioners with the RCIA candidates each week. There are 20 people participating every Wednesday evening from February to May, 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. Snacks can be left in the Upper Room by 6:30 PM for the date you sign up. For more information, please contact Mary Remillard at 561-0775 or centorem@westelcom.com.



"Late Nite Catechism" to Plattsburgh!

The ARC and CFA Insurance are bringing "Late Nite Catechism," the uproariously funny one woman show to the West Side Ballroom **Saturday, March 28**. This play takes the audience back to their youth as the irrepressible "Sister" teaches class to a roomful of "students" (the audience)." Ticket price is \$40 and includes a Prime Rib Dinner. For more information contact Brenda Garner (518) 563-0930 Ext. 178 or (518) 834-5439 or email bsgarner13@frontiemet.net. To review the show you can visit www.entertainmentevents.com.

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. **March and April** 1-15: 9:00 to 6:00 Wed & Thurs and 9:00 to 2:00 on Fri & Sat