

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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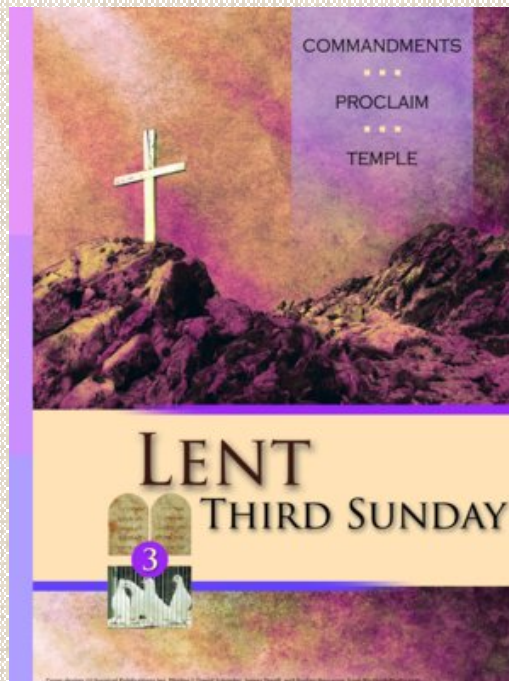
Cemetery & Maintenance

Michael Rascoe
Karl Costin

Priests In Residence

Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin
Msgr. Robert Aucoin

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



*Many more began to believe
in him because of his word,
and they said to the woman,
“We no longer believe
because of your word; for
we have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this is
truly the savior of the
world.” - Jn 4: 41-42*

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 of Lent

March 15, 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 16

6:45am Ray Carter by his Wife Teresa
 12:05pm Charles Filion (1st anniversary) by
 his Wife & Children

Tuesday, March 17

6:45am Yvonne Gregware by Leon & Janice Trombley
 12:05pm M/M Julien Allie by their Family

Wednesday, March 18

6:45am Dr. Arthur DeGrandpre by Mary Anne Cox
 12:05pm Marge Sabanos by Janet & Robert De Groat

Thursday, March 19 *Saint Joseph*

6:45am Mary Chiarappa by her Daughter Claire
 12:05pm Ignatius LaCombe by his Wife & Family

Friday, March 20

6:45am M/M Ernest Prim by Their Family
 12:05pm Donald Cook by Ruth Ryan

Saturday, March 21

8:15am Anna Bourkney by Mary Ann & Herb Ryder
 4:00pm Catherine Ruprecht by Jean Beaubriand

Sunday, March 22

8:00am Priscilla Steele by her Family
 9:30am Heather Sweeney by Bill & Shirley Stetz
 11:00am Parishioners

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

Readings for the week of March 15

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (St. Joseph)
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of **Sophia Braga**
 by son Thomas
 For Deceased Members of the
Malone Family by a parishioner.
A Special Intention
 by a Parishioner



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 9, 2008.....\$8,641.00
 March 8, 2009.....\$14,074.50

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

"We proclaim Christ crucified...the power and wisdom of God." Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to your pastor or visit www.myvocation.net to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.

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:



**Alexandra Noelle Goldfeder
Hannah Lillian Pelkey
Hayden Robert Pelkey**

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.

Open House

Seton Catholic Central (grades 7-12) will hold its annual Open House on **Wednesday, March 18** from 5-7 pm. Parents and students who would like to know more about Seton are invited to come and visit the school. Our Catholic schools are a great blessing for our community as places where our Catholic values can be taught and experienced while receiving an excellent education. Refreshments will be served. There will be a presentation at 5:30 and 6:30 pm. Seton Catholic Central, grades 7-12, is located at 206 New York Road on the former Plattsburgh Air Base. For more information, please call 561-4031 or write info@setoncatholic.net



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



**Shirley H. Ducharme
Dr. George E. Lucia Jr.**



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!



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 15, 22, 29 and April 5

children's Ministry

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.

There will be a **Children's Liturgy March 29th** at the 11:00 AM Mass.

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.

Works of the Holy Father/Catholic Relief

In Oromia, Ethiopia, drought has destroyed entire regions of crops, devastating the local agriculture industry and economy. In places like Oromia, where sustainability is based entirely on agriculture, food security is alarmingly low. At a local Catholic church in the Oromia region, hundreds of children are receiving therapeutic milk and medical treatment from Catholic Relief Services (CRS). In addition to funding the important international relief work of CRS, The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports legal and resettlement services for refugees, advocacy, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, and Works of the Holy Father, timely and effective emergency service is possible. Please be generous in next week's Collection.

Happy



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St. Patrick's Day

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, March 15

11:30 am – 4:30 pm

Our Lady of Victory Knights
of Columbus Council #13127

OLV Parish Hall/Community Center

Cost: Adults \$ 6, Senior Citizens \$5, Children over 5 years
of age are \$3.50 and under 5 years are free.

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

Bring the World Home

Our Lady of Victory Church Program

Become a volunteer host family for a high school
foreign exchange student! Open your hearts, minds and
homes! Promote cultural understanding! Students arrive
with: spending money, health insurance and a desire to
participate in American culture. For more information,
contact Bunny Esposito at 561-1582 or at
bunny.esposito@verizon.net.

Garry and Harry: Their Story of Alzheimer's

Fathers Garry and Harry Giroux are twin brothers, both
Roman Catholic priests in a small town in upstate New
York. But in 2004, Father Harry was diagnosed with early-
onset Alzheimer's, and his brother Father Garry has been
his caregiver ever since. "Garry and Harry" explores this
fascinating story and the relationship of these brothers as
they deal with their faith, family, and hope in the face of
tragedy. Join us to view the film, Garry and Harry by
Steven Madeja, and discussion on **Sunday, April 26**, from
2 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. Kenna LaPorte,
from the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance center will be
available to answer any questions. Refreshments will be
available.

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

• 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.

• Environmental Committee

A meeting for the Environmental Committee will be
held **Sunday, March 15th** from 2-3 PM in the Emmaus
Room. Topics include the Kilowatt Ours movie showing,
the wind farm tour, the bulletin notes, and planning
activities until summer.

• 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 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.

• 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.

• 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 **April 5&6.**

Join the Knights of Columbus on the **2nd Wednesday
of every month** at 7:00 pm in the Church. The next
recitation is **April 8.**

• Parish Nurses

The Parish Nurses hold meetings on the **2nd Thursday
of the month** promptly at 6:30pm in the Rectory Dining
Room.

Third Sunday of Lent



I've had the opportunity to visit and speak at hundreds of parishes throughout the Midwest, and I've noticed that some have gift shops. Thankfully, most clearly state that

their proceeds are shared with local charities, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc. But take a look at gift shops from a variety of churches of all faiths from around the country, and you will find coffee mugs, T-shirts, bumper stickers, health and beauty products, incense sticks, even a gold-plated money clip! Somehow, I can easily envision tables being flipped over.

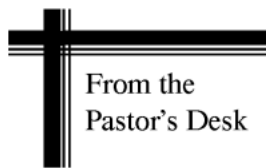
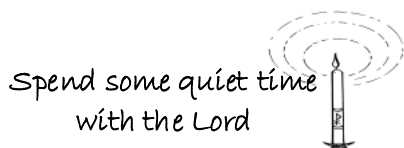
Today's Gospel reading from John recounts Jesus' visit to the Temple in Jerusalem shortly before Passover. There, he finds that the house of his Father has been allowed to be used as a marketplace. In one of the Gospel's rare descriptions of Jesus showing anger and emotion, he turns over the tables and drives the vendors out of the Temple with a whip. But when asked by the elders as to what authority he has to do this, Jesus proclaims that when they tear down the temple, he will rebuild it in three days. He is of course referring to his own body, the temple of the Lord, and his impending death and resurrection.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "the human body shares in the dignity of 'the image of God': it is a human body precisely because it is animated by a spiritual soul, and it is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of the Spirit" (364). If we truly understand that our bodies are temples, places where God resides in our hearts and souls, then let's turn over those tables of wickedness and sin that dwell within us, and drive them from the temple of the Lord.

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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

If you have a child or grandchild of school age this is a most important week! A Catholic school education gives your child the tools necessary to live a faith

filled life. The atmosphere in which a child is raised has a tremendous influence on the values and attitudes of the adult. A Catholic school surrounds the child with the knowledge of God's unconditional love. Academics at the Seton schools are superb, as well as the extracurricular activities, but the most important quality is the faith formation. An Open House for students in grades 7-12 will happen at Seton Catholic on Wednesday evening, March 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. and for students pre-K to 6 an Open House will be held at Seton Academy on Thursday evening, March 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. Now is a great time to explore a total education for your child...mind, body and soul!

Please try to spend some time in prayer for vocations on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. The Blessed Sacrament will in the main church for prayer and adoration on these days.

Fr. John

"Prayer" – Book Discussion

An excellent new book entitled "Prayer" by Joyce Rupp will be our Lenten book discussion for this year. The final two gatherings: **March 19 and 26** will be held in the Emmaus Room at 7 p.m. Sr. Miriam Najimy, DHM of the Regina Maria Spiritual Life Center and Fr. John Yonkovig will facilitate the discussion.

"The Shack" -- A Lenten Discussion

Join Father John in discussing the popular book "The Shack" written by William Young. Two gatherings, 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.

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.



**The Permanent Diaconate –
“Servants in a Servant-Church”
Installment #1**



This September, two men from our parish will be ordained permanent deacons for the Diocese of Ogdensburg. A deacon is a man who is called to a ministry of service, and like priests and bishops, he receives the sacrament of Holy Orders. Frank Bushey (left) is employed as a Counselor with the NYS Dept. of Corrections, and serves our parish as the director of the divorced and separated ministry program. Mark Bennett is the full time Spiritual Life director here at Saint Peter’s. Over the next few weeks, we will examine the origins and history of the Diaconate ministry in the Catholic Church, and explore the role of the Deacon in the Church today. We will take a look at his ministerial duties and how he interacts and assists both the bishop and the priests in service to the People of God. We will explain the difference between the “transitional” deacons and the order of “permanent” deacons which was restored under the authorization of the Second Vatican Council.

A Deacon is ordained as a sacramental sign to both the Church and world of Christ, who came “to serve and not be served.” We will discuss the threefold service of the deacon to the Church; service of the Word, service of the altar and service of charity. As these two men move closer to the day of their ordination, we hope to shed some light on what a deacon is, and the nature of their service to our parish and our Church.

North Country Catholic Campaign

We are continuing the North Country Catholic subscription campaign. If you have not yet subscribed to our diocesan newspaper I would ask you **to do so today**. The paper is a source of information, evangelization and unity for all the Catholics in our diocese. Please place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$25 to the North Country Catholic, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669. Patron subscriptions - for \$35, \$50, \$100 or \$250 - are also encouraged to allow the newspaper to maintain affordable subscription rates for all.

Marriage Encounter

It takes much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends will be held **April 24-26, 2009** at Wadham’s Hall in Ogdensburg, NY. You may register by calling Ed and Rhonda, at Toll Free (877) NYS-WWME (877) 697-9963 or e-mail: registration@wwmecny.com.

For questions, call Henry and Dayna Leader at 287-2874 or email hleader@twny.ny.com. Visit : www.wwmecny.com and www.wwme.org.

"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@frontiernet.net. To review the show you can visit www.entertainmentevents.com.

Young Adult Ministry Webpage

Surfing the Net? Want to be spiritually renewed ? Check out the Diocese of Ogdensburg website at www.dioogdensburg.org/youngadultministry. The Young Adult Ministry webpage is offering an online Lenten retreat with a series of Lenten Reflections. The retreat director for this prayerful experience is Father Timothy Canaan, Pastor of St. John the Baptist and Blessed John XXIII Newman Center in Plattsburgh, NY. Father Timothy also serves the Diocese of Ogdensburg as the Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry.

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

