

# Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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## Spiritual Life

Mark Bennett, Director

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## Youth

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## Music Ministry

Permelia Provost  
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## Pastoral Council

Robert Kaschak, Chairperson

## Finance Council

Garry Holt, Chairperson

## Cemetery & Maintenance

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



## 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 Easter

April 26, 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, April 27

6:45am Betty Rushford by her husband & family

12:05pm John Bradley by his family

#### Tuesday, April 28 *Saint Peter Chanel*

6:45am Betty Meron Bergman by Mike Bergman

12:05pm Reynold & Benedict Pawlewicz by their brother & grandfather Major Victor A. Pawlewicz

#### Wednesday, April 29 *Saint Catherine of Siena*

6:45am Ed & Don La Point by Elaine

12:05pm Marjorie McGee by Champy's Home Bureau

#### Thursday, April 30 *Saint Pius V*

6:45am George & Gladys Langlois by their family

12:05pm Alton Pete Rabideau by Richard Rabideau

#### Friday, May 1 *St. Joseph The Worker*

6:45am Mary Chiarappa by their daughter Claire

12:05pm Ronald Yanick by Helen Kerr

#### Saturday, May 2 *St. Athanasius*

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

4:00pm Marjorie & Lewis Royal by  
their daughter Marjorie Royal



#### Sunday, May 3

8:00am Parishioners

9:30am Ralph Tusa by Barbara & Ray Caouette

11:00am Elizabeth Cormier by Larry & Patti Cormier

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

### Readings for the Week of April 26

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 or  
 St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69  
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

### Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of **Elmer Goddeau**  
by his daughter Nancy

In Memory of **John Bradley**  
by Cheryl Bradley

In Memory of **Elizabeth Cormier**  
by Patti & Larry Cormier



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

April 13, 2008.....\$12,322.50

April 19, 2009.....\$17,060.50

(Including 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

"Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments."  
Jesus wants to make Himself known to you through the vocation He chooses for you. Will you obey His call 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.

### 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:



**Breanna Raylyne Markel  
Harmonie LeighAnne Parrott**

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.

We welcome our newly registered parishioners...



**Lynne & Richard Dashnaw  
Charleen Ryan**

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.

**Alice M. Duprey  
Carlton Viens**

## children's Ministry

\*\*\*\*\*New Date\*\*\*\*\*

### Children's Liturgy Planning Meeting

There will be a Children's Liturgy Meeting on **Monday, April 27** in the Parish Office at 7pm. We will be discussing our May and June plans. All are welcome!

### Catholic Home Missions Appeal -- This Weekend

Of the 29 counties in the geographically sprawling Diocese of Salt Lake City, only 16 have a resident pastor. These mission dioceses need funding for ministerial training, seminaries, and religious education in order to nurture the faith and administer basic pastoral care in the rural areas of the state. Please give generously in today's Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

### Youth Group to Meet



April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> the Youth Group will convene from 6:30-8:30pm in the Upper Room of St. Peter's.

### Memorial Day Weekend Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

There is still space available for the Rachel's Vineyard, post-abortive healing retreat offered at the Guggenheim Lodge in Saranac Lake **Friday, May 22 – Sunday, May 24**. If you are interested in learning more about Rachel's Vineyard please speak with your pastor or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). To register for the May retreat, please contact The Respect Life office or visit [www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life/](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life/) for a registration form.

### Attention All Families!

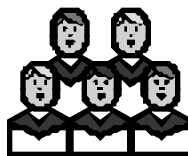
Looking for an opportunity to get away and enjoy your family? You are invited to one of three Family Guggenheim sessions (August 13-16, August 20-23, and October 9-11) to be held at the Guggenheim Center in Saranac Lake. Please contact the Parish Office for more details and registration forms.

### Interfaith Food Shelf



In the month of March 416 households – 1,254 children and adults - benefited from our Interfaith Food Shelf. Your support is deeply appreciated. You may leave items at the church doors on any weekend, such as peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, soups etc.

### 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 join us to share your talents. You do not have to be a music reader. Welcome to the Choir... Come join us! Call the Parish Office for more information.

### Stomp Out Stigma Walk-a-Thon

Broaden our community's sensitivity to the stigma of mental illness by joining the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-a-Thon. It is sponsored by Behavioral Health Services North (BHSN). It will be held on **Friday, May 8**, at the U.S. Oval on the Base from 3-5pm. Individual walkers may come, sign in, at the gazebo, and walk, free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

### 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 May 11**. Delivery will be on May 28 Call JCEO at 561-6310 for more information.

**Garry and Harry:  
Their Story of Alzheimer's**

Join us to view the film, "Garry and Harry" by Steven Madeja, and discussion on **Sunday, April 26**, from 2-4pm in the Emmaus Room. "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. Kenna LaPorte, from the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance center will be available to answer any questions. Refreshments will be available.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Pancake Breakfast**

Knights of Columbus, 7248 will hold a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, April 26** from 8:30am-12 noon at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall, Treadwell Mills. The admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 6-12 of age. No charge for children 5 years old and under.

**Gibson Brother's Concert  
Friday, May 1,**

Northern Adirondack High School, Ellenburg  
Starts @ 7:00pm

Advance Tickets \$17; at the Door \$20.00( if available)  
Sponsored by Ellenburg Senior Housing Corporations

**Benefit Dinner**

St. Joseph Church-Coopersville will be having its sixth annual benefit dinner at the Champlain K. of C. Hall in Champlain on **Sunday, May 3** with a full course turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner will be served from noon until 2pm (or until all are served). Adults \$ 8.00, children 5-12 \$ 4.00 and under 5 free. There will be an raffle and door prizes. You do not have to be present to win.

**Pancake Breakfast**

The GSNENY Junior Girl Scout Troop #4108 of Beekmantown/West Chazy will be holding a pancake breakfast on **Sunday, May 3** from 8am-noon at St. Joseph's Church Hall, West Chazy. This benefit breakfast is to help the future of our girls as they explore the history of Boston, Massachusetts. Prices are Adult-\$8.00, Children (4-10)-\$5.00, Under 4-Free. All proceeds to benefit Junior Girl Scout Troop # 4108 of Beekmantown/West Chazy.

**Beartown Ski Area's Annual Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, May 3** from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Seton Academy Elementary School  
All Proceeds will benefit the Ski Area

In addition, the PSU Men's Basketball Team will host a Kids Hoops Shootout. There will also be a raffle with prizes from many local businesses.

**Congratulations Bishop Cunningham!**

Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop Robert J. Cunningham to the position of Bishop of Syracuse, NY. Bishop Cunningham was the 13th Bishop of Ogdensburg and has served us for the past five years. He will be installed in Syracuse on **May 26<sup>th</sup>**. It is with sad reluctance that we see him leave us. Together let us pray for his well-being and that of both the Diocese of Syracuse and the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

**IN OUR PARISH**

• **June Festival Meeting**  
On **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** the second meeting of the June Festival will occur in the Emmaus Room. All interested people are welcome to join the fun! .



• **Healing Mass**  
On **Friday, May 1** at 7 p.m. there will be a Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by individual healing prayer opportunities. All are welcome.

• **Parishioners!!!**  
The Rosary Altar is again asking for donations of good merchandise (no clothing) for its rummage sale on **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Remember us as you do your spring house cleaning. Our collection basket in the Atrium.

• **Light Weigh**  
A spiritual growth weight-loss program held **every Wednesday** afternoon in the Parish Office, at 4 pm (This is a NEW TIME and LOCATION). For more information contact Sue Holt at 561-2782.

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

• **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.

• **Recitation of the Rosary**  
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 **May 2&3**.  
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 **May 13**.



### Third Sunday of Easter

It had been an especially trying day. He had been out of work for over six months, and despite many interviews, he had not been offered any positions. He thought he had

qualifications for the positions he had applied, what with a college degree and many years' experience in his field. Still, he continued to be turned down, often with no explanation whatsoever. Depressed, he turned to a particularly good book and read the words of a reassuring friend: "Peace be with you." That afternoon, he received a call from an employer.

Today's Gospel reading is Luke's version of last week's reading from John. Two men have just visited the disciples and told of their encounter with the risen Jesus on their way to Emmaus. Excitedly, they recalled how they did not recognize him, but felt a burning in their hearts as they walked along and listened to him speak. Not until he broke the bread at dinner did they understand in whose presence they were. And as they told their story, Jesus appeared to them all in the room, startling them with his presence so they were unable to recognize him. "Peace be with you," he tells them.

At times in our lives, we are hidden behind locked doors, fearful of the world and what it may have to offer us, or even what it may want to take from us. It is at these times that we must look for the resurrected Jesus and listen for his offer of peace. We celebrate the liturgy in expectation of Christ's return; we pray in hope through the Holy Spirit (CCC 2657). When we are fearful, remember the prayer of St. Paul: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit" (Rom 15:13).

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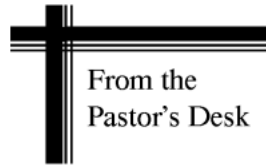
### Notes from the Environmental Stewardship Committee

April can be more than Earth Week. Let's be year round conscious. Why not celebrate God's sacred creation by recycling, planting trees & flowers, or taking time for a walk instead of a drive. All this will help us reduce our carbon footprints.

### Upcoming Celebrations at St. Peter's

First Holy Communion  
Sunday, May 17

Confirmation  
Saturday, May 23



### From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend our high school confirmation candidates are on retreat. The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of those significant markings in life that speaks of Christian adulthood. These young men and women are embracing a humble and unselfish approach to loving the world as Christ did...dying to self in love for the other. May they always place Christ first in their hearts and never forget the unfathomable love God has for them. They will be confirmed on May 23 – let us keep them in prayer.  
Fr. John

### Next Weekend Collection

On the first weekend of every month we have a building campaign collection.

The Emmaus Room and Atrium have been a great blessing to our parish. Originally we had to borrow \$715,000.00 for the construction of this addition. Since 2005 we have paid \$536,105.00 on the debt. Our present debt balance for this project is \$178,895.00! Thanks to all who have regularly support the second collection, to those who have named the building campaign as a memorial opportunity at the time of death and to those who have just spontaneously given to this need! The progress in the debt reduction is terrific – Thanks!



### Scripture Study for Galatians:

Our Scripture Study of Galatians will resume on **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00-8:30 PM in the Chapel. All our welcome to join who are interested in learning about Galatians. There are no dues or fees, there will be copies available of the study guide we are using. Dates and themes below:

- April 28: He who through faith is righteous shall live
- May 5: Lesson 7: Why the Law?
- May 12: Lesson 8: No longer slave but Son
- May 19: Lesson 9: A new kind of Freedom
- May 26: Let us not grow weary in doing well

### Italy, Greece, Turkey & Egypt

Join members of our parish on this October 13<sup>th</sup> twelve-day Princess Cruise. Interior cabins start at \$1,299 plus transfers and \$850 airfare per person. Call directly to Touraid at 1-888-206-4174.

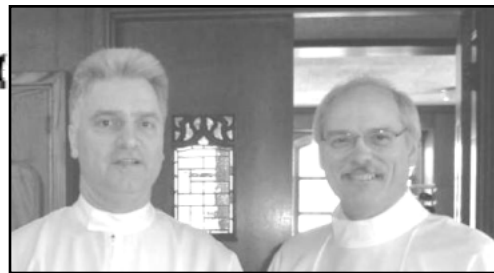
With Christ all things are possible and today is "the first day."  
Spend some quiet time with the Lord.



## The Permanent Diaconate – “Servants in a Servant Church” Installment - #5

As we have seen in previous installments, the deacon shares in the Sacrament of Holy Orders with the bishop and the priest. The role of the deacon is unique because he is ordained specifically for the ministry of service.

Once ordained, the deacon acts not in his own name or by his own authority, but on behalf of the Church. The care of the needy should be a concern for all Christians, but the deacon is particularly and officially committed to this ministry. He has a special responsibility to identify and serve the marginalized members of our society. The unique character of the deacon’s ministry may best be understood when we see how the threefold service of the word, the altar and charity are interconnected. Pope John Paul II spoke the following words to U.S. deacons in 1987; “With the deacon these three services are inseparably joined together as one in the service of God’s redemptive plan. The word of God inevitably leads to the Eucharistic worship of God at the altar; in turn, this worship leads to a new way of living which expresses itself in acts of charity.”



The Diocese of Ogdensburg has established the following requirements for men who are considering the Deacon formation program:

1. The applicant must be a practicing Catholic at least 32 years of age.
2. The applicant must have completed the **Formation for Ministry** program or a similar program or have ministerial experience.
3. An applicant may be single or married. Those who are unmarried at the time of ordination must remain celibate. Married deacons who are predeceased by their wives must remain celibate unless a dispensation is granted by the Holy See.
4. Married applicants must be in a stable marriage and have the full support of their spouse.
5. The applicant must be capable of doing college level academic work.
6. The application must be accompanied by a letter of approval from the pastor of the applicant.
7. The admissions process involves several interviews and extensive screening (psychological and academic), including background checks.

### Next week – Final Thoughts

#### “Masses Preferred” Is Not a Gift to Your Parish

Many Catholics may not understand that saying “Masses Preferred” in an obituary is not the same as asking for a memorial gift to our parish. When donations are made for Masses, the gift actually goes to the priest saying the Mass and this amount is deducted from his salary. If a parish cannot say all the Masses that its parishioners request, the stipends must be forwarded to retired or mission priests. While this is an admirable practice, parishioners should be fully informed of the difference when they are planning their own wills or memorial gifts.

#### Directed Retreat

Wadhams Hall is pleased to announce that the annual Directed Retreat will be offered on its spacious center again this summer for the clergy, religious, and laity of our Diocese. This year's retreat will run from **June 21 – June 27**.

For more information, and registration form, please see the letter from Msgr. Robert Aucoin found on the diocesan pastoral documentation page at [www.dioogdensburg.org](http://www.dioogdensburg.org).



The May Issue of Growing in Faith is available in the information rack in the Atrium.

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

