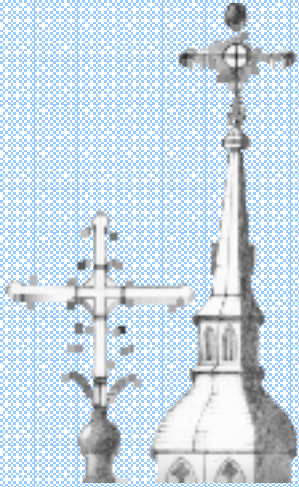


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Finance Council

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



Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11

Top: L-R: Kelle Jo Kelley, Rick LaDuke, Susan LaDuke,
Michael Lewandowski, Athena Castor-Lewandowski, Brian
Scott Falb, Sr.

Below: L-R: Joe Swinyer, Kelle Jo, Rick, Susan, Michael,
Athena, Brian Falb Sr. & Jr.



Above: Father John baptizes Brian Falb, Jr. his father, Brian Falb, Sr.



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 of Easter

May 3, 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, May 4

6:45am Andrea Brault Wallace by Andrew & Helen Brault
 12:05pm Ron Gilman by his wife Barbara

Tuesday, May 5

6:45am Patti Kivett by M/M David Duval
 12:05pm Clare Beaubriand by Gertrude Germain

Wednesday, May 6

6:45am Clarence Miner by Rose & Gail Corrow
 12:05pm Donald King by Annette & Charles Field

Thursday, May 7

6:45am Charles & Marion Rabideau by
 Wanda & Mike Bogacz
 12:05pm Mark Burton Strack by his family



Friday, May 8

6:45am Kenneth & Belma Beebie by the family
 12:05pm Betty Meron Bergman by her family

Saturday, May 9

6:45am Agnes Flanagan by Sue Prue
 1:00pm Wedding of Hayley Rugar & John Reyell
 4:00pm For the Intentions of all Mothers

Sunday, May 10

8:00am For the Intentions of all Mothers
 9:30am For the Intentions of all Mothers
 11:00am For the Intentions of all Mothers

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

Readings for the week of May 3, 2009

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Vigil Candles for this Week

For a Special Intention for **Vocations**
 by a Parishioner
 In Memory of **Anthony Caron** by his
 Wife Beryl & Family
 In Memory of **Donald Cook** by
 David & Ann Bilow



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 27, 2008.....\$12,050.00
 April 26, 2009.....\$11,991.50

**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.

May 3

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we
 celebrate the World Day of Prayer for
 Vocations. Pray for holy vocations to the
 priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life,
 especially for our diocese, that God will raise
 up good shepherds in our midst. If you are
 considering such a vocation, 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:



Alexander Joseph Dion
Noah Bradley Johnson
Reileigh Sage Johnson
Aubree Ann Mulligan

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...

William J. Baker

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.

Parish Respect Life Committee

St. Peter's Parish Council has recently approved the formation of a Parish Respect Life Committee which will help with education, awareness and information regarding Respect Life issues. The first meeting will be **Wednesday, May 20** at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. If you are interested in learning more, please join us at the meeting, or contact Karen and Randy Smith at (518) 566-6229 email: buffsmitty@westelcom.com.



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

Drew Hamel
Carmen Lambert

Bowl-A-Thon for Habitat Humanity

Habitat will have its annual bowl-a-thon on **Sunday, May 17** to raise money for its next habitat house. It will be held at North Bowl Lanes from 11 until 4. This is your chance to make a big difference and help a very worthwhile cause. It is also a great opportunity for families and groups to form a team and bowl for free and be in the drawing to win great prizes. You can help by picking up a sponsor sheet with information from the Parish Office. This is your opportunity to make a big difference by helping to make life a lot better for a Clinton County family. Contact Harriet Burrell at 643-9778 if you would like to learn more about Habitat for Humanity and the many ways that you can become involved.



Youth Group to Meet

May 3rd and May 31st the Youth Group will convene from 6:30-8:30pm in the Upper Room of St. Peter's.

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.

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. To register for the May retreat, please contact The Respect Life office or visit www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life/ for a registration form.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal --



Thank you for donating to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal! Because of your generosity, Catholic Home Missions will be able to support seminary training and to help bring a new generation of priests to the home mission dioceses. Now more parishes will be able to enjoy basic pastoral services, and religious education. You have truly made a difference to the Church in the United States. To learn more about how your money is making a difference through Catholic Home Missions, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Stomp Out Stigma Walk-a-Thon

Broaden our community's sensitivity to the stigma of mental illness by joining the 6th 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.

Upcoming Celebrations at St. Peter's

First Holy Communion Confirmation
Sunday, May 17 Saturday, May 23

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 10th of May**, 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.

Formation for Ministry

Do you want to be more involved in the life of our parish? Are you being called to use your unique gifts and talents to serve a specific need in our faith community? Have you explored the Formation for Ministry program for Lay ministry? There will be an informational meeting for all members of the parish who may be interested in this program in the Emmaus Room at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, May 19th**. Please call Mark at the Parish Office with any questions you may have at 563-1692.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Catholic Charities

Annual Mother's Day Appeal -- Sunday, May 10

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 **May 2&3**.

Join the Knights of Columbus on the **2nd Wednesday of every month** at 7:00 pm in the Church. The next recitation is **May 13**.

• Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters Court #479 will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, May 4** at 7pm. The meeting will be at the Dwyer-McAvoy Parish Center of St. John's Parish. Please bring Mission of Hope Donation.

• Parish Finance Council

The next Finance Council Meeting will be held at 7pm in the Emmaus Room on **Monday, May 11** – all are welcome.

• Light Weigh

For information on this spiritual growth weight loss program, that has been a blessing to many, call Sue Holt at 561-2782 or check out www.lightweigh.com. Registered participants meet at 4:00 P.M. on **Wednesdays** in the Chapel..

• Parish Nurses

The Parish Nurses hold meetings on the **2nd 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.

• Scripture Study for Galatians:

Our Scripture Study of Galatians will be held on **Tuesdays** from 7:00-8:30pm in the Chapel. There are no dues or fees, there will be copies available of the study guide. Dates and themes below:

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

You are Invited to a Baby Shower!

St. Peter's Altar and Rosary Society is collecting baby gifts for Birthright! Please bring a shower gift to church on the **weekends of May 3rd and 10th**. A baby's play pen will be found at the feet of the Blessed Mother's statue – place your gift there for one of Mary's needy children. Thank you for your generosity.





Fourth Sunday of Easter

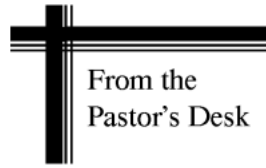
There is a phrase that has become popular if not overused in the business world today. It is "thinking outside the box." What this means is to be more creative, to do away with

traditional thinking. It is most often used in the world of advertising, where companies attempt to come up with new and innovative ways to get consumers to notice them. Unfortunately, this type of thinking all too often leads to being outside the boundaries of good taste, as well. Like a shepherd's fence, perhaps the box was created for a very good reason to begin with!

Today's Gospel reading from John relates Jesus' narrative of being the Good Shepherd. He states adamantly that he will lay down his life for his flock, but he also says he will think outside of the box when he says: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." The Good Shepherd fights for our very lives against the evils of the world, so much so that he sacrificed himself so that we might be saved. It is the least we can do to call others who have strayed from the shepherd's flock.

A traditional shepherd keeps his flock close to him, builds a fence to keep them safe. Should one stray, he uses his crook to bring it home. The Good Shepherd provides us with the sacrament of penance, our way of returning to the flock. The priest is the sign and instrument of God's merciful love and forgiveness for our straying (CCC 1465). On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we would do well to listen to the Good Shepherd, who invites us to return the flock.

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From the
Pastor's Desk

This is a very big week for Seton Catholic Central. Our community is exceptionally fortunate to have Catholic education available for our young from pre-kindergarten to senior high. Graduates from the

Seton schools excel not only academically but also in Christian living. They are educated in an atmosphere of dignity – for every child is a gift from God. This week the prestigious Middle States Validation Team will be here for four days reviewing every aspect of life at Seton Catholic. This review has helped Seton set goals and objectives for the next five years. It has been a tremendous amount of work on behalf of the administration, faculty, parents, students and the Board of Education. Together we are assuring a strong and vibrant future for Seton Catholic. Please keep this Middle States visit in your prayers this week.

Today is the last preparation session for parents of First Communion students. These sessions have enabled our young to come to a fuller understanding of Eucharist. On Sunday, May 17th at 1 p.m. we will celebrate First Communion – please keep these young families in your prayer.
Fr. John

Christian Meditation

The practice of Christian Meditation, under the direction of Mary Curran, DHM, will be held in St. Peter's Chapel on **Thursday evenings**, 7:00 to 8:30 starting on **May 14th**. This form of silent, imageless prayer using a mantra or prayer word is rooted in the Gospel and in the letters of Saint Paul. The program is comprised of quiet music, a brief audio instruction on the practice of meditation, 20 minutes of silent meditation, and a time for group dialog. It is open to all interested persons. For additional information please phone 561-3421.

Glassware Needed

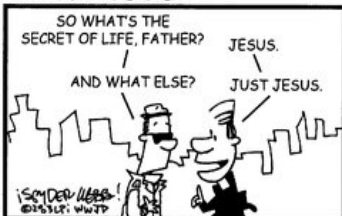
On Sunday, June 28 hundreds of people will gather for our annual June Festival. The "Dime Pitch" is always great fun! Glass bowls, stem ware, mugs, vases, etc. are in urgent need for this attraction. Please bring all glassware to the rear doors of the church. Thanks!



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 retired, 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.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Tuesday, May 5!
Thank you to all of our educators.

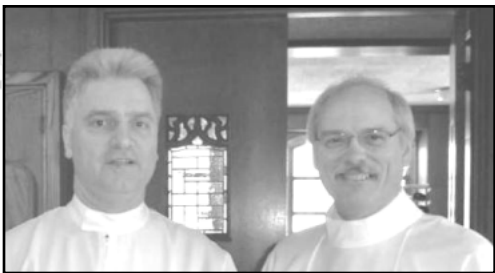


Spend some quiet time with the Lord.



**The Permanent Diaconate –
“Servants in a Servant Church”
Installment - #6**

During the past few weeks, it has been my privilege and delight to write a series of short features on the Diaconate for our parish family. It is my hope that these articles have served to enhance your knowledge of this ministry. The restoration of the permanent diaconate confirms the preeminent position of the gift of Service in the Catholic Church. Pope Paul VI in his homily delivered the day before the closing of the Council stated; “We stress that the teaching of the Council is channeled in one direction, the service of humankind, of every condition, in every weakness and need.” A few weeks ago on Holy Thursday, Father John reminded us that we are all called to service. We must all “pick up the towel.” Deacon William Ditewig in his book on the diaconate comments; “there are many ways of serving the Church and each other, we need all of them. The Church is a choir: the diaconate is simply once voice among the many.”



Frank and I wish to thank all of you, the people of Saint Peter’s faith community, for your love, your support and your prayers. We request that you continue to pray for us as the day of our ordination draws closer, and be assured that you are all in our prayers as well.

God bless you all.

Mark Bennett
Spiritual Life Director

Save the date!
Frank and Mark will be ordained on Saturday,
September 19 at the Cathedral in Ogdensburg.
Look for more details in upcoming bulletins.

Memorials



In **Memory of Carol Lewis** we received contributions for our Emmaus Room and Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality) from Jeanne F. Bechard, Joe Bamaby, Beth & Chester Mazzone, Noreen Wolansky, David Kirkpatrick, Sarah Colgan, Michael Stella Colgan, Richard & Cynthia Lacki, Daniel Stone, Brenda & Michael Phillips, Thomas & Joyce Glasgow, Ronald & Beverly Baker, and Beardley Design Associates.

In **Memory of Anna Ferrante** we received contributions for our Emmaus Room from Bonnie & Norman Langlois, Ann & David Bilow, Stan & Rita Karpinski, John Gandio, Viola Fenante, and Jim & Michele Faddegon.

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.

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.

Have You Forgotten Something?

Even people who already have had their Wills written often overlook important considerations.

1) **Naming an alternative personal representative:** If your personal representative (executor) cannot serve when needed, the court will have to appoint a replacement. By naming an alternate in your Will, you take care of this possibility.

2) **Naming Final Beneficiaries:** If your Will names only immediate members of the family, be aware that in many cases, every beneficiary named in a person’s Will has died. Consider naming our parish to receive part of your estate for its ministries in the event that your heirs predecease you.



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