

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin
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Office Hours are
Monday-Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm



Sunday, May 17
1:00 pm



Saturday, May 23
10:00 am

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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 18 *Saint John I**

6:45am Alice Duprey by Randy & Holly Miner
 12:05pm Ted Stein by William & Doris

Tuesday, May 19

6:45am Communion Service
 12:05pm Gertrude Farnsworth by Margaret LaFleur

Wednesday, May 20 *Saint Bernadine of Siena*

6:45am Communion Service
 12:05pm Annamaria DeCristofarno by Anna Battigelli & Paul Johnston

Thursday, May 21 *The Ascension of the Lord*

6:45am George & Priscillia Steele by George & Kathy
 12:05pm Theresa A. Carter by Lola & Family
 5:05pm Altar Memorial Mass

Friday, May 22 *Saint Rita of Cascia*

6:45am Larry Blanchard by friends
 12:05pm Earl T. Hauk by Anthony & Carolyn Tarricone

Saturday, May 23

8:15am Ted Stein by John Woodcock
 10:00am Confirmation
 1:00pm Wedding of Elizabeth McCann and John LaHart
 4:00pm Bruce LaBarre by Shirley Bouchard & Family

Sunday, May 24

8:00am Dr. Arthur B. deGrandpre by the deGrandpre Family
 9:30am Parishioner
 11:00am Bernard St. Louis by Flora St. Lois

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



Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually.

God's Plan for Giving ... Tithing

May 11, 2008.....\$13,286.50
 May 10, 2009.....\$14,108.25
 Catholic Charities\$5,149.00

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

"God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him." Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, talk to your pastor or visit www.myvocation.net to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.

Readings for the Week of May 17

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of **Dorothy Hanson**
 by her Family
 In Memory of **John W. Cormier**
 by his family
 In Memory of **Kathryn Macy**
 by Mae Rasco



You may contact the Parish Office to secure a time for a seven day vigil candle -- \$10 is the offering.

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



Mary Hoy

Seton Academy Summer Program

Have you been wondering what your child/children could do for the summer months? Become "Charter Members" of our summer program! Seton Academy is offering a program for 8 weeks for school age children. The weekly themes are: All about ME; Patriotic Week; Pirate Week; Roller Coaster Week; Under the Sea Week; Kids Cooking Week; Drama Weeks (2)



Morning drop off: Early Birds - 7 am, Regular - 8 am
Pick Up: Regular - 4:30 pm, Late - 5:15 pm

Cost: Two week sessions are preferred - \$320.00 or \$160. per week.

Requirements: Registration with \$100. deposit applied to first week.

Daily breakfast provided for Early Birds, Morning and Afternoon snacks. Campers are required to bring their own lunches. Drinks will be provided. For more information call Seton Academy at 825-7386.

We welcome our newly registered parishioners...



Cynthia Lambert
Victor G. Lambert
Thomas Monette
Dorothy & Tom Preston

All of us at St. Peter's Parish extend a prayerful and grateful welcome to all of our new parishioners.

children's Ministry

Children's Liturgy Meeting

There will be a Children's Liturgy Meeting on **Monday, May 18** at 7pm in the rectory. We will finalize our summer plans. All are welcome to attend.

Movie, Crafts and Popcorn!

Saturday, May 30 from 6:30 – 8:00PM in the Upper Room. Come celebrate the month of Mary! Movie: The Day the Sun Danced.

Children's Church Dates

May 31, June 7, June 21



Youth Group to Meet

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

Ascension of the Lord -- Holy Day of Obligation Thursday, May 21

Mass will be at 6:45am, 12:05pm and at 5:05 pm an Altar Memorial Mass

Marge Sabanos by Elinor Bedard, Beatrice O'Connell by Her Children, Malcolm, Eva, & Edna Hackett by Their Estate, Harvey & Yvonne Cartier by Their Estate, Ferdinand & Rita Cartier by Their Estate, Roland & Beulah Cartier by Their Estate, Rita & Anita LaPlante by Their Estate, Margaret Caska by Sally Staves, Charles & Helena LaClair by Their Family, Orel Defayette by Isadore Defayette, Calista Dumont by Wayne & Sheila Dumont, Dr. David Gormon by Tiep Van Hong & Yenthi Eguyen, Jeanne Boslet by Barbara Dunlap, Mike Brodi by Curt & Cheryl Tobrocke, Donald Baker by His Family, Belma Beebie by Gail Gagnon, Leo & Dora Sears & Family by Valida Cote, George Cote by Valida & Family, Marc Delio by Mom, Dad, Alexis, Vin & Jen, Nephew & Kings Family by Betty & Family, Gilbert Trombley by His Wife & Family, Ricky P. Mitchell by His Family, Raymond & Theresa Gallant by Curtis & Betty Martin, Brynes & Spiegel Families by M/M John Huru, Marjorie McGee by Sew-N-Sew Home Bureau, Wallace Russell by Sandra & Charlie Whitsell, Gary Garrand by George & Joan



ASCENSION

Kurz, Rita Rock by Pat & Ira Snow, Richard Rascoe by Grace & Family, Clayton & Stella Golden by Betty & Family, Raymond Lynch Jr. by His Wife & Family, Marjorie & Lewis Royal by Marjorie Royal, Felix & Alma Trombley by Thomas Trombley, Roland Racine by Nicole Diehl, Deceased Members of the Webb/Keable Families by Carolyn & James Keable, Clarence Miner by the Morrow Family, Mike Rose by Walter & Therese Connelly, Patti Kivett by Mr. & Mrs. David Donah, Mike Rose by Arlen & Maybelle Favero, Armand & Rhea Frederick and Betty New by Their Children, Bill Tart by Andrew & Shirley Stetz, Eleanor Gheniou by M/M Jerry Nephew, Ted Stein by Mark & Gerry Rascoe, Shirley Ducharme by M/M Howard McCormick, Lawrence Budrow by His Estate, Jake DeCell by His Family, Dawn Soucy by Thomas Trombley, Edward & Isola Martin by Wanda Martin, Willia Martin by Wanda Martin, Raymond & Theresa Gallant by Wanda Martin, and Monica Giroux by her parents.

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 Concert for Children's Miracle Network Saturday, May 16 from 7-9:30pm

John the XXIII Newman Center Broad Street
Admission \$10.00

Bowl-A-Thon for Habitat Humanity

Sunday, May 17
North Bowl Lanes from 11am until 4pm.

Pancake Breakfast

The Kiwanis Plattsburgh Breakfast Club will be holding its Annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast benefiting Mission of Hope on **Sunday, May 17** from 8:00am – 1:00pm at Seton Academy. Each year we have been able to build a home in Nicaragua from these proceeds Your continued support is appreciated.

Farewell Mass

St. Mary's Cathedral Parish will be hosting a Farewell Mass for Bishop Cunningham at their 11am liturgy on **Sunday, 24 May**. People from all the parishes of the diocese are invited to participate.

On Sunday afternoon, **Spring Fling** May 31, there will be

an exciting event you won't want to miss! Seton Catholic and Seton Academy are planning a Spring Fling to take place on the grounds of Seton Catholic, 206 New York Rd, Plattsburgh. There will be games for children, lovely plants, the famous Grilled Chicken Dinner, Fried Dough, Soda, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs –the "works"! Save the date and look for more further details.

Save These Dates:

St. Peter's June Festival -- Sunday, June 28
Parish Picnic -- Sunday, July 26
St. Peter's Golf Tournament -- Thursday, August 13
Commission of Parish Ministries -- Saturday, Sept. 12
Diaconate Ordination of Frank Bushey & Mark Bennett -- Saturday, Sept. 19

IN OUR PARISH

• Environmental Stewardship Committee

St. Peter's Environmental Stewardship Committee will meet on **Sunday, May 17** at 2:00pm in the Parish Office meeting room.

• Rosary Alter Meeting

The Rosary Altar Society will meet **Tuesday, May 19** at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. The agenda will include a critique of the Rummage Sale, the June Installation and Breakfast and finalization of the Baby Shower.

• Respect Life Committee

St. Peter's Respect Life Committee will hold an informational meeting on this newly forming committee on **Wednesday, May 20** at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. The goal of this Committee is to bring a greater awareness, information and education on the fundamental need to respect all life from conception until natural death on a parish-wide level. All are welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Karen and Randy Smith at (518) 566-6229 or email: buffsmitty@westelcom.com

• 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.

• Christian Meditation

The practice of Christian Meditation will be held in the Chapel on **Thursday evenings**, 7:00 to 8:30pm. This form of silent, imageless prayer using a mantra or prayer word is rooted in the Gospel and in the letters of Saint Paul. It is open to all interested persons. For additional information please phone 561-3421.

• 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 19: Lesson 9: A new kind of Freedom
May 26: Let us not grow weary in doing well



Sixth Sunday of Easter

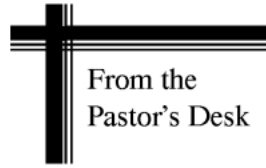
It was 1943, and Hitler's legions of death squads had occupied most of Poland. In the small town of Nowogrodek, sixty Jews were executed. Soon, however, the Gestapo arrested another 120

citizens to be executed simply as a show of force. A small order of nuns, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, offered themselves in exchange for the release of the 120 prisoners. The Nazis agreed, and on July 18th, eleven sisters were lead out into the woods and were murdered. Today, a biala fara (white church) stands at the final resting place of the blessed martyrs who gave their lives without hesitation for their friends.

Perhaps it is difficult to comprehend what it would feel like to willingly lay down one's life for a friend. In today's Gospel reading from John, we are given the answer through what is known as the Great Commandment-love. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for another. This is exemplified in God's pure, unending love for us in offering his only Son to die for our sins and give us everlasting life. If we are able to love one another purely and wholly as he loved us, all things will be possible, even our ultimate sacrifice for another.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear in explaining Jesus' words to us that if we are to love one another "as I have loved you" we cannot do it simply through words of promise or imitation (CCC 2842). Only through the strength of the Holy Spirit will we be empowered to demonstrate, from the bottom of our heart, true love, mercy, and forgiveness. In the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola, "Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost."

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From the Pastor's Desk

This week the priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg will gather in Lake Placid with Bishop Cunningham for the annual Presbyteral Assembly. Rev. John Cecero, SJ will be speaking on

"Flourishing in the Priesthood." This will be a time to recharge our batteries, to bid 'bon voyage' to our Bishop and to celebrate significant anniversaries of priests. Please keep this assembly in your prayer this week.

As you go by the front of our church you will notice that one of our beautiful variegated maple trees is dead. The mystery is as of yet unresolved. Needless to say, the landscaping enhances our church and some remedy will be sought to reconfigure the area.

May our First Communion children continue to grow closer to the Lord. May the Eucharist be a tremendous source of strength for them in their lives. Let us keep these precious children in our prayers.

Fr. John

Sports Camp Sponsored by the Diocese of Ogdensburg

Where Sportsmanship, Teamwork and Faith Come Together

Basketball Camp --- July 5-9

Soccer Camp --- July 12-16

Camp Fee: \$250/week

The dual focus of Sport's Camp, quality sports training and faith development, is designed to help young people become both better athletes and better people. Sports Camp's positive interaction of young people and adults allows young people to develop a balanced, Christian understanding of sportsmanship, teamwork, and competition. Go on-line at <http://www.catholiccamps.org/index.html> for more information.

Cemetery Regulations



Annual flowers, planted in front of the monument are permitted, as well as live flowers in concrete or appropriate urns. To plant shrubs and trees you must contact the cemetery caretaker.

For your convenience there is a water faucet behind the chapel that is always available for the purpose of watering plants.

Artificial flowers and wreaths (on the ground or attached to a monument) are not permitted at any time during the year. Toys, metal signs or ornaments, vases and crockery are not permitted.

New Choir Members Welcomed

We are in need of new members 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. Call the Parish Office for more information.



Thank's to Brown's Funeral Home

The beautiful new funeral pall, a symbol of baptism that covers the casket during the Funeral Mass, has been given to St. Peter's by Brown's Funeral Home. *Thank you!*

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.



First Holy Communion
May 17, 2009

St. Peter's Parish

First Communion Prayer

*Dear Jesus,
through bread and wine at the Last Supper,
and by your holy word,
you gave the Eucharist to your church.
You transformed common food and drink into your Body and Blood,
and offered us a share in your life
in ways we still cannot fully understand.
Grant now that these young people
will always treasure the gift they have in you.
Give them the grace to be faithful to you
and to remain in communion with your church.
As they receive their first Communion,
the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation,
make them always aware of the hope they have
for eternal life in you.
Amen.*

Zachary Bieber	Kathrine Kavanaugh
Cydney Bond	Jasmine King
Nathaniel Boule	Alexandre Kneifel
Abigail Boule	Kaden Kowalowski
Georgia Boule	Matthew LaRow
Mackenzie Carpenter	Kathryn Larson
Amy Darst	Mackenzie Marino
Sofia DeJordy	Delaney McIlwain
Sydney Falb	Bridget Melhorn
Andrew Follmer	Cozette Miller
Hunter Gelwicks	Anna Mitchell
Alexandra Goldfeder	Hunter Mossey
Shannon Goldfeder	Gabriel Nuzzo
Savannah Hart	Quincy Parkinson
Michael James	Hannah Pelkey
Thomas Jolicoeur	Bailey Pombrio
Kristen Karkoski	Schuyler Walantus



Parish Festival – June 28



Raffle Tickets

In the mail this week you received raffle tickets for our June Festival. The Raffle is key to the success of our annual Festival. This year the prize amount has been increased. One of the prizes is a beautiful solid oak cabinet made by Greg Cote, a superb craftsman. The cabinet is on display in the Atrium of the church. Something new this year is a prize of \$100 to the seller of the winning ticket! Each household has received 15 tickets and needless to say more tickets are available at the rectory. With success on this year's Festival we will make more progress in eliminating our debt!

Auction

Our local merchants are contributing some great auction items. They include a suite for one night at Microtel Inn, a \$50 gift certificate from Anthony's, an \$80 VIP card from Bill McBride Chev-Subaru, and a \$40 gift certificate from Phil's Dry Cleaning. More of these auction items will be listed over the next weeks... you really want to be in on the auction action...it starts at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 28.

Workers Needed

This major event needs many helping hands...everything from set-up to clean-up. If you can give a few hours on this FUNdraiser, there are sign up sheets outside the Emmaus Room doors in the Atrium. Thanks for your help!