

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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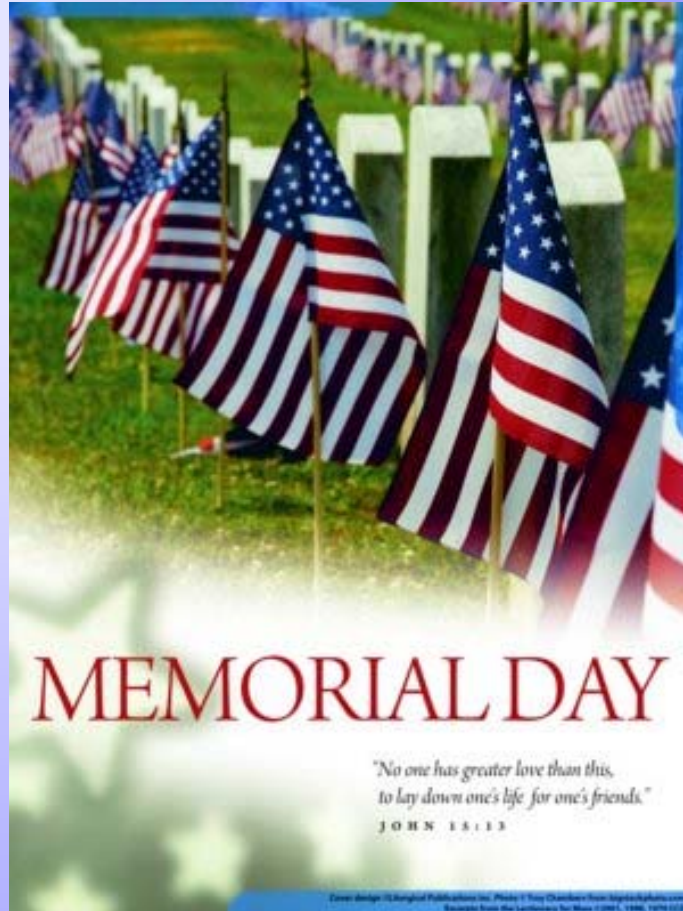
Cemetery & Maintenance

Michael Rascoe
Karl Costin

Priests In Residence

Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin
Msgr. Robert Aucoin

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



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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 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 25 *Saint Bede the Venerable; Saint Gregory VII; Saint Mary Magdalen de'Pazzi*

9:30am Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated this year at St. Peter's Cemetery. This is the only Mass for the Holiday. Rain location: St. Peter's Church

Tuesday, May 26 *Saint Philip Neri*

6:45am Richard E. Rascoe Sr. (8th Anniversary)
 by Grace & Family

12:05pm Evelyn Davidson by M/M Jose Rodarte

Wednesday, May 27 *Saint Augustine of Canterbury*

6:45am George E. Miller by His Children

12:05pm Martin Catalan by His Family

Thursday, May 28

6:45am Msgr. Francis A. White
 by Theresa Fritz & the Foucher Family

12:05pm Leo & Dora Sears by their Family

Friday, May 29

6:45am Leroy Griffin by Kathy & George

12:05pm Sharon Gibson by Mom & Dad

Saturday, May 30

8:15am Eleanor Ghenoui by Gerald Bushey

1:00pm Marriage of Sarah Carlin & Matthew Favro

4:00pm George & Gladys Langlois by Their Family

Sunday, May 31

8:00am Priscilla Steele by Her Family

9:30am Ronald King (9th Anniversary) by His Wife Betty

11:00am For All Parishioners

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



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 **Ron Gilman**

by His Wife Barbara

In Memory of **Gary Garrard**

by the Hebert Family

In Memory of **Patti Kivett**

by Her Friends



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

May 11, 2008.....\$14,786.50

May 10, 2009.....\$16,005.17

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

"And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them." If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus 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:



**Mason Allen Carter
Edward Joseph Sweenor**

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.

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children's Ministry

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

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.



Youth Group to Meet

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

Save These Dates:



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

Memorial Day Altar at St. Peter's Cemetery on May 25, 2009 9:30am

Beatrice O'Connell by Her Husband & Children, Malcolm, Eva, & Edna Hackett, 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 Jane Kowalowski, Orel Defayette by Jane Lanigan, Charles & Helena LaClair by Their Family, Calista Dumont by Rodney & Debbie Cartier, Dr. David Gormon by Tiep Van Hoang & Yenthi Guyen, Jeanne Boslet by Bob & Mary Melhorn, Mike Brodi by Curt & Cheryl Tobrocke, Donald Baker by His Family, Belma Beebie by Margaret Defayette, Leo & Dora Sears & Family by Valida Cote, George Cote by Valida & Family, Deceased Members of the Nephew & King Families by Betty King, Gilbert Trombley by His Wife & Family, Ricky P. Mitchell by His Family, Armand Fortin by Henrietta & Family, Theresa Ray Gallant & Isola Martin by



Curtice & Betty Martin, Marjorie McGee by Her Family, Wallace Russell by Fay & Ansel LaForest, Gary Garrand by Jim & Mary Pellerin, Rita Rock by Pat & Ira Snow, Richard E. Rascoe by Grace & Family, Clayton & Stella Golden by Betty Lynch, Raymond Lynch Jr. by His Wife & Family, Marjorie & Lewis Royal by Marjorie Royal, Felix & Alma Trombley by Thomas Trombley, Roland Racine by Marion Bordeau, Deceased Members of the Webb/Keable Families by Carolyn & James Keable, Clarence Miner by Grace Rascoe, Bill Tart by Don & Mary Garrand, Patti Kivett by Nick & Pam Corodimas & Family, Mike Rose by Bernie & Kathy Whalen, George O'Connell by Albert Swoboda, Ted Stein by M/M Arlen Favero Sr., Jake DeCell by His Family, Dawn Soucy by Donna & Sharon, Lillian Perkins by Winnie Pearsall

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Mary's Annual Bazaar, Champlain

Saturday, May 23 & Sunday, May 24
Breakfast both days from 8-11
Bazaar opens at 11am

Spring Fling

Sunday, May 31 on the grounds of Seton Catholic
To benefit Seton Academy and Seton Catholic

Farewell Mass

St. Mary's Cathedral Parish will be hosting a Farewell Mass for Bishop Cunningham at their 11am liturgy on **Sunday, May 24th**. People from all the parishes of the diocese are invited to participate. The Mass will also be an observance of Bishop Cunningham's 40th anniversary of priesthood ordination. A reception will follow on the Cathedral grounds

Catholic Deaf Mass Schedules:

Saturday : June 6: 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Church of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church
212 Main Street
Massena, NY 13662
315-769-2469
Father Donald Manfred

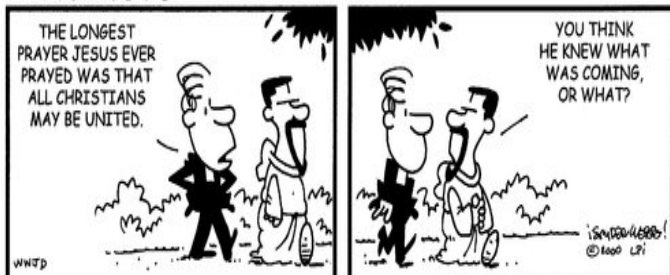
NO Masses on July and August, 2009

St. Ann's 33rd Annual Bazaar

Roast Beef Dinner & Parade
Mooers Forks
Sunday, June 7
11am - 6pm

Daniel O'Donnell & Mary Duff Concert

Albany, NY
Monday, August 10, Cost \$175 per person
Phone: 1-800-527-0496 or 1-800-877-4311
Website: www.greenmtntoursvt.com



IN OUR PARISH

• Altar Rosary Breakfast

Our Altar and Rosary Society will gather for the 9:30 Mass on **Sunday, June 14th**. After Liturgy new members will be inducted and then a sumptuous breakfast prepared by Chef Dan Shusda will be served in the Emmaus Room. Last year's breakfast was a huge hit. The cost is only \$8 per member – each member may bring a guest. Any woman who would like to join this very helpful society may call Theo Dragoon at 563-4136 or Eleanor Tart 563-6986.

• 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 Emmaus 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. The theme on May 26 will be "Let us not grow weary in doing well."

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Spēnd some quiet time with the Lord.



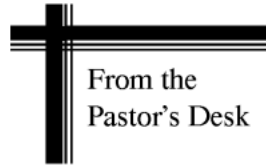


Seventh Sunday of Easter

Within the bylaws of nearly every corporation in this country, you will find a company's mission statement. Most are fairly generic, self-serving proclamations that the company will serve its clients with unwavering ethics and integrity. And if you've ever found yourself needing to search for a job, career advisors will tell you that no resume is complete without a personal mission statement. These personal mission statements should convey your core values and beliefs. In that sense, God's love is the ultimate corporate mission statement, and our love for one another is our personal mission statement written by the Holy Spirit.

It is perhaps one of the most personal and selfless prayers of love by Jesus recorded in the Bible. John tells us that in the final hours before his persecution and trial, Jesus turns to his heavenly Father and asks for God to watch over all of us as we set about to go out into the world and tell of the good news that is Jesus Christ. We are commissioned in this prayer; he asks for our protection, he asks that our eyes and hearts be opened to the truth. We are given the greatest mission statement ever written.

The Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman once wrote: "God has created me, to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "the ultimate purpose of mission is none other than to make men share in the communion between the Father and the Son in their Spirit of love" (CCC 850). Each one of us has been granted a gift, individual to us, which is to be used for the purpose of unification of all in Christ. Are you ready to accept your mission? ©2009 Liturgical Publications Inc



From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend Bishop Cunningham Confirmed 49 young people here at St. Peter's. As always, it is a blessing to have Bishop Cunningham in our midst. Let us keep Bishop in prayer as he leaves

the North Country to become Bishop of Syracuse. And let us also pray for the young people he Confirmed: may they be vibrant people of faith who will bring God's message of hope and love to all. Thanks to all the parents, sponsors, teachers and Therese Moen, our youth minister, for creating and supporting a very good Confirmation program.

On Memorial Day we remember not only those who gave their lives to protect our freedoms but we also remember all of our deceased loved ones. Mass will be offered in our cemetery at 9:30 a.m. – please bring a lawn chair and gather in the front of the chapel.

The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Church. Next weekend please wear a little "red" to show the world that we all burn with love for God. Fr. John

Evangelization

Consecrate Them in the Truth

Consecrate means "set apart". Jesus prays for his disciples that they be one just as the Father and He are one. Jesus asks the Father to consecrate His disciples in the truth because the Father's word is truth. These disciples and we have been consecrated, "set apart" to proclaim the one Gospel, that is, that Jesus suffered, died, was buried, and rose from the dead for the salvation of all people. Being "set apart" means to be counter-culture in the 21st century. As we draw near the Feast of Pentecost, let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to deepen our union with Christ, to guide the Church, and to remain faithful even in the face of suffering and difficult challenges that we meet each day.



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.

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.

Groceries, Oil Change, New Glasses

This and more will be found at our HUGE auction on Parish Festival Sunday, June 28. Beginning at 1:30 in the afternoon you will be able to bid on items like an oil change from Monroe Muffler or a \$20 gift card from Big M Markets or a \$100 voucher (actually there are 2 of them!) from Pearle Vision. Our local merchants are the greatest! We thank them for their support.



Your Help is Needed!

In the Atrium this weekend you will find different sign-up opportunities for our Festival. If you could give 2 or 3 hours on that Sunday it would be greatly appreciated. There are a variety of needs...everything from children's games to selling plants could use help. Please check the Festival table for details.

Confirmation
May 23, 2009

CONFIRMATION



St. Peter's Parish

Emily Adams
Tiffany Adas
Eli Beaudin
Aaron Biasini
Brent Bond
Collen Bradley
Casey Buck
Frank Buksa
Emily Carlin
Dan Caron
Alissa Chung
Joe Courson
Kate Daly
Devin Fasking
Tyler Frennier
Brian Goodell
Derek Groves
Megan Jubert
Kyler Kennedy
Mitchell Kilkeary

Stephanie Kustos
Hannah Klooster
Edward LaRow
Ashley LaValley
Rachel Leitsch
Kayleigh Livsey
Marley Malmgren
Emily Manchester
Taylor Manor
Dustin McCadam
Emily McCall
Ashley Menard
Dalton Mitchell
Ashley Myers
Lyndale Nephew
Rylei Porter
Emily Rector
Brady Reynolds
Briana Ryan
Nikki Shepler

Jessica Smith
Taylor Spear
Kevin Stallsmith
Adam Stanley
Anika Von Elbe
Liam Von Elbe
Michaela VonElbe
Molly Wilkins
CJ Worley

Adults

Shane Dubay
Nathan Filion
Malayna Hart
April Meehan
Amanda Mwamunyanage
Brendan Tobin

Confirmation Prayer

*Heavenly Father,
in the Old Testament, your prophets and priests
would anoint the faithful with oil.
Through this holy anointing
you made known to them their mission on earth.
On Pentecost, at the birth of the Church,
you sent your Holy Spirit on the disciples.
On that day, the promise you gave of your Spirit
was fulfilled to the whole world.
As these newly confirmed go out into the world
preserve the gifts of the Spirit in their hearts.
May the completion of their initiation through
Confirmation
help them fulfill their baptismal promises
as members of the Body of Christ.
Amen.*



Seton Academy Announces New Principal



The Seton Academy Education Council has chosen Sr. Helen Herman S.S.J. as the second principal of the Catholic elementary school. A long time Catholic educator, Sr. Helen will take over for founding principal Sr. Brian Marie Latour, RSM who is retiring at the end of this current academic year after a lifetime of dedication to Catholic education.

The new principal has taught on the Seton faculty since its opening in September of 2006. Sr. Helen brings to her new role at Seton a life-long commitment to elementary education, over 20 years of experience as a Catholic school principal in the north country, and a history of ongoing professional development to utilize the latest techniques and best practices in elementary instruction both within and beyond the classroom.

Sr. Helen was selected by the Seton Education Council upon the recommendation of its search committee.

Formed earlier this year when current principal Sr. Brian Marie announced her intention to retire this June, the committee was comprised of a representative of the school's parents, teachers, education council and the pastors of the four Catholic parishes which sponsor the school. The committee advertised the position, reviewed the applications received and conducted interviews with the candidates.

The committee received applications from a number of highly qualified educators, both lay and religious, interested in the position of Seton Academy principal. Search committee members were extremely gratified to be able to choose from such capable candidates and would like to publicly thank all who applied and were interviewed for their willingness to share their considerable talents and experience with the Seton family as school principal.

Known for her creativity and dedication to bringing out the best in every child, Sr. Helen is well suited to continuing Seton Academy's strong tradition of educating the whole person in a disciplined and caring environment. The Education Council looks forward to working with our new principal, and because she is already familiar with Seton's students, parents and staff, is expecting a very smooth transition as we move forward into a new academic year.

Congratulations, Sister Helen!