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



May 23, 2009
Confirmation



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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 14, 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 June 15

6:45am In thanksgiving for a favor received
 by Sandra Baker

12:05pm Michael & Mina Carpenter by
 Lawrence & Marjorie Carpenter

Tuesday, June 16

6:45am Clarence Miner by Arlen & Maybelle Favero

12:05pm Donald Baker by his wife

Wednesday June 17

6:45 am Robert C. Kraemer by Art & Peggy

12:05 pm Charles & Elaine Jock by their daughters

Thursday June 18

6:45am Loretta Drollette by Ted & June

12:05pm Wilfred Sears by his sister Marie Manor

Friday June 19 *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

6:45am Jerry Dupree by his family

12:05pm Billy Tart by his Mother

Saturday June 20 *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

8:15a, Ethel Darrah by Gail Nazak

1:00pm Marriage of Jennifer Anctil & Michael Kowalowski

4:00pm For All Fathers

Sunday June 21

8:00am For All Fathers

9:30am For All Fathers

11:00am For All Fathers



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

Readings for the Week of June 14, 2009

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
 Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
 Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Lk 2:41-51
 Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of **Marjorie McGee**

by Barb & Gary Bird

Richard Rascoe

by Grace & Family

Richard St. Claire

by Sylvia & Richard Gushlaw



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

June 8, 2008.....\$13,461.50

June 7, 2009\$16,487.83

(Including Electronic Transfers)

Building Fund.....\$4,500.94

**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

“This is My blood of the covenant, which
 is poured out for many.” Are you being
 chosen by Christ to be poured out for souls
 with Him 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:



**Jensen Philip Akins
Nolan Joseph-Arnold Battige
Julia Magdalena Hertel
Ethan Michael Ralph**

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.

Photo Opportunities at Festival



Please bring your camera to the Festival on June 28th! There will be a lawn full of photo opportunities awaiting you and your children/grandchildren. Race cars and backhoes, dunking booths and jumping games will provide a setting for many great pictures!

Read any good romance novels...or espionage, crime, westerns, or just a good suspense novel? How about any

found on Oprah's Book Club list? What about children's or young teen books? The annual St. Peter's Book Sale is coming up as part of the June 28th Parish Festival and we can use your used books! Please, NO textbooks or encyclopedias. You can leave your books inside the parking lot entrance of the church OR bring them on Thursday, Friday or Saturday - June 25, 26, 27 right to the school.



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



**Ona-Anna Matulionis
Edmond Richards
Louis J. Watts**

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Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Therese Moen, Director of Religious Education at 563-3278, or e-mail stpetersyd@charterinternet.com.



Desks for Sale

MAI memorabilia ~ Not Necessarily New, the Adirondack Humane Society Shop, has for sale a limited number of student desks from Mount Assumption Institute. Price is \$25.00 each. Call NNN at 566-1234 to reserve a desk or stop by the shop at 90 Bridge Street.

You might have seen these before, but they are worth reading again and having a laugh! These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins.

1. The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
2. The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
3. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
4. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
5. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
6. Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
7. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
8. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
9. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
10. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
11. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
12. Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.



The Gabriel Project is...

Evangelical: the parish community brings souls back to God.
Pastoral: the parish offering Christ’s compassion.
Educational: the parish proclaiming the Gospel of Life.
A Sign of Life: affirming the parish community’s support of any woman in a

crisis pregnancy that chooses life for her child.

Personal Support: through caring “Gabriel Angels” who are paired with expectant mothers and offer their friendship and spiritual guidance both during and after pregnancy.

Community Support: through the Angels’ parish offering prayers, encouragement and material help, if need be, to expectant mothers.

The English word angel comes from a Greek work that means “messenger”. A biblical angel is a messenger from God. That is why the word angel is such an apt term for the Gabriel volunteer, who brings God’s blessings to the women – the “moms,” as they are called in the Project – who seek help.

Jesus said that when we do good to those in need, we do good to Him. The Gabriel Project strives to see Christ in all women it helps, and to bring Him to them – as Mary brought Jesus to Elizabeth. – Deacon Roy Barkley

On **Wednesday, June 24th** at 7:00pm in the basement of Our Lady of Victory Church we will be having a get together for all women interested in learning more about being a “Gabriel Angel” or being involved in the Gabriel Project. Come join us for an evening of discussion and prayer. Mrs. Mary Pulsifer, The Gabriel Project

Prayer for a New Bishop

Almighty Father,
for one hundred thirty-seven years you have sent to the Church of Ogdensburg shepherds after your own heart.
Send forth the Holy Spirit upon Pope Benedict,
that he might choose for us a new Bishop,
full of courage in preaching the Gospel,
wisdom in governing the Church,
and zeal in leading us in the paths of holiness.
Grant to the man you will send to us
the protection of our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,
our Mother and our Patroness.
We make this prayer through her Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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

• **Special Celebration for Sr. Stephanie Frenette, O.P**
Come and spend a few minutes with her to celebrate her 50 years of Service as a Dominican Sister. Reminisce, enjoy a piece of cake, a glass of punch, and help celebrate this momentous occasion in Sr. Stephanie's Life as a Dominican Sister of Hope. **Saturday, June 20, 1:30-3:30pm** in the Emmaus Room

• **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**, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (note change in time). This form of silent prayer is rooted in the Gospel and in the letters of St. 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.

**Evangelization—Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Feast of Corpus Christi)
Jesus-Gift of Finest Wheat—June 13-14, 2009**

Jesus is the gift of finest wheat and He alone can satisfy the hungry heart. The one cup and the one loaf declares our oneness in the Lord. Jesus, the gift of eternal life, nourishes and strengthens us to be His disciples as we journey as His companions. Today we have an invitation and an opportunity to come together at St. Mary’s Cathedral to be the one Body of Christ to praise and glorify Him with our heartfelt prayers and songs. There will be Mass at 11:00 followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 2:00 the procession will begin from the Cathedral going outdoors. Solemn Vespers follows the procession. Refreshments will be served after Vespers. All are invited.

Spēnd some quiet time with the Lord.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Recently, we attended the wake of a dear friend who had succumbed to cancer. She was in her early 70s, and had three grown children, all married. Over the years, the family had grown distant; the siblings were leading their lives with problems of their own and had little contact with their mother. Yet at the wake, they seemed to come together, realizing that everything they were, all of their traits and values and loves and struggles, were given to them by their mother. In her death, they came to know that they were given the greatest gift, the gift of life.

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We are called to reflect and renew our faith in the saving nourishment of the Eucharist. At the Last Supper, Jesus broke the bread and poured the wine, instructing his disciples not only to eat and drink in his memory, but to do so with others who would believe. All that he was, he wanted to give to the world. And as he foretold in the distribution of the loaves and fishes, each of us who receives him is to give him as well.

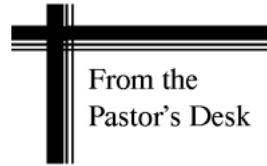
The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines the Eucharist this way: "The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all 'thanksgiving'" (CCC 1360). As we approach the altar prepared to receive the body and blood of Christ, perhaps we would do well to remember the sacrifice he gave for us-his very life. In doing so, we realize that sense of thanksgiving that embodies the Eucharist.

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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 tired, 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.



From the Pastor's Desk

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is the perfect time to acknowledge the extraordinary ministry of many in our parish.

The women of our Altar and Rosary Society are committed to the care of our altar. They do much in providing for the breads and wine used at Eucharist and also for the cleaning and upkeep of our sanctuary. We welcome 5 new members today and rejoice together at the annual Communion Breakfast – what a great group these women are!

It is also the right time to express gratitude to the many who feed the *Body of Christ* here at St. Peter's. We have many Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who help at all of our Liturgies and many others who carry the Blessed Sacrament to the homebound. In addition, there are many volunteers who cook and serve dinner at our Monday Soup Kitchen and many who provide and disperse food at the Interfaith Food Shelf. All of these good people are actively involved in feeding the *Body of Christ* in different ways.

Thanks to all for your cooperation with our Census Project. It will be very advantageous to have up-to-date information on part of the *Body of Christ* that we call St. Peter's

Fr. John

The Parish Business Office

After nearly three decades of wonderful service to St. Peter's, Ann Bilow will be retiring as our bookkeeper this summer. A new business position with greater administrative responsibilities is being created. The parish is seeking a well qualified person who will deal with all matters concerning finance, personnel, buildings and grounds. Resumes may be sent directly to Fr. John.

Diocese on-line!

Check us out at www.dioogdensburg.org You will find information on the parishes and schools, central offices, current events around the Diocese, new programs being offered, and so much more.



Did you know that you can view our weekly bulletins and read Father John's homilies on our website? Visit www.saintpeterschurch.org.

Save These Dates:

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



Parish Ministries and Committees

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent in one of the following areas, please call the Parish Office.

Community

Activities/Hospitality
 Altar Rosary Society
 Bereavement Ministry
 Bethany Ministry (Post Funeral Lunches)
 Bible Study
 Buildings and Grounds
 Finance Council
 Homebound Ministry
 Knights of Columbus
 New Beginnings – Divorced/Separated
 Parish Council
 Parish Nurses
 Pre-Cana
 St. Matthew’s Guild
 Women’s Group

Religious Education

Rite of Christian Initiation
 1st – 8th Religious Ed Catechists
 Confirmation Program
 Children’s Church
 Baptism Visitors
 Seton Academy/Catholic High

Youth Ministry

Sunday Evening Group
 Young Adult Ministry

Worship Ministries

Liturgy Committee
 Eucharistic Ministers
 Prayer Chain
 Greeters
 Lectors
 Altar Servers
 Ushers

Social Justice

Soup Kitchen
 Respect Life
 Homeless Hospitality
 Food Shelf
 JustFaith – Environment
 Mission of Hope

Music Ministry

Adult 9:30am Choir
 Contemporary 11am Choir



The Month of June is Dedicated to the Devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Let us remember that the Heart of Jesus has called us not only for our own sanctification, but also for that of other souls. He wants to be helped in the salvation of souls (St. Padre Pio) The

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began when Pope Clement XIII approved this devotion for specified dioceses in 1765 and extended to the whole Church by Pope Pius IX in 1856. Pope Leo XIII dedicated the whole world to the Sacred Heart in 1899. Traditional devotions to the Sacred Heart are: Act of Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart, the praying of the Litany of the Sacred Heart, First Friday Devotion, and the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us pray during this month of June that our hearts will be found beating to the rhythm of the heart of Christ.

The Importance of Belonging to Our Parish

It is good for everyone to have a sense of belonging, someplace to call your own. Could you possibly be coming to St. Peter’s, but never attempted to register or officially joined? If you do not receive mailings from the parish it may indicate we do not have your correct address or you may not be registered.

If you would like to call St. Peter’s your parish, please contact Patti at the Parish Office at 563-1692 for further information.

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THE NET

The following activities are held at “The Net” -- 14 Charles St., Plattsburgh, NY.

Support Group Meetings

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (Awakenings)**
 Time: Monday- Friday at 7:00 am, Saturday at 8:00 am
 The meetings focus on group discussion and everyone is welcome.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (K.I.S.S.)**
 Time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 12:00 pm
 Monday meetings are for beginners, and focus on the first three steps of the *Alcoholics Anonymous* program. Wednesday and Friday meetings offer general discussion and are open to all. The Saturday meetings are also open to all, with emphasis on the Big Book discussions of the AA program.
- **Narcotics Anonymous (No Matter What)**
 Time: Tuesday at 12:00 pm
 The meetings are open to everyone and the format is a one hour open discussion session.

A Perpetual Donation

An endowment fund remains invested on behalf of our parish. The principal amount continues to grow through donations, and is never withdrawn or spent, only invested. The income earned through the investments, however, becomes an on-going source of revenue that increases as the principal in the fund grows.

Just as it is important for a family to save money for things, it is important for our parish to build reserves on which we can depend. Funds generated through an endowment fund will always be there – a perpetual donation for generations to come. The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, Inc. can assist you in providing our parish with a everlasting income. For more information call Janice Shoen from the Foundation at 315-393-2920.