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Office Hours are

Monday-Friday

8:30am - 4:00pm



*Behold, the days are COMING,
says the LORD,
when I will raise up a righteous
SHOOT to David;
as king he shall reign and
GOVERN wisely,
he shall do what is JUST and
RIGHT in the land.*

JEREMIAH 23:5

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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

7:00am & 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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 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 July 20

7:00am Rita Hess by Ed & Barb Boyer & family
 12:05pm Walter Thompson by wife

Tuesday, July 21

7:00am Mildred Gerry by Shirley & Bernard Amell
 12:05pm Deceased members of the Peter LaClair Family by
 Flora St. Louis

Wednesday July 22 *Saint Mary Magdalene*

7:00am Frances Adisano by Theresa Defayette
 12:05pm Roland Racine by Mr. & Mrs. John Murphy

Thursday July 23

7:00am Melvin LaForest (3rd Anniversary) by his wife Judy
 12:05pm John Trudeau (1st Anniversary)
 by Mr. & Mrs. Casper Barcomb

Friday July 24

7:00am Edward Richardson by Mr. & Mrs. David Pombrio
 12:05pm Arthur Quilliam by Suzanne Brunet

Saturday July 25

8:15am Dorthea Brault by Ron & family
 1:00pm Wedding of Nicole Plishka & Dustin Cote
 4:00pm Mass of Thanksgiving for a
 favor received by Doris Rury

Sunday July 26

8:00am All Parishioners
 9:30am Veronica Hamel by a friend
 11:00am Helene Bradet by Andre & Germaine Bradet



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

Readings for the Week of July 19, 2009

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/
 Mk 6:30-34
 Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/
 Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/
 Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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Vigil Candles for this Week

John Manor by His Wife & Family
 In Memory of **George O'Connell**
 by Elizabeth Hughes
 In **Thanksgiving to St. Anthony**
 for a Favor Received by a
 Parishioner



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

July 13, 2008 \$14,845.50
 July 12, 2009 \$13,219.00

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

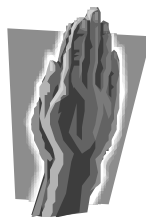
"He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Will you respond to the hunger of Christ's sheep as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to your pastor or visit www.myvocation.net to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.

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:

**Raquel Arboleda
McKenna Lee McGrath**

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

**Catherine Chrysostome
Ruth Gagnier
Marion Schmitt**

Leaving Your Affairs in Order

The following are steps to make sure your life is in order before God calls you:

- Draft a Will
- Leave enough liquid cash in an obvious location to sustain your survivors to pay the expenses of your estate
- Plan your own funeral
- Leave no financial debt
- Write your own obituary
- Organize your records
- Choose a time to openly discuss these plans with loved ones

For more information call Janice Shoen from the Diocese at 315-393-2920.

children's Ministry

Movie and Popcorn Night!

Date: Saturday, July 18

Time: 6:30 – 8:00PM

Place: Upper Room

Movie: *The Story Keepers*

Animated story of the underground church in Rome.



Summer Vacation Bible School

Have you ever wondered... What was it like to sneak away from Roman guards? What games did kids play in ancient Rome? How did it feel to be one of the very first Christians? Find out—in Rome!

This summer's City-wide Vacation Bible School experience is entitled "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church". It will take place the week of August 10th—14th at St. John's Church. There will be crafts, games, drama, food and animals: and it's FREE to all children who attend one of the Plattsburgh parishes, St. Peter's included! For more information, or a registration form, contact Miss Therese Moen at 563-3278 in the Office of Religious Education

Champlain Valley Habitat for Humanity Annual Garage Sale

Champlain Valley Habitat for Humanity is soliciting donations of useable household items for their Annual Garage sale. This year's sale will be located at Sharron Avenue at the old City Skate building.

From July 18 until the sale dates items to be donated can be dropped off at the warehouse on Wednesday 6-8 pm and Saturdays 8:30-2pm and Sundays 1-5pm. A Habitat sign will be at the location on these days. Items they are unable to accept include clothes, televisions, computers, tires, mattresses. All donated items need to be in good working order.

The Garage Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, August 7 & 8 from 8:00 am to 5:00pm and Sunday August 9 from 10am to 3pm. For more information about this sale call Harriet Burrell 643-9778.

Champlain Valley HFH is the Clinton County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a non profit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with low income families to build decent affordable housing. The houses are then sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charge.

*Spend some quiet time
with the Lord.*



Missionary Projects

The second collection next Sunday will be taken up for the **Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg**. The collection will be used to provide continued financial support of our former mission in Mollendo, Peru; to support the U.S. Bishop's annual appeal for Latin America; and to help any other missionary projects throughout the world that the Diocese might deem appropriate as part of its evangelization effort.

Special envelopes for this collection are in your Envelope Boxes. Thank You.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Volunteer Training **Hospice of the North Country** **July 25 & 26** from 8am-4pm

43 Durkee Street, Plattsburgh
For more information, call 561-8465 or
email jgiff369@hotmail.com

Town Wide Garage Sale

Altona-The Altona Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor the 14th Annual Town Wide Garage Sale on **Sat. Aug. 1, and Sun Aug. 2**, from 9am to 5pm

A Craft Fair and Bake Sale will be held on Sat. Aug. 1st from 9 am to 5pm at the Altona Fire Station located on Devil's Den Road in Altona.

To reserve a table for the Craft Fair, call 236-7271.

There will be a food concession and map site at the Fire Station, Sat. Aug. 1st. Maps will be available Sun. Aug. 2nd at the Fire Station. For further information call 236-7729, 236-7621 ext. 107, or 236-7271.

3rd Annual Walk to Remember

In support of Compassionate Friends
Sunday, August 2, 10 a.m.

Melissa Penfield Park - Bailey Ave., Plattsburgh

Annual Bazaar

Catholic Community of St. Philip of Jesus and St. Joseph's 4th Annual Bazaar **August 2** from 12 to 4 pm on the St. Joseph's lawn in Essex. Chinese Auction with 50+ baskets to choose from, petting zoo, games for young & old, craft shoppe of hand made items, chicken BBQ with all the fixings, sausage/peppers & onions, michigans, hamburgers, hot dogs, bake shop, ice cream and much more. Hope to see you there!!

Benefit Concert for Plattsburgh Memorial Chapel
by the Meadowmount School of Music

Thursday August 6-7om
in the Chapel at 100 US Oval

Refreshments on the lawn following the concert.

Tickets-\$20.00 Available at:

Cornerstone Bookstore Trinity Square, Aubuchon
Hardware Skyway Plaza,
Peru Pharmacy Grand Union Plaza, Peru

Redford Picnic

The 154th Annual Redford Picnic will be held **Sunday, August 16**, on the grounds of the Church of the Assumption and the Parish Center. Activities start after the 10:30 Mass. Features include full meals of either roast beef or ham from noon to 6pm, live entertainment, games of skill and chance, pull tabs, refreshments, and rides on the famous Merry Go Round. Raffles for \$5,000 quilts/afghans, and handmade pack baskets, and fun for everyone.

IN OUR PARISH

• **Light Weigh**

For information on this spiritual growth weight loss program, that has been a blessing to many, call Sue @ 561-2782. The July 15 meeting is postponed until **Wed., July 22 @ 4:00 p.m.** in the chapel. Orientation for the next session will be @5:00 p.m. on July 22, in the chapel. To register, call Sue @ 561-2782.

• **Christian Meditation**

The practice of Christian Meditation will be held in the Chapel on **Thursday evenings**, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.. 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**, Next meeting will be Sept.10th.

• **New Beginnings Summer Schedule**

Meetings will be held on Thursday July 30; Wed. Aug 12; and Thursday Aug. 27

Weekly Meetings will resume Sept 10 on Thursdays.

Benefit Dinner

Hannah's Hope for G.A.N. is having the 2nd Benefit Dinner on **Sunday July 19**, starting at 11:30 am to 2pm at Rainbow Banquet Hall (Peck's Place) Gold Room, Altona, NY. The ticket cost is age 5 yrs, and under free, 6-12 yrs of age is \$10.00 and adults \$15.00 until July 11 2009, then adult tickets will be \$20.00 after that date. Music will be provided by G & B Special Effects (DJ-no loud music). There will be a live auction featuring Gary Finney-items donated by local businesses and resorts, including gift certificates and gift baskets, 50/50 raffle, and silent auctions. For ticket information, please contact Earl Burnell, Grandfather 518-563-6944, Carrie Favaro 518-293-7643 or Karen Armstrong 518-563-5008.

14th Annual St. Peter's Golf Tournament

Plan on playing golf on **Thursday, August 13th** at the Adirondack Golf and Country Club in Peru.

This is a charity "fun" tournament to benefit the youth programs at St. Peter's Church. It is a full scramble, 4-person event (mixed teams of men and women are encouraged to participate), which starts with a 12:30 p.m. "shotgun", and ends with a 6 p.m. Awards Ceremony. There is a full catered dinner at the clubhouse. All reasonably priced for your playing and dining pleasure. Registration forms have been mailed out to past participants. For more information or if interested please contact John Mockry at 562-0905 or 562-4179.





16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many self-help books have been written over the years in which the author highly advocates the use of "to-do lists" in order to help us gain control over our lives. Generally, they say we will feel encouraged as we strike off the different things on our lists as we accomplish them. But what I have never seen any of these so-called experts advocate is creating a "done list" in which we take time each day to quietly reflect on all that we have achieved, no matter how small. When we cross things off a to-do list, we tend to say, "Thank God that's done." But when we look at a done list, we might be more tempted to say, "Thanks, God, for your help."

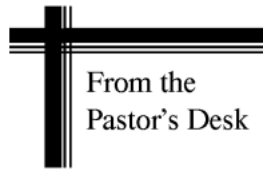
Jesus was trying to give his disciples a rest and a time for reflection and prayer in today's Gospel reading from Mark. They had returned from teaching throughout the area and were excited to tell him all they had accomplished, but at the same time Jesus felt they needed solitude to reflect and give thanks in prayer for all they had done. Still, the many people of the area searching for peace in their lives kept coming to them, the lost sheep of God's flock.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus often draws away from his disciples to pray in silence and solitude. And when he does, he includes each and every one of us in his prayers. He became flesh and blood to give himself in sacrifice for us; he experienced our pain and suffering in order to free us from that pain (CCC 2602). Few of us can remember much of any self-help book we've ever read, and rarely if ever do we go back to them. Yet the word of God remains, ready to be reflected upon again and again. Doing so prayerfully is to give thanks.

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Natural Family Planning

A celebration of FAITH & FAMILY has been planned by the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Office for July 13 at Guggenheim Lodge. The day, from 11:30 AM to 6:30 PM, will include Mass, fellowship, and educational opportunities. Guest speaker will be Joan Nolan, Fertility Care Coordinator for the Diocese of Syracuse. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a picnic lunch; beverages and desserts will be provided. For information, or to RSVP, please contact the NFP Office: at (518)483-0459 or apietropaoli@diogdensburg.org .



From the
Pastor's Desk

Next weekend will be our Parish Summer Picnic at Ausable Chasm... *not the State Park!* Please consider coming to this enjoyable event – no charge for parking, delicious summer food, great people, games for the kids – it will be lots of fun. Details on what to bring are found in the bulletin. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Fr. John

Can You Spare an Hour?

Are you willing to spend just one hour a month with the Lord? Help is needed at both the morning and noon adorations. Your duties will include putting the Blessed Sacrament away. Training will be provided. Interested please call Sue Pombrio at 561-0997 or the Parish Office 563-1692.



Question and Answer

Q When and why was Sunday designated a day of rest?

A Before Sunday was designated as a day of rest by the emperor Constantine in the fourth century, it was already a special day in the life of Christian communities. Sunday had become a distinctive day because of its association with the day on which Jesus rose from the dead. Celebrating that day by gathering and remembering what Jesus had done for all humanity seemed natural and appropriate.

The first account of Sunday gatherings comes from Justin Martyr in his "Apology," written around the year 150. Justin explains why Christians assemble on Sunday: "We gather on the day of the sun because it is the first day, when God transformed darkness and matter and made the world; on this same day Jesus Christ, our Savior, rose from the dead." It seems obvious that this practice was already well established by Justin's time.

From earliest times, every Sunday was and is still understood to be a celebration of Easter and of the entire paschal mystery. From the time of Constantine when Christianity became the dominant religion, Sunday became a day of rest for all. This day was to be used to connect more deeply with God and one another through prayer, reflection, communal gatherings and acts of kindness and mercy, especially towards those in need. Sunday was to be the day in which Christians re-created themselves into what God had intended from the beginning.

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July 2009

Dear Friends in Christ:

The mission of all the baptized is to make Jesus known and His love felt in the lives of all people. The unique ministry of missionaries entails planting the seeds of faith in often-forgotten lands. The annual collection for the **Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg** offers you and me the opportunity to support our missionaries, in a tangible way, in their ministry of proclaiming God's love and care for those who live in developing countries.

During the weekend Masses of July 25th and 26th, parishioners in Adirondack, Clinton, Essex, Franklin and Hamilton/Herkimer Deaneries will be given an opportunity to support missionaries. The parishes will offer prayers for the recipients and take up collections to fund missionary activities. Projects for funding will include: furthering catechetical, evangelization and lay leadership programs; youth ministry; and formation programs for religious, priests and deacons.

The **Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg** appeal will be used for the following purposes:

1. To provide continued financial support of our former mission in Mollendo, Peru.
2. To support the United States Bishops' annual appeal for Latin America.
3. To help other missionary projects throughout the world that the Diocese of Ogdensburg might deem appropriate.

Please share in spreading Christ's message of hope and love among the poor of the world. I am grateful to each of you for your sacrificial gift. God bless you and your families for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Terry R. LaValley, J.C.L.
Diocesan Administrator



This year we have negotiated a price of \$6.00 for our parish members to take a tour of the chasm, if you would like to do so before the picnic begins.

We would ask that all those attending bring a dish (disposable container if possible) to share

A-G – baked beans

H-N – salads

M – Z – deserts.

Please call the Parish Office at 563-1692

to let us know how many are coming

so that enough hamburgers and hotdogs are ordered.

All are welcome at this annual fun filled parish event!

St. Peter's Parish
Sunday, July 26
1:30 p.m.

Ausable Chasm Pavilion

