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Office Hours are

Monday-Friday

8:30am - 4:00pm



St. Peter's Parish

Sunday, July 26

1:30 p.m.

Ausable Chasm Pavilion



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

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 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 27

7:00am Spellman- Ryan families by Francis Ryan
 12:05pm Dugan LaTour by Frank M. Buksa & family

Tuesday, July 28

7:00am Valerie Wurster by Mr. & Mrs. William Circelli
 12:05pm Flossie Guerin (10th Anniversary)
 by Elizabeth Longe & Ellen Bilow

Wednesday July 29 *Saint Martha*

7:00am Carol Lewis by Melissa & Timothy Cross
 12:05pm Msgr. Thomas Robillard by Ruth Ryan

Thursday July 30

7:00am Shirley Ducharme by Joyce & Woody Mayo
 12:05pm Matthew Whalen by Grandma

Friday July 31 *Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

7:00am Special Intentions for all by Doris Deif
 12:05pm Mike Brodi by Steve Brodi



Saturday August 1

8:15am Greater Respect & Reverence for Life
 by K of C Council # 255
 1:00pm Wedding of Amanda Senecal & Ryan LaTulip
 4:00pm Margaret LaBarge by Lola & family

Sunday August 2

8:00am Rita Rock by Doris & Bob Walker
 9:30am Gary Garrand by his Mom & Dad & family
 11:00am All Parishioners

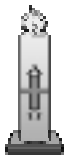
A \$10 offering is customary for each Mass.
 Please contact the Parish office for available times.

Readings for the Week of July 26, 2009

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/
 Jn 6:1-15
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/
 Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or
 Lk 10:38-42
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/
 Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17,
 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of **Ronnie Gilman**
 by his Mom
 In Memory of **Francis & Beatrice**
Gilmet
 by the family
William Tart
 by Hector Duquette



You may contact the Parish Office
 to secure a time for a seven day vigil candle



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 20, 2008 \$15,712.50
 July 19, 2009 \$14,088.00
 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

"Lead a life worthy of the calling to which
 you have been called, with all humility and
 gentleness." Have you considered a vocation
 to the priesthood or the consecrated life? Talk
 to your pastor or visit www.myvocation.net
 to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.

Newly Baptized

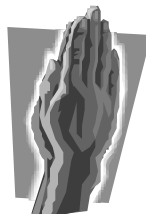
The parish family of St. Peter's gives thanks to God as it celebrates the new and everlasting birth given through the waters of Baptism to:



Olea Margaret Kjolleberg

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.



**Betty Aaybe
Ruth Gagnier**

Missionary Projects

The second collection today is 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. Please be generous TODAY.

Thank you for your spiritual and financial support.

What Happens to Your Retirement Money When You Don't Use It?

Many tax advisors recommend serious consideration be given to naming one or more of your favorite charities as the beneficiary of your retirement plans if you do not have a surviving spouse. Why? There is 100% income tax deduction and 100% estate tax deduction for all retirement money that passes to a qualified charity. That means that if you name our parish as the beneficiary of one or more of your retirement plans or IRAs, 100 cents on the dollar of retirement money goes to our parish instead of a smaller portion that may pass on to others after taxes. You could even have the funds set aside as part of an endowment fund in the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, whereby the income could be used by our parish and the principal kept intact. For more information call Janice Shoen from the Diocese at 315-393-2920.



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

No Health Insurance?

NYS Cancer Services Program of Clinton County provides **Free** mammograms, pap and pelvic exams and colorectal cancer screening. Women 40 years and older and men 50 years and older are eligible. Call today at 518-562-7112 or look online at www.Clintonhealth.org

Summer Envelopes

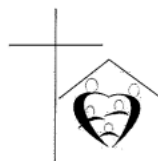


We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the Parish Office while you are out-of-town on vacation this summer. As many of you understand our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here.

Diocese On-line and on Twitter

Check us out at www.diogodensburg.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.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg is on T witter. If you have a twitter account please follow us for news and events around the Diocese. T witter ID: <http://twitter.com/rcdogd> then click follow.



*Celebrate Marriage at the
Diocesan Marriage Jubilee*

*Sunday ~ September 20, 2009 ~ 2:30 PM
St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg*

Please register through the parish.

Application forms are available in the Atrium.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 **Sunday, 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 6-7pm
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

Champlain Valley Habitat for Humanity Annual Garage Sale

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.

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

• 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 **August 1 & 2**.

Join the Knights of Columbus on the **2nd Wednesday of every month** at 7:00 pm in the Church. The next recitation is **August 12**.

• Light Weigh

For more information on this spiritual growth weight loss program, that has been a blessing to many, call Sue @561-2782. The next meeting will be **August 5th** @4pm in the Chapel.

• Champlain Valley Nurses

A Mass for the deceased members of Champlain Valley Nurses and deceased members of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart will be at St. Peter's at 4 pm on **Saturday, August 8th**. Reserve seating will be arranged for Alumni for this mass. An Alumni banquet gathering will follow the mass at the American Legion on the Quarry Road

• 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.

• 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.

• Healing Mass

On **Wednesday, August 5** at 7 p.m. there will be a Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by individual healing prayer opportunities. All are welcome.

Concert

Compassionate Friends is hosting a concert with singer, songwriter, psychotherapist, author and performing artist, Paul Alexander **Saturday, August 1** 7pm at St. Peter's Church. Join us for light refreshments afterwards. Paul will also be singing one of his originals songs to send us off at the walk on Sunday.

14th Annual St. Peter's Golf Tournament

Plan on playing golf on **Thursday, August 13th** at the Adirondack Golf and Country Club in Peru to benefit the youth programs at St. Peter's Church. It starts with a 12:30 p.m. "shotgun", and ends with a 6 p.m. Awards Ceremony and catered dinner. Applications can be found at the Parish Office. For more information please contact John Mockry at 562-0905 or



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a certain fast-food company that sells hamburgers. In their advertising, they claim that their product has the ability to satisfy our cravings. In fact, several television ads depict their hamburger calling people up on the phone, ostensibly getting them to stop whatever it is they are doing to satisfy their craving. Nothing can resist them! Is this company creative? Perhaps; but a better question might be, is their product fulfilling? For a brief period our hunger is satisfied, but as with all urges and cravings, they soon return.

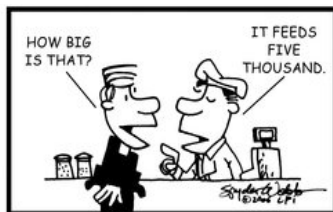
Today's Gospel reading is the only miracle story told in all four Gospels, the feeding of the five thousand. It is theorized by some that one aspect of the miracle was Jesus' belief in our ability to share. As the baskets of fish and bread were passed, the people took what they needed but shared some of what they had, as well. But the greater symbolism to take away from today's reading is that Jesus Christ, the bread of life, removes all hunger and all needs and continues to nourish us forever. All that we crave truly resides in the loving arms of the Son of God.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2002), God has placed in all of us a longing for truth and goodness that only he can satisfy. "God immediately touches and directly moves the heart of man." The five thousand people had finally arrived at their destination, seeking to have their souls fed through the teachings of Jesus. And just as he instructed them to lie down in the grass, rest and be fed, so too are we to take this and every Sunday as an opportunity to rest, reflect, and be nourished by the Word of God.

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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 Why do we proclaim John 6 the next five Sundays in a Lectionary year focused on proclaiming the Gospel according to Mark?

A Vatican II's revision of the Lectionary developed a three-year structure with each year containing a semi-continuous proclamation of the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke. No Lectionary year is devoted to John's Gospel, since John is so prominently proclaimed in the Lent/Easter season.

Nowhere during these Sundays was John's powerful chapter 6, the discourse on the bread of life, ever proclaimed. This was a significant lack in a Lectionary intended to emphasize Eucharistic celebration and reflection on the Eucharistic mystery. The revision committee decided to insert John's discourse for five consecutive Sundays instead of Mark's account of the feeding of five thousand. Rather than Mark's brief narrative, John's longer and more elaborate account was used.

John 6 is so important that the committee felt the whole chapter needed to be proclaimed. It asserts clearly that Jesus is the bread of life who feeds us continually with his very self. Unlike Mark's account which tells of the disciples distributing the loaves and fishes to the crowd, John has Jesus himself feed the people, strongly affirming Jesus as the bread of life who continually provides. As Jesus feeds his followers in this life, John's writing affirms that they will also share the Eucharistic table with God for all eternity.

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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.

Memorials for our Emmaus Room

THANK YOU
In Memory of Ona Matulionis we received contributions from Josephine Pierzynski, J. Bartoszek, Don Romeo, Francesca Hartnett, Kelly & Richard Clookey, Joyce Trudeau Connors, and Joyce A. Moore.



Looking for a Catholic Perspective on Climate Change?

The activities of the Catholic Coalition on Climate are based on Catholic teachings on prudence, poverty and the common good.



Prudence

“Prudence is intelligence applied to our actions ... a thoughtful, deliberate, and reasoned basis for taking or avoiding action to achieve a moral good.” —U.S. Bishops As stewards of all creation, we must identify wise, careful actions that will reverse this climate change and avoid its potentially dangerous impact on all life—especially human life.

Poverty

“... any successful strategy must also reflect the genuine participation and concerns of those most affected and least able to bear the burdens ... [this] is a moral and political necessity ...” —U.S. Bishops Natural disasters take the greatest toll on poor people. The Coalition seeks to find constructive ways to bring the voice of the poor to the public debate about climate change and to ensure that resources are available to the most vulnerable.

The Common Good

“Responses to global climate change should reflect our interdependence and common responsibility for the future of our planet. Individual nations must measure their own self-interest against the greater common good and contribute equitably to global solutions.” —U.S. Bishops Climate change provides an opportunity to act with courage and creativity as individuals, as people of faith, as a nation. The Coalition assists the Catholic community in linking personal stewardship and care for creation with our moral responsibilities to practice solidarity.

To learn more about the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change go to catholicsandclimatechange.org

Gabriel Project

Come to the First Diocesan Gabriel Project Conference with guest speaker, Dr. Marcella Colbert, Respect Life Director for the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston, Texas. On Sunday, August 23rd Dr. Colbert will meet with priests of the diocese for a dinner meeting at Wadhams Hall. On **Monday, August 24th**, Dr. Colbert will address both priests, deacons, religious and laity at Wadhams Hall. Those presently involved in the Gabriel Project, a parish based crisis pregnancy ministry, and those interested in finding out more about the Gabriel Project are welcome to join in these offerings. Registration forms have been mailed to each parish in the diocese or you can print the registration form from the diocese web site at the following web address: <http://www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life/index.html>. Registration deadline is August 10, 2009.

For questions please phone St. Mary's, Potsdam, Gabriel Project at 265-9520.

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 noon. 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.

Spend some quiet time
with the Lord.

