

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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Msgr. Robert Aucoin

Office Hours are
Monday-Friday



*"NO ONE can come to me unless the
Father who sent me DRAW him,
and I will RAISE him on the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
'They shall all be TAUGHT by God.'
Everyone who listens to my Father and
LEARNS from him comes to me."*

JOHN 6:44-45

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 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, August 10

7:00am Emile Gallant by George & Rita Douglas
 12:05pm Deceased members of Norman Curry family by Clarence Curry & Loretta



Tuesday, August 11 *Saint Claire*

7:00am Francis Furnia by Lena Whalen
 12:05pm Homer "Red" Rabideau by Richard

Wednesday, August 12

7:00am Marge Sabanos by her husband Al
 12:05pm Napoleon LaTour by his sisters Joyce & Beverly

Thursday, August 13

7:00am Connie Derocher by Brenda & Eston Racette & family
 12:05pm Deceased members of Shea Duval family by Betty

Friday, August 14

7:00am The Intentions of Spellman-Ryan families by Francis Ryan
 12:05pm Anna Ferrante by Aaybe family

Saturday, August 15 *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15am Irene Burns by her husband & family
 1:00pm Wedding of Sara Dubrey & Jason Miller
 4:00pm Altar Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 16

8:00am Steven Dudyak by Jim & Jeanette Franck
 9:30am John Baker by Arthur & Jean Baker
 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 August 9

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30--5:2/
 Jn 6:41-51
 Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/
 Mt 18:21--19:1
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/
 Jn 6:51-58

Vigil Candles for this Week

In memory of **Marge Sabanos**
 by her husband
 In memory of **Belma Beebie**
 by Gloria Breyette
 In memory of **Kelley LaPointe**
 by his mother



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 27, 2008\$15,780.83
 July 26, 2009\$15,386.33
 Building Fund.....\$5,798.00

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

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit." Your faithful response to your vocation gives joy to the heart of God. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. Talk to your pastor or visit www.myvocation.net to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.

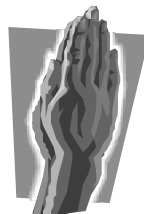
Newly Baptized

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



Adelina Anna Braccia
Avalon Noel Anastacia Clark

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.

Ella M. Recore
James M. Stiles
Sr. Yvonne I. Theriault

Respite Volunteers Wanted

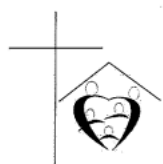
The Caregiver Resource Center, a program of Behavioral Health Services North, is looking for volunteers to provide in-home respite for senior caregivers in our area.

What is respite? It is giving care providers the opportunity to briefly take a break from their caregiving duties to allow them to attend to their own needs. Respite is not personal care or housekeeping; it is providing companionship and supervision to seniors in their home. Contact the Caregiver Resource Center at 565-4543 or 565-4625.



Summer Vacation Bible School

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



*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.

Annual Fall Retreat

Sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Young Adult Ministry
September 18th – 20th
@ Camp Guggenheim
(Friday Evening – Sunday Noon)

Celebrating the Year of The Priest:
Responding to our Baptismal Call as the Lay Faithful

Suggested Donation - \$75.00

Contact Gib Patenaude@
(518) 637 – 2091 / gpatenaude@dioogdensburg.org
Or visit RC Diocese of Ogdensburg / Young Adult Ministry

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.

Please Consider Our Parish In Your Estate Plan .

When considering gifts to a charity in your Will please remember our parish. Gifts can be made to our parish in the following manner through your Will: Specific dollar amount; a percentage of your estate or a particular-asset such: as real estate or other valuables.



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.

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

Family Promise Network

Once again it is time for our parish to host a family on behalf of the Family Promise network. The family will arrive on **Sunday the 16th of August**, and will be with us for a week. If you can help by cooking a meal, acting as a host, or sleeping over, please sign-up on the volunteer sheet which is located in the Atrium. Thank you for your generous assistance, and if you have any questions please call the rectory office at 563-1692

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Disabled Persons Action Organization Benefit

What: Ted Keegan performs "Songs, Stories, and Indelible Images," a story of his early musical influences told through song and photography.

Where: Dulles State Office Building, Washington Street, Watertown

When: 8 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 29**

Cost: \$25, general admission, or \$40 to attend a reception with Ted Keegan following the performance

To reserve tickets or be a sponsor contact Tim Dermady or Joe Rich at DPAO, 782-0044 or 1 (800) 533-2859, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

A group is going from St. John's Church in Plattsburgh. The flyer is in The Atrium. Call 563-0730 for more details.

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.



IN OUR PARISH

• Recitation of the Rosary

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

• New Beginnings Summer Schedule

Meetings will be held on **Wednesday, Aug 12th** and **Thursday, Aug. 27th**. Weekly Meetings will resume on Thurs. Sept. 10.

• The Widows' Might

The Widows' Might ministry offers a support group to women of any denomination who have been widowed by the loss of a spouse, a companion or a beloved mate. The next two meeting for the group will take place in the Emmaus Room on **Wednesday, August 12th and 26th**. The meetings run from 7-8:00p. Please contact Mark at the Parish Office with any questions you may have.

• Golf Tournament

St. Peter's Golf Tournament will be held on **Thursday, August 13** to benefit the youth programs. Call John Mockry at 562-0905 or 562-4179.

• Light Weigh

For more information on this spiritual growth weight loss program, that has been a blessing to many, call Sue @561-2782. Meetings are held on **Wednesdays** at 4pm 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.. 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.

GETAWAY

Looking for a fun weekend, surrounded by others of like faith? Are you a Young Adult (over 18 and out of high school)? Consider joining others on a Mountain – Climb Weekend. The weekend of **Sept. 4th-6th**. "Base Camp" will be Guggenheim Lodge in Saranac Lake. Beds, food, activity and social time – provided and covered by a suggested donation of \$65.00. Arrival is Friday evening (Sept. 4th) through Sunday (Sept. 6th @ Noon). If you are interested please contact the Dept. of Young Adult Ministry c/o the Director, Gib Patenaude @: gpatenaude@dioogdensburg.org. or (518) 637 - 2091 Space is limited. Please let me know as soon as possible.

*Spend some quiet time
with the Lord.*





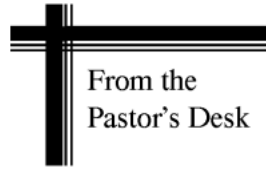
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps you've heard the story of the atheist who while out hiking fell off the side of a cliff, only to grab on to a branch that stopped him from falling to a certain death. He held on for dear life, with nothing between him and the canyon below. He decided at that moment to give prayer a chance, asking God for salvation from his fate. A voice from above told him to let go of the branch; his new faith would save him. The man thought for a moment, and then looking skyward asked, "Is there anyone else up there I can talk to about this?" When we are offered the gift of eternal life, do we ignore it?

We listen to the words of Jesus as he admonishes a crowd of grumblers: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." We are drawn to God; on Sundays we are drawn to Mass. Our parishes draw us in from the parking lot or the street; our pastor draws us to the altar to receive the holy Eucharist. At times, we may feel as if we are holding on for our dear lives, barely able to make it through each day. It is at these times that we quiet ourselves and listen to God. We are drawn into loving arms, and we are safe.

Underlying Jesus' message that he is the bread of life is that in order for us to receive eternal life, we must live in love. To live in love means to seek Jesus, and through him God, in contemplative prayer. We seek him, because doing so is the beginning of true love (CCC 2709). In the sharing of the Eucharist at every Mass, we are reaffirming our vow to live a life of love. Today, as you approach the altar, leave behind your anger and bitterness. Let go of that branch, and you will be saved.

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Dear Parishioners,
Parishioners have noticed that some people let the offertory basket pass by without putting anything into it and they wonder why people aren't supporting the parish. Before making judgments, please be aware that over 50 households now use electronic funds transfer to regularly support the life of our parish. Their donations come to the parish either once or twice a month directly from their banks. It is very convenient for them and very helpful to our parish. If you would like to make use of this convenience, please contact the rectory.

A word of gratitude to Sr. Helen for her fine presentation on the adopt a student program at Seton Academy. This week you received a letter in the mail explaining it further. Anything you can do to help will be gratefully received.
Fr. John

Cell Phone vs. Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we flipped through it several time a day?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?
- What if we used it when we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go.....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think, where are my priorities?
And no dropped calls!

Trust in the Lord and *ASAP (Always Say A Prayer)

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.



August 15th Not a Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary, August 15th, falls on a Saturday this year. When the Holyday is on a Saturday or Monday the obligation to go to Mass is suspended - it is not required.



The impact of climate change falls heaviest on the world's poor.

As faithful Catholics, we have a moral obligation to care for both Creation and the poor. Pope Benedict XVI insists, "**Before it is too late, it is necessary to make courageous decisions**" to curb climate change.



Join Catholics taking action.

Go to www.catholicclimatecovenant, view the video, and take the pledge!



PRAY + LEARN + ASSESS + ACT + ADVOCATE
Sponsored by the Environmental Stewardship Committee
of St. Peter's Parish



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
The Widows Might

Religious Education

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

Social Justice

Soup Kitchen
Respect Life
Homeless Hospitality
Food Shelf
Environmental Stewardship
Mission of Hope

Youth Ministry

Sunday Evening Group
Young Adult Ministry

Worship Ministries

Liturgy Committee
Eucharistic Ministers
Prayer Chain
Greeters
Lectors
Altar Servers
Ushers

Music Ministry

Adult 9:30am Choir
Contemporary 11am Choir