

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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Music Ministry

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Pastoral Council

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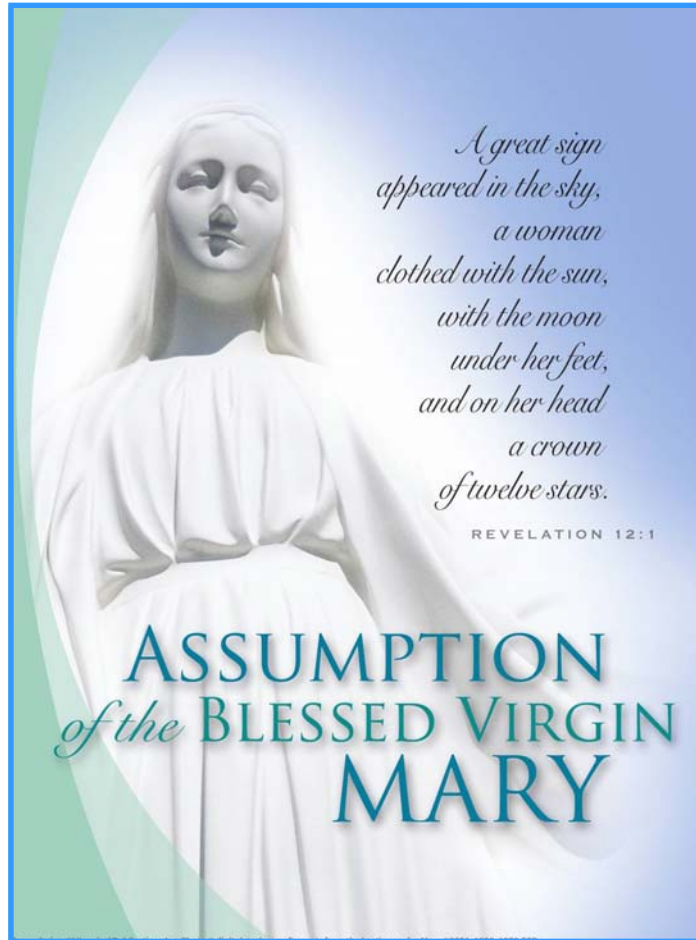
Cemetery & Maintenance

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

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 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 17

7:00am Marge Sabanos by her husband Al
 12:05pm Alma Adams by Ruth Ryan

Tuesday, August 18

7:00am Howard Ladue by his family
 12:05pm Walter & Emma Light by daughter Rita

Wednesday, August 19 *Saint John Eudes*

7:00am Arthur R. Bukolt by Mary Ann & Herb Ryder
 12:05pm Earl F. Hauk Jr. by John Woodcock

Thursday, August 20 *Saint Bernard*

7:00am Therese I. LaGree by her brother
 12:05pm Joseph B. Cox by Mary Anne Cox

Friday, August 21 *Saint Pius X*

7:00am Francis J. Ryan by Donald Rushford
 12:05pm Gilles Marc Hebert by daughter Sylvia

Saturday, August 22 *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15am Carmen Lambert by Andrea Papa
 4:00pm John Andrew Buffett by his family

Sunday, August 23

8:00am Chris Todd by his Mother
 9:30am For All Parishioners
 11:00am Roland Racine by Anita & Bob Soltera

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

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2009

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/
 Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/
 Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/
 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/
 Jn 6:60-69

Vigil Candles for this Week

In memory of **Pat Parmeter (2nd Anniv.)** by David & Ann Bilow
 In memory of **Patti Kivett** by her friends
 In memory of **Armand & Rhea Frederick** by their children.



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

August 10, 2008.....\$14,387.50
 August 9, 2009.....\$12,932.00

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

"Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you have no life in you" Are you being chosen to give life to His people 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



Lucas Benjamin Beaugard
Halle Camille Burdo
Lucas Paul Lasser

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.

Ann Bilow to Retire

Many people only see St. Peter's as a place to come on Sundays in order to deepen their bonds with God. First and foremost, St. Peter's is a parish that nourishes our faith lives. But behind the scenes, St. Peter's is also a small business with a number of employees and nearly a million dollar annual operating budget. Since 1981, Mrs. Ann Bilow has been bookkeeper at St. Peter's -overseeing all of the financial operations of the parish. For many years she also coordinated the business dimensions of our school - responsible for 35 plus employees!



Ann has been an enormous blessing to our parish! She has monitored our finances as if they were her own - she has been exceptionally diligent! Our financial reports to the diocese each year have been a model of fiscal responsibility. Her knowledge of the parish and of our many parishioners has been a tremendous resource. For 28 years Ann has been a selfless servant here at St. Peter's - always going above and beyond the call of duty. She will be greatly missed!

Ann has asked not to have a public retirement celebration. She and her husband David are not moving away - they will continue to be a vital part of the parish - Ann is just retiring from the office. August 28th will be Ann's last day in the office - we are reluctantly respecting her wish not to have a public celebration, but you may want to express your gratitude for all that she has done for St. Peter's and wish her a rewarding retirement.

The parish is most fortunate in that Denise Tetreault has agreed to take on Ann's responsibilities and more! She is our new business manager and is now learning the ropes from Ann.

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



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

James LaBombard
Dorothy Whitney

Come Discover Seton Catholic

Date: Thursday, Aug. 20

Time: 5 p.m. to 7

Place: Seton Catholic High School
(206 New York Rd - AFB)



The public is invited to come inquire, discover and explore what Seton has to offer. Current students are invited to come organize their lockers, meet new students, talk with faculty and coaches. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join in a fun game of volleyball. More info at www.setoncatholic.net.



Interfaith Food Shelf

St. Peter's Parish participates in the Interfaith Food Shelf at the United Methodist Church. Your donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome. Boxes in which you can place your food donations are located at all entrances to the church. Thank you.

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.



Planned Gifts For Our Parish

Did you know a planned gift to our parish may be deductible from your income tax; assist in minimizing estate taxes; generate a payment stream for life or provide you with the satisfaction of knowing that your gift will have an impact on our parish? Please consider our parish through your Will or Trust, retirement assets, or life insurance policies.

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Redford Picnic

The 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.

Charismatic Retreat

The annual Charismatic Retreat - "Light Overcoming Darkness" will be held **Aug. 28-30**, at the Guggenheim Lodge in Saranac Lake, led by Fr. Anthony Gramich, Rector of the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA. For information call 518-891-1182 - Resurrection House.

Disabled Persons Action Organization Benefit

Ted Keegan will perform "Songs, Stories, and Indelible Images," a story of his early musical influences told through song and photography on Saturday, Aug. 29 in Watertown. The cost is \$25.

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

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

Sunday, Sept. 20 - 2:30 PM
St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg
Applications are in the Atrium

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 or email at gpatenaude@dioogdensburg.org or (518) 637-2091. Space is limited. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Annual Fall Retreat

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

www.dioogdensburg.org/Youngadultministry

IN OUR PARISH

• 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 meeting for the group will take place in the Emmaus Room on **Wednesday, 26th of August**. The meetings run from 7-8:00p. Please contact Mark at the Parish Office with any questions you may have.

• New Beginnings Summer Schedule

The last summer meeting will be held on **Thursday, Aug. 27th**. Weekly Meetings will resume on Thurs. Sept. 10.

• 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.

Engage: The Children's Plan Workshop

All parishioners are invited to attend a workshop sponsored by the Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country on the Children's Plan. The "plan" is a "blueprint for how we can improve the social and emotional development of children and their families." The workshop will take place on **Thursday the 27th of August** from 10:00am until 2:00pm in the Emmaus Room. The presentation will run from 10:00am to 12:30pm, with lunch and Q & A from 12:30pm until 2:00pm. The presenters will be from the NYS Office of Mental Health, and the NYS Council on Children and Families. It is important to note, that you must register to attend by contacting Tami Cowles of the Child Care Coordinating Council at 561-4999.

Desk Fountain Needed

If you have a small table fountain - a water meditation piece - the Mary DeVeau House is in need - please call the Parish Office at 563-1692. Thanks!





20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a man who lived on the edge of a small Midwestern town. He kept to himself, had his groceries delivered, and never ventured past his own front gate. No one made an effort to know him, and it stayed that way for nearly sixty years. When the man passed away, it was found that he had no family. The state-appointed lawyer for his estate ordered everything in his home sold or disposed of. Upon entering his home, the auctioneers found nearly every wall of the home covered in beautiful oil paintings, created by the man no one knew. He had a beautiful gift, yet he kept it to himself, and in doing so he deprived so many others of its beauty.

Today's Gospel reading from John continues the theme of Jesus as the bread of life. He tells those listening that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life. We hear these words at every Mass as the priest recites the similar words from the Last Supper. We hear them so often we might not even react to their true meaning. Yet imagine hearing them for the first time that day with Jesus! The people, who have already witnessed his miracles, still refer to him as "this man." They cannot believe.

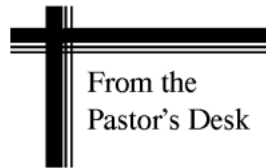
We approach the altar solemnly, reverently. The host is placed in our hands; "the body of Christ." We are offered the cup; "the blood of Christ." And with each gift, we respond, "Amen." And it is in that amen that we are truly saying, "Yes, in receiving the true body and blood of Christ, I am becoming the body and blood of Christ and wish to share it with others." Our faith, our belief in God's saving grace, "is a treasure of life which is enriched by being shared" (CCC 949).

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Off to the Seminary!

Two very fine young men from our parish will be entering the seminary this fall. The eight years of seminary study give a young man ample opportunity to explore and discern God's call to priesthood. Going to the seminary does not mean automatic ordination. It means that a person is faith filled and courageous enough to prayerfully ponder this call that may lead to life as a priest.

Let us support and pray for **Nicholas Fisher**, the son of Paul and Sally Fisher who will be going to St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia, PA to study for the priesthood in the Diocese of Ogdensburg and for **Sean Tobin**, the son of Michael and Janice Tobin, who will be entering the religious order of the Intercessors of the Lamb located in Omaha NE. Let us ask God to powerfully help these two in their studies and discernment.



From the Pastor's Desk

The weekend of September 11-13 is a big one in Plattsburgh. On this weekend we remember the Battle of Plattsburgh - the War 1812. The theme this year is "The French Connection." Organizers of the

event are highlighting the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's arrival from France and the exploration of the St. Lawrence River, present day Quebec, Lake Champlain and the establishment of New France. "In 1609 Champlain and his fearless band of explorers first landed on the shores of Lake Champlain; among them was a Catholic priest." The greatest treasure of our French heritage is the establishment of Catholicism in New France.

The cultural, political, economic, academic, professional and religious life of Plattsburgh has been highly influenced by our French heritage. The names of rivers and lakes, streets and neighborhoods are just a hint of our rich French background. The French religious order, The Oblates of Mary Immaculate, arrived in Montréal from Paris in 1841 and came to Plattsburgh in 1853 to support the early French Canadian citizens. A native of France, Rev. Jean Paul Bernard, OMI, became the founding pastor of St. Peter's. Over the past 156 years St. Peter's has been the heart of the French of Plattsburgh and to so many others.

St. Peter's will join in the Quadracentennial celebrations of Champlain's arrival on the weekend of September 12 and 13. The parish will have a float in Saturday's parade. On Sunday, the 13th our 9:30 Liturgy will be celebrated in French - a tribute to the mother tongue of so many parishioners. The atrium will have displays of local history and literature. On Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m., we are exceptionally fortunate to have the renown author and scholar of Franco American life, Dr. Donald Cuccioletta of the University of Quebec here to speak on "Quebec: Yesterday and Today."

Please mark your calendars and plan to join in our celebrations of our French heritage.

Fr. John

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

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Assumption of Mary August 15, 2009 -- Altar Memorial



The Assumption of Mary asserts that Mary was "taken up body and soul into heaven."



Beatrice O'Connell by her husband & children, Malcolm, Eva & Edna Hackett, Harvey & Yvonne Cartier, Ferdinand & Rita Cartier, Roland & Beulah Cartier, Rita & Anita Laplante by their estates, Margaret Caska by Jennett Miller, Orel Defayette by Doris Oaks, Charles & Helena LaClair by family, Calista Dumont by Lanny & Judy Relation, Dr. David Gormon by Tiep Van Hoang & Yenthi Guyen, Jeanne Boslet by Jane & Sal Arena, Donald Baker by his family, Belma Beebie by Richard & Linda Miller, Leo

& Dora Sears family, by Validia Cote, George Cote by Validia & family, Gilbert Trombley by wife & family, Ricky P. Mitchell by his family, Loretta & Robert Griffin by their family, Randal Bushey by his family, Evelyn Trombley by her family, John Trudeau by M/M Kenneth Vann, Anna Mae Amell by her family, Raymond & Theresa Gallant by Simone Marcotte, Marjorie McGee by Sew-Sew Home Bureau, Wallace Russell by Leo Menta Menard, Gary Garrand by Aunt Theresa, Rita Rock by Dick & Carol Trudeau, Sharon Gibson by Mom & Dad, Richard E. Rascoe Sr. by Grace and Family, Clayton & Stella Golden by Betty Lynch, Raymond Lynch Jr. by wife & family, Marjorie Lewis Royal by Marjorie Royal, Felix & Alma Trombley by Thomas Trombley, Roland Racine, by Walma Masters, Deceased members of the Webb/Keable families by Carolyn & James Keable, Patti Keable by Lloyd & Ruth Wood, Clarence Miner by Ken & Mary Trombley, Eleanor Gheniou by Leo & Roxie Deyo, Theodore Stein by Simone Marcotte, William Tart by Bill & Rita Bouyea, Shirley Ducharme by Peter & Constance Lacy, Jake DeCelle by his family, Dawn Soucy by Almira Fredette, Carol Lewis by Richard & Barb Fillion, Ray L. Carter by wife Teresa, Lillian Perkins by Winnie Pearsall, Drew Hamel by Joyce Williams, Anna Ferrante by Thomas & Joyce Glasgow, Carmen Lambert by Dick & Ruth Nelson, Lena Tremblay by Robert & Darlene Graves, Edward & Isola Martin, William Martin, Theresa & Ray Gallant by Wanda Martin, Marion Schmitt by Monique Craig Worley family, Mildred Jakob by daughter, Florence Bombard by family, John & Elizabeth Cormier by family, David Karl Matzke by his parents, Roger Forkey by Paul LaFontaine, Ruth Gagnier by Joyce Gowett, Jack Falb by the Cataract Center, and Isadore Defayette by John B. West.

Environmental Stewardship Committee

Looking for a way to recycle your unused or outdated computer or other electronic equipment?

A local business is willing to recycle old computers and equipment at no cost to you. You can easily recycle your

- computer
- monitor
- mouse
- key board
- fax machine
- DVD player
- VCR

**TELEVISIONS
ARE NOT
ACCEPTED**

To make arrangements to drop off your equipment, call Jay Letts at:

Total Computer Supplies
7164 Rt. 9
Plattsburgh, NY.
561-6885

He asks that you drop off your recyclables during normal business hours: Monday – Friday from 8-12 or 1-4. and not leave equipment unattended.



**This is a wonderful service!
We encourage you to take advantage of it. It is one more thing we can do
to take care of God's creation.**

