

# Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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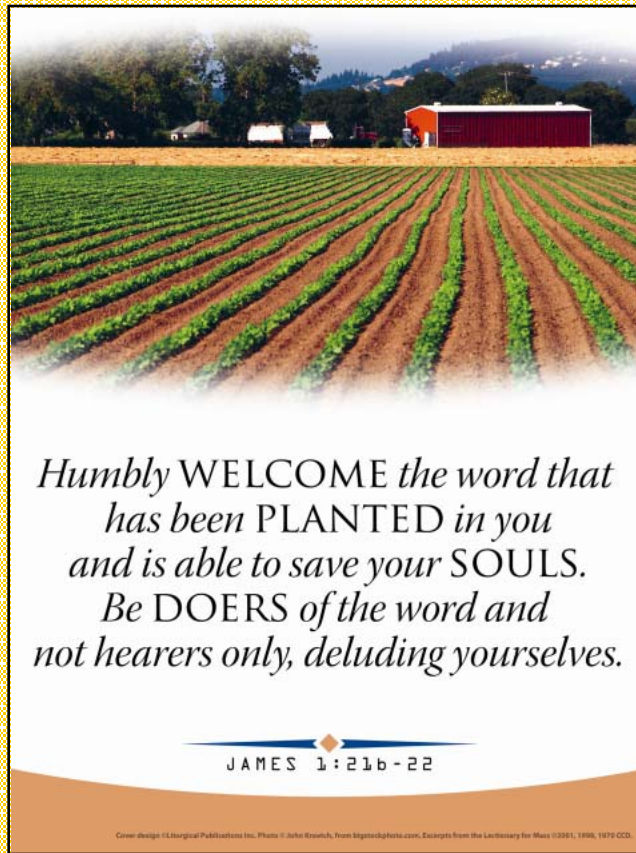
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Office Hours are  
Monday-Friday  
8:30am - 4:00pm



*Humbly WELCOME the word that  
has been PLANTED in you  
and is able to save your SOULS.  
Be DOERS of the word and  
not hearers only, deluding yourselves.*

JAMES 1:21b-22

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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**

7:45am & 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

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 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 31

6:45am Elizabeth & Charles Girard by Jacqueline Maille  
 12:05pm Helen Atwood by Joyce Channell

#### Tuesday, September 1

8:15am Carol Ryder by Mary Ann & Herb Ryder  
 12:05pm Carol Lewis by Richard & Barb Filion

#### Wednesday, September 2

6:45am Lillian Perkins by her family  
 12:05pm Dawn Soucy by her Mom  
 7:00pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

#### Thursday, September 3 *St. Gregory the Great*

6:45am Loretta Johnson by family  
 12:05pm Bruce LaBarree by Lucien Oliver



#### Friday, September 4

6:45am Helen & Richard Henley  
 by Maureen & Michael Whalen  
 12:05pm Edwin E. Cole Sr. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
 by Elizabeth Cole & family  
 4:30pm Wedding of Chelsie Furnia & Robert Carter

#### Saturday, September 5

8:15am K of C Mass for Greater Respect & Reverence for  
 Life by K of C Council # 2  
 4:00pm For All Parishioners

#### Sunday, September 6

8:00am Kelley LaPointe by his mother  
 9:30am Anne Seymour by her husband & family  
 11:00 am Ricky Mitchell (1st Anniversary) by Lisa & family

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

### Readings for the Week of August 30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30  
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37  
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44  
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11  
 Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39  
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5  
 Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
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### Vigil Candles for this Week

In memory of **Catherine Hewson**  
 by the Toohill family  
 In memory of **Mike Rose**  
 by the Buksa family



In **Thanksgiving to St. Joseph**  
 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

August 24, 2008.....\$13,994.00  
 August 23, 2009.....\$12,566.50

**Thank you for your generosity and  
 commitment to stewardship.**



Next weekend is the  
 monthly collection for  
 our Building Fund.

### Vocations

“Be doers of the word, and not merely  
 hearers who deceive themselves.” Jesus is the  
 Word who calls you to serve Him in truth. Is  
 He inviting you to priesthood or religious life?  
 Talk to your pastor or visit  
[www.myvocation.net](http://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

**Elizabeth Carol Burnham**

We rejoice because our family continues to grow through those who are baptized in Christ. We pledge to these parishioners our prayers, encouragement and support as they grow in the faith we profess in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Daily Mass Time Change

Now that school is back in session, the early morning mass, Monday-Friday, will be at **6:45 a.m.**

Are you interested or is anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?



St. Peter's Parish will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing or difficult questions you may have about the Catholic Church.

These gatherings are for inquirers into the Catholic Faith and are open to those unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. This first session is **Wednesday, September 9th** at 7:00 PM in the Upper Room located upstairs from the Chapel. Feel free to come any Wednesday evening. If you have any further questions or would like further information please call the Office of Religious Education at 563-3278 or e-mail Miss Therese Moen at [stpetersdre@primelink1.net](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net).

### Annual Fall Retreat

Diocesan Office for Young Adult Ministry

**September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

@ 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](mailto:gpatenaude@dioogdensburg.org)

[www.dioogdensburg.org/Youngadultministry](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/Youngadultministry)

Did you know that you can view our weekly bulletins and read Father John's homilies on our website?

Visit [www.saintpeterschurch.org](http://www.saintpeterschurch.org).



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

**Pamela Frederick  
Sharon Sample**

### 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.



### High School Youth Group



The first gathering for our high school youth group will be on **Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Check out our Facebook Group:  
**St. Peter's Youth Group**

Call Alison at the Parish Office for further info.



### Popcorn and Movie Night!

Date: **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Place: Upper Room

Movie: My Secret Friend: A Guardian Angel's Story



**Copies of the September "Growing in Faith" are available in the magazine rack in the Atrium.**

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

### Catholic Daughters -- Court #479

The group will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, Sept 8**, at 6:00pm in the Dwyer-McAvoy Parish Center at St. John's Church. New members are invited.

### Celebrate Labor Day -- Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Holy Name /St. Matthew's, Ausable Forks

10am-6:00pm

Parade Starts at 10am

Chicken BBQ, Games, Bingo 2pm

Holy Name School Gym

Raffle Drawing at 6:00 PM

\$5,000.00 First Prize

Come on Come All to Holy Name Church Grounds

For a Fun --Filled Day!!!!

### Retreat

Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, Ellenburg Center. Prayer: Personal, with the Blessed Sacrament, at Mass, **Friday, Sept. 11**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fr. Howard McCasland, retreat director, bag lunch provided, donations accepted - not required, RSVP by 9/9/09 to 518-594-3253 or oadirond@twcny.rr.com.

### Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

**Sunday, Sept. 20** - 2:30 PM

St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

Applications are in the Atrium

### Upcoming Catholic Deaf Masses

**Sunday, September 20**, 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Holy Name Catholic Church

144 Main Street

Tupper Lake, New York 12986

518-359-9194 and

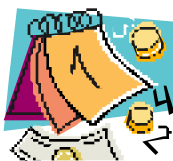
518-359-3405

Father Kris C. Lauzon

Please Note: The Mass scheduled for Sunday, November 8, has been cancelled.

## Mark Your Calendars

- Celebration of our French Heritage - September 12-13
- "French Connection Parade" on Sat., Sept. 12
- Mass celebrated in French at 9:30 a.m., Sun., Sept. 13
- "Quebec: Yesterday and Today" -- a lecture by Dr. Donald Cuccioletta of the University of Quebec - The Emmaus Room, Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m.



## IN OUR PARISH

### • Healing Mass

On **Wednesday, September 2** 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.

### • Recitation of the Rosary

Join the Altar Rosary Society the **1<sup>st</sup> weekend of every month** - one half hour before the 4:00 pm and 9:30 am masses. The next recitation is **September 5&6**.

Join the Knights of Columbus on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month** at 7:00 pm in the Church. The next recitation is **September 9**.

### • New Beginnings Summer Schedule

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. 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.

### Rosary Altar Retreat

Rosary Altar is planning an overnight retreat to Weston, Vt on Monday, November 9, 2009. Price for motel room, dinner and breakfast range from \$72.00 to \$90.00 depending on accommodations. Call Cecelia Reavis at 561-3991 or Eleanor Tart at 563-6986 to make your reservation and any additional information. All reservations must be made **by September 10**, with payment in full by October 10, 2009. Non-Rosary members can be placed on a waiting list and called per availability.

### Fort Montgomery Celebration

On **September 12 & 13** (9-4) there will be a celebration during the Hudson River/Champlain Valley Heritage Weekend. Free public tours, Civil War Re-enactors, entertainment, displays and refreshments. Admission is at your own risk and everyone will be required to sign liability releases and children under the age of 5 will not be permitted. Rain date will be 10 & 11 of October. For more info visit [www.historiclakes.org/fortmontgomerydays.htm](http://www.historiclakes.org/fortmontgomerydays.htm).



### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our friend hosts Thanksgiving dinner every year for his extended family, and usually more than twenty people attend. And every year, he tries to introduce a different cranberry sauce recipe into the

mix, but is warned ahead of time by his mother-in-law that the cranberry sauce had better sit in the dish and look just like the can it came out of, or there will be trouble. They've always done it that way, she says, and no one, not even her son-in-law, is going to break that tradition. He tries to explain that his will still taste like cranberries, but she still prefers tradition.

Today's Gospel reading from Mark is a lesson in traditions and how often we lose sight of what is really important in our day-to-day behavior. The Pharisees observe Jesus' disciples eating their meal with unwashed hands. According to old Jewish laws and traditions, this meant their food was unclean as well, and would in turn give them unclean spirits. Jesus, however, scolded the Pharisees, telling them that it doesn't matter if what goes into their body is a bit dirty; it is only important to pay attention to what comes out of our bodies-our words and actions. These must remain clean and filled with God's love.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that in prayer, we are petitioning the Holy Spirit to come to us in Christ Jesus' name. And in doing so, we are asking for our hearts and souls to be purified and cleansed, enabling us to serve God with love (CCC 2671). While no one is saying that it doesn't matter if you wash your hands before a meal, Jesus is simply asking us to keep in perspective the fact that we must always keep our minds in prayer, and our words and deeds in service to God.

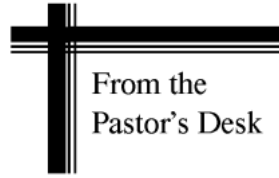
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### Top Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools

The Value Of Catholic Education In Challenging Times:

- Catholic tradition and academic excellence grounded in faith;
- A balanced curriculum including art, music and sports;
- Learning with a moral purpose – educating students to serve others and to develop leadership qualities;
- A high graduation rate (99% or above);
- Strong preparation for further education;
- A safe environment based on respect for adults, fellow students and self;
- Exceptional faculty who help students reach highest potential;
- Good stewardship of resources.

Seton Academy and Seton Catholic are open to serve the faith life and academic goals. Register today.



### From the Pastor's Desk

The excitement of students returning to school is in the air! College students have arrived and with them renewed energy for our city. Students at Seton Academy will have a chance to meet their

teachers and find their desks this Thursday, September 3 from 4:30 until 6 p.m. The students at Seton Catholic Central will start classes on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. To all of our young students from the many schools of the area we pray that you will be protected by God and that you grow in wisdom, knowledge and love.

This year at St. Peter's we welcome a new youth minister - Alison Crystler. You read about her in last week's bulletin. The first gathering for our high school youth group will be on Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room...please come and see what is happening this year!

Fr. John

### Gardens in Front of the Church

The loss of one of the variegated maples in the front of the church has changed the appearance of the two small gardens. On **Monday, August 31** at 9 a.m. we need help to re-fashion these two areas. If you can possibly help for a few hours please come.

### Congratulations to

### Ambrose and Catherine Kipp



Special prayers and best wishes are sent to Ambrose and Catherine Kipp on their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless you and hold you close.

### Introduction to the Bible



Saint Peter's is pleased to offer a new scripture study entitled **Introduction to the Bible**, that will run from the **15<sup>th</sup> of September until the 27<sup>th</sup> of October**. The group will meet in the chapel on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, and the suggested donation for the course materials is \$10.00. The participants in the program will become comfortable finding their way around the Bible, develop a better understanding of its themes and writing styles, and gain clear insights about Catholic use and interpretation of the Bible. You may register by calling the parish office at 563-1692, or look for the sign-up sheets in the Atrium. Please contact Anita Soltero at 562-8487 with any questions you may have.



### Fall Pilgrimage

You are invited to participate in a Fall Pilgrimage sponsored by the Diocesan Vocation Office and the Serra Club of Ogdensburg. The trip will be to St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal, Canada on **Wednesday, October 21**. Buses will depart from selected sites early Wednesday morning and arrive around noon. Registrants must bring their own lunch. Father Terry LaValley will celebrate Mass at three o'clock at the Oratory. Registration forms and more information can be found in the Atrium.

### 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.

Spend some quiet time  
with the Lord.



### 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.

### Parish Census

Moving, have a change in contact information, going south for the winter? Please let us know so we can keep your contact information up to date. Give us your changes, or an alternate mailing address with the dates you will be away and we will forward your church mail to the correct address for your length of stay away. Please call the Parish Office at 563-1692 with the information.



### Back to School Prayer

God of all wisdom,  
you formed humankind in your own likeness and gave us an intellect to help us know you, our Creator, and the world you made.  
As we begin this new academic year, enlighten the minds of students with the inquisitiveness that seeks ever greater knowledge and understanding. Give teachers and professors the wisdom needed to guide the intellectual endeavors of those entrusted to them.  
Help all who fund and support education to recognize the value of discovering more about the world you have created and so draw ever closer to you, our Maker.  
Amen.



**BACK TO SCHOOL**