

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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8:30am - 4:00pm



4 Saint
0 Pierre
0 Célèbre
0 Champlain

*"Whoever wishes to COME after me
must deny himself, take up his CROSS,
and FOLLOW me. For whoever
wishes to save his LIFE will lose it,
but whoever LOSES his life for my sake
and that of the gospel will SAVE it."*

MK 8:34B-35

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

6:45am & 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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 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, September 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

6:45am Anna Ferrante by Thomas & Joyce Glasgow
 12:05pm Yvonne Hackert by her husband

Tuesday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

6:45am Carmen Lambert by Gary & Joan Lambert
 12:05pm Mark Renaud by his mom

Wednesday, September 16 *Saints Cornelius and Cyprian*

6:45am Roger LaBombard by his family
 12:05pm Gary Garrant by his family

Thursday, September 17

6:45am Kyle Rock by Mother & Father
 12:05pm Deceased members of the Arthur Mongeon Family
 by Gene & Theresa Beebie

Friday, September 18

6:45am Ann Zielinski by her sister Patricia
 12:05pm Bruce LaBarre (1st Anniv.) by Gerald & Grace Dupree

Saturday, September 19

8:15am No Mass
 1:00pm Wedding of Rebecca Dowdle & Mario Gomes
 4:00pm Billy Tart by his mother

Sunday, September 20

8:00am Andrea Brault-Wallace by Clarence & Joan King
 9:30am Sadie & Victor Pennell
 by Evelyn & Roger DeFayette
 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 September 13

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/
 Mk 8:27-35
 Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/
 Jn 3:13-17
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or
 Lk 2:33-35
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/
 Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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Vigil Candles for this Week

In memory of **Francis & Beatrice Gilmet**
 by family

In memory of **Evelyn Remieres**
 by Barbara & Gene Gladue

In memory of **Dawn Soucy**
 by Donna & Sharon



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

There is no report due to the holiday.

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

"Who do you say that I am?" The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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



**Maeve Alma Sample
Dillen Wyatt Walters
Evelyn Louise Walters**

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

children's Ministry

How would you like to make a difference in a child's life? Maybe you would like to introduce a child to the Blessing of the Pets or teach them about the saints. The Children's Ministry is the place for you! Some of the events that this ministry will plan this Fall are the All Saints Party, Advent Festival, St. Nicholas Day, Children's Christmas Eve Mass, and Children's Church. There will be a Children's Ministry Meeting on **Monday, September 14th** at 7PM in the Parish Office. We will be discussing our plans for the Blessing of the Pets, and the All Saints Day activities. Please join us, all our welcome.



Confirmation Registration Evening:

"And the Lord God made man from the dust of the earth, breathing into him the breath of life: and man became a living soul." Gen 2:7

Attention all those who would like to be Confirmed: A meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 20th** at 7:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. A preview of the program, registration, and a candle light ceremony will take place. Please bring your baptismal candle and a parent for the candle light ceremony. If you do not have a candle one will be provided.

Attention to those presently enrolled: A meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20th at 5:00 PM in the Emmaus Room for returning Confirmation students. An overview of the upcoming year and registration will take place.

Please pray for all those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and their catechists. If you have any further questions please contact the youth director Alison Crystler in the Office of Religious Education at 563-3278 or e-mail stpetersyd@primelink1.net. God bless!



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

**Father Floyd "Jerry" Bleaux
Barbara Colon
Shirley Light**

Super Sunday Experience

"You are the Father; we are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands." Is 64:7



Sunday Religious Education Classes

will begin for the new year on

Sunday, September 27th

Register by September 21st

Classes are Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45am.

Grades 1-8 will meet at Seton Academy

If you did not receive a registration by snail mail you can find a copy of the registration in the Atrium. If you have any further questions please call Therese Moen in the Office of Religious Education at 563-3278 or e-mail stpetersdre@primelink1.com.

First
Holy Communion



1st Communion Preparation Starts in 1st Grade

It is important that all children are given a healthy and wholesome understanding of God. Children benefit greatly throughout all of life from the values and virtues they learn in early childhood. The early school years are truly formative years for all of life. If you wish your child to receive his or her First Communion in 2nd grade, he or she should be in religious education in 1st grade. If you have any further questions or concerns please call Therese Moen in the Office or Religious Education at 563-3278 or e-mail at stpetersdre@primelink1.net.

St. Peter's High School Youth Group!



High school youth are invited to join in the kick-off meeting on **Sunday, September 13** from 6:30-8:30pm in the Upper Room! This will be a time for pizza, fun, and getting to know each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. For more information, please contact Alison Crystler at 518-563-3278.

Popcorn and Movie Night!

Date: **Saturday, September 26th**

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Place: Upper Room

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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
November 8, has been cancelled.

St. Ann Craft Show

Saturday, Oct. 17, 10-4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Center,
Mooers. Crafter interested in renting a space should please
call Marge Pombrio at 518-236-4577

Harvest Dinner

Sunday, Oct. 11 St. Joseph's Parish in Dannemora.
11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Church Hall.
Adults - \$8, Seniors(60+) - \$7, Ages 5 to 10 - \$5,
Under 5- free, Family Rate - \$25.
Take-outs are available

Harvest Dinner

Holy Angels Hall, Altona, NY
To Benefit St. Louis of France Church
Sunday, September 13, 11:30 AM .. 6:00 PM
Roast Beef & Roast Pork Bullet Adults: \$8.50,
Children - \$4, under 5 - free

Harvest Dinner

Sacred Heart Church of Chazy
Sunday, September 27
11 am - 5pm
\$9 Adults - \$9, under 12 - \$3, under 5 free
Take-outs \$9

IN OUR PARISH

• 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. The next gathering will be **Thursday, Sept. 17.**

• 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

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, September 15th** at 7:00pm in the chapel to finalize the plans for the retreat and discuss a Fall money maker.

• Introduction to the Bible

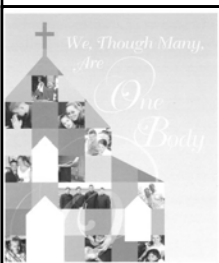
The new scripture study will run from the **15th of September until the 27th of October.** The group will meet in the chapel on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, and the suggested donation for the course materials is \$10.00. You may register by calling the parish office at 563-1692, or look for the sign-up sheets in the Atrium. Please contact Anita Soltero at 562-8487 with any questions you may have.

• Our Lady of the Rosary

St. Peter's parish will be observing the *Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary* on **Wed., October 7th** at 7pm. We will be praying a *Contemplative Rosary* followed by our guest lecturer Msgr. Joseph Aubin who will be speaking on *The History of Our Lady of Victory*. A reception will follow in the Emmaus Room.

Bishop's Fund Appeal

In the coming week, you will receive a letter and brochure from Father LaValley asking you to join him in supporting the 2009 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Next weekend we will have "Commitment Weekend" for the Appeal in our parish. Please remember - every



gift makes a difference - every gift counts. You are invited to bring your gift next weekend for Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Father LaValley in the envelope provided. Online giving is also available at www.dioogdensburg.org/development - click on the "Donate Now" tab (found in the left-hand margin of the website). Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

We welcome our newly registered parishioners...

Beth & Stephen Ducatte

All of us at St. Peter's Parish extend a prayerful and grateful welcome to all of our new parishioners.

Together we may live as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus.





24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is not uncommon, when talking to a friend about all of the challenges we are facing in our day-to-day lives, to have that friend tell us, "We all have our crosses to bear." It seems, however, that linking the symbol of the world's greatest sacrifice to a pile of past-due bills on the table is rather simplistic and misses the point of bearing our own cross. What are our real challenges, anyway? Is it harder to navigate this life's worldly difficulties, or to proclaim proudly our undying love of Jesus Christ to any and all who will listen?

Today's Gospel reading from Mark offers the memorable question from Jesus to his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" Their answers are varied, but his follow-up question is more important: "But who do you say that I am?" They have had the opportunity to be closest to him, witness his miracles and enjoy his private teachings. And it is at this point that Jesus offers them yet another insight into everlasting life: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The cross he is referring to is our willingness never to deny him as the one true savior, even if it means giving our lives in his name.

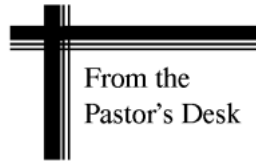
The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines the cross as "the unique sacrifice of Christ, the 'one mediator between God and men.'" In telling his disciples-and us-that in order to follow him we must take up our own crosses, we are offered the possibility of being made partners in the paschal mystery (CCC 618). In a way, when a friend offers that "we all have our crosses to bear," as followers of Jesus we can be assured that yes, but it is only one, and it really isn't very heavy at all!

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Year for Priests

“Who do people say that I am?”

“Who do people say that I am?” These words are asked by Jesus to His disciples. They are the same words asked of each of us. To follow Jesus is to listen attentively to the call to take up our cross, the cross of whatever Jesus calls us to. The priest has also answered the call to follow Jesus more closely through his service to the people of God. He acts in the person of Christ to bring Christ to the community and the community to Christ. It is for us, the community of believers, the Church, to gather with the priest at the celebration of the Eucharist and then to go forth to proclaim who Christ is for others. Let us continue to pray for our priests as we celebrate Eucharist together and to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. St. John Vianney, pray for us.



Deacon Ordination Next Weekend

From the
Pastor's Desk

With thanks and praise to almighty God, two men of our community will be ordained to the Order of

Deacon by Bishop Cunningham on Saturday, September 19. Mark Bennett and Frank Bushey have been preparing for this ordination for many years. In the New Testament, the Acts of the Apostles, it is clear that deacons are called to serve the needs of the poor - to care for the struggling people in our community. Both Mark and Frank have served our parish in a wide variety of ways - everything from overseeing our soup kitchen to facilitating our divorced and separated group. They have hearts that speak of the compassion of the Lord.

On **Sunday, Sept. 20th** our two new deacons will be part of our three Liturgies - a reception will be held after each of the Masses in the Emmaus Room. All are welcome to come and celebrate this great day in our parish.

Our French Heritage

When Samuel deChamplain arrived on the shores of the Lake now named for him, he was accompanied by a Catholic priest. The spread of the gospel throughout the world was part of the exploration endeavors of the European countries of the 1600's. Today we gather in thanksgiving for our past. We recall the heroic efforts of so many who sacrificed so greatly in bringing Catholicism to the New World.

Today our 9:30 Mass will be celebrated in French by Msgr. Aucoin of Seton Catholic. For many of our parishioners this will bring back many fond memories of earlier days at St. Peter's when French was the language of our prayer.

We are also most fortunate to have with us at 2 p.m. this Sunday, Dr. Donald Cuccioletta of the University of Quebec. His lecture, "Quebec: Yesterday and Today" will give us a deeper appreciation of our roots. All are invited to the Emmaus Room today. Fr. John

Social Services Requests

There continues to be a need for foster parents in Clinton County. More and more adolescents, children and their families in Clinton County are in need of support. We are asking for help in our efforts to recruit more foster care families.

An Orientation and Informational Meeting for prospective Foster/Adoptive and Respite Parents will be held on Tuesday, September 15. Orientation will be at the Clinton County Department of Social Services, 13 Durkee Street, Plattsburgh, from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. All are welcome and there is no commitment.

Clinton County Department of Social Services Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) training for prospective Foster/Adoptive and Respite Parents is scheduled to start **Tuesday, September 22**. Please call 565-3320 to confirm attendance or to obtain more information.



Recently, I was on a blockbuster kick and picked up several movies for a day of R and R. I am a bit of a history buff and WWII intrigues me, so I when I walked by a movie entitled “The Boy in the Striped Pajamas,” the young boy on the cover in a Nazi Concentration Camp caught my eye. This film set in Nazi Germany in the 1930's, is told from the perspective of Bruno (Asa Butterfield), an imaginative eight-year-old whose father (David Thewlis) is a high ranking Nazi officer, and whose mother (Vera Farmiga) is a beautiful woman who doesn't fully understand her husband's job. The film begins as the family moves from their home in Berlin to the country, where their home is only a mile or so away from a concentration camp

that houses and eventually disposes of Jewish people. Bruno is not allowed to venture away from the house, but finds a way to sneak out. He thinks the people in the camp are on a farm and are playing a game with the numbers on their uniforms, which he thinks are pajamas. Bruno doesn't understand why anyone would want to treat other people that way, and neither does his mother, who has no idea what is going on until she sees the smoke stacks coming from her husband's work place. What intrigued me was the innocence of the eight year old Bruno and the care of his mother for her children! Bruno has a private tutor who teaches Nazi propaganda. But Bruno cannot distinguish what his teacher is teaching him from the truth of the goodness of his friend in the striped pajamas. When the mother realizes their tutorial is purely propaganda of a cause she does not support, she immediately begins plans to remove her two young children from their current living arrangement.

As parents, the safety and education of your child is primary. You may not be in a physically life threatening situation like the mother in this movie, but your child's education is always important. In our world children need their parents to separate them from what is destructive and lead them to what is nourishing. As we move forward through this year of Religious Education, please keep all the children and their catechists in your prayers. And also please pray for all those less fortunate who are not given good educational opportunities.

Therese Moen, Director of Religious Education

St. Peter's Environmental Stewardship Committee



350 is the number that leading scientists say is the safe upper limit for carbon dioxide – measured in “parts-per-million” in our atmosphere. **350 PPM** is the number humanity needs to get back to as soon as possible to avoid runaway climate change. A time for optimism and action ---take a look at

350.org!



October 24-Global Day of Climate Action

Come join the discussion of what we at St. Peter's can do to be part of this global initiative to influence global thinking and action on climate change.

Sunday, September 27th - Noon
(save the date, more details to come)

WHY CATHOLIC?

Why Catholic? Living the Beatitudes

*“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”
(Matthew 5:10)*

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, we are called to take up our cross, and follow Him. This will mean suffering and persecution for the sake of the Gospel, a “beatitude” of blessing, being a witness of who conforming our wills to God's will. Rev. Bruce Neili, CSP will lead a **Why Catholic? Retreat** at Saint Peter's in the Emmaus Room on **Wednesday the 23rd** of September. The two sessions will be at 1:00 – 3:00 pm or 7:00–9:00pm. Who are the poor in your parish? What does it mean to be poor in spirit, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers? **All are invited. Bring a friend.** Celebrate with others the gift of our Catholic faith and the life we share in and with Jesus Christ. Please call the Parish Office to register at 563-1692.

No Saturday Morning Mass or Confession

On **Saturday, September 19th** there will be no 8:15am Mass nor will there be confessions at 2:45 p.m. All of the priests will be at the Cathedral for the ordination that day. Thank you for your understanding.

Funeral Altar Servers

We are in need of adult servers for weekday and weekend funerals. Please contact Mark Bennett for more information at 563-1692.

Diapers Needed

We are in need of size 3, 4, and 5 diapers for families in our community. If you can help, they may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your assistance.



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.