

# Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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## Spiritual Life

Mark Bennett, Director

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Michael Rascoe  
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## Priests In Residence

Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin  
Msgr. Robert Aucoin

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

# Congratulations!



*Frank Bushey and Mark Bennett  
on your  
Ordination as Permanent Deacons*

## 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

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 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 21 *Saint Matthew***  
 6:45am Stephanie Racette by Charles & Nancy Racette  
 12:05pm Dean Benson by Aletta & Children
- Tuesday, September 22**  
 6:45am For Intentions Arthur Martel by Peryea family  
 12:05pm Nicholas Yanick by Alice & George Fountain
- Wednesday, September 23 *Saint Pio of Pietrelcina***  
 6:45am Dorothy Henopp by her sister Mary Ann  
 12:05pm Ted Stein by Carl & Susan Wolfe
- Thursday, September 24**  
 6:45 am Lena Tremblay by Unique Vintage Car Club  
 12:05 pm Cecile Rabideau by Richard Rabideau
- Friday, September 25**  
 6:45am Marion Pombrio by M/M David Pombrio  
 12:05pm Ray L. Carter by his wife Teresa
- Saturday, September 26**  
 8:15am Anthony MeLani by M/M Gibson  
 1:00pm Wedding of Michelle Bedard & Shawn Pelkey  
 4:00pm Claris Norcross by Nichole Kean
- Sunday, September 27**  
 8:00am For All Parishioners  
 9:30am Msgr. Francis A. White by the Foucher Family & Theresa Fritz  
 11:00am The deceased members of the Bukolt & Malone families by Mary Ann & Herb Ryder



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

### Readings for the Week of September 20

- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37  
 Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13  
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45  
 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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### Vigil Candles for this Week

- In memory of **Stanley E. Desautels Sr.**  
 by his family  
 In memory of **Stephen Dudyak**  
 by Therese Dudyak  
 In memory of **Richard Rascoe**  
 by the Grace family



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

September 14, 2008.....\$12,374.00  
 September 13, 2009.....\$12,461.00  
 Building Fund .....\$4,505.00

### 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

"Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield." Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ's choice of you, should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. If you are discerning your vocation, talk to your pastor or visit [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net) to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.



We welcome our newly registered parishioners...

Amy Sweeney

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.

### Altar Server Training

Is your son or daughter in at least the fourth grade? Have they made their first communion? Have they expressed an interest in being an altar server? Applications are now available in the atrium. They will be required to complete two training sessions. Please drop the forms off by **October 1st** in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office. For additional information please contact Sue Pombrio at 561-0997.



### Blessing of the Pets

**Sunday, October 4th 1:00PM**  
St. Peter's Church Parking Lot  
Bring a can or bag of pet food, for the Humane Society  
Rain or Shine!



### 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*

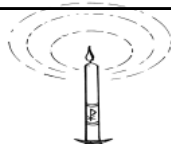


Attention all those who would like to be Confirmed: A meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 20th** at 7:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. A preview of the program, registration, and a candle light ceremony will take place. Please bring your baptismal candle and a parent for the candle light ceremony. If 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 Cryster in the Office of Religious Education at 563-3278 or e-mail [stpetersyd@primelink1.net](mailto:stpetersyd@primelink1.net). God bless!

Spend some quiet time with the Lord.



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

Barbara Colon  
Marion Breyette

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net).

### 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



### 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.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Women's Health Fair

**Saturday, September 26** at the Keeseville Fire Station  
(Sponsored by Community Link)  
Call for appointment 563-7129

### Roast Beef Dinner

Dannemora Methodist Church  
86 Clark Street (off 374)

**Saturday, September 26**

Doors open at 5pm  
\$8.50 Adults; 12 and under - \$4.50; 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

### Retreat: Saturday

**Saturday, October 3, 9:30-4 p.m.**

A day of reflection on the Spirituality of the Lay People by  
Bernard Ratneya at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of  
Prayer, Ellenburg Center,  
RSVP to [adirond@twcny.nr.com](mailto:adirond@twcny.nr.com) or 518-594-3253  
by Oct. 1. Donations accepted but not required.

### Flu Vaccine Available

At Farmer's Market, Durkee St. Plattsburgh,

**Saturday, October 3** and at

American Legion, Quarry Road, Plattsburgh

**Saturday, October 10**

(Sponsored by Community Link)

### 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.

### Harvest Dinner

**Sunday, October 11, Noon - 5:00 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Parish Center, West Chazy

Adults - \$9; Children 5 to 12 - \$4;

Children under 5 - Free; Take-outs Available

### Harvest Dinner

St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte

**Sunday, October 11** beginning at 11:00am

Adults \$11; 12 and under \$6.

The Pilgrimage and Tourist Season will officially end on  
that Sunday.

### 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

## IN OUR PARISH

### • Environmental Stewardship Committee

St. Peter's Environmental Stewardship Committee will  
meet at 12:00 noon - 1:00 on **Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** in the  
Emmaus Room. This will be our goal setting meeting and  
light refreshments will be available. All are welcome! If  
you would like more information please call 561-0384

### • The Widow's 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 on **Wednesday,**  
**September 30.** The meetings run from 7-8:00pm in the  
Emmaus Room.

### • 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.

### • 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.

### • Our Lady of the Rosary

St. Peter's parish will be observing the *Feast of Our  
Lady of the Rosary* on **Wed., October 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### Opportunity to Pray with Others

The local group "Apostles For Life" meets **every  
Thursday** at Planned Parenthood from 10:00-11:00am and  
prays 3 Rosaries For Life. All parishioners are invited to  
join the "Apostles For Life" in their prayerful endeavor.  
For more information contact Randy or Karen Smith, St.  
Peter's *Life Matters* Respect Life Coordinators.





### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is perhaps one of the most exciting and yet frightening times of a young couple's lives. From the moment they discover that they are expecting a child to the very moment that he or she enters the world, the parents-to-be are filled with joy, but also concern. Will their baby be healthy? Today's doctors can detect health issues long before the baby is born; if something is discovered, how does the young couple receive the news? Are they faced with difficult decisions, or are they bolstered by the message found in today's Gospel?

Given the circumstances of today's fast-paced life, it is difficult to imagine the pace of life in Jesus' day. On a journey by foot through Galilee, Jesus and his disciples had many hours to discuss the meaning of life and the role of Christ in their lives. He tried to explain his final days and hours, but even with seemingly all the time in the world, they did not grasp the immense message he was giving them. Perhaps seeking an easier way to say it, he held a small child, telling them that if they accept an innocent child, they are accepting him, and in accepting him, they are accepting God.

In praying the Lord's Prayer, we first and foremost proclaim "Our Father." This is done with the intent to remind us that in order to be fully revealed in our hearts, we must appear to God as innocents, children willing to accept his love unconditionally. We are asking for a purification of our hearts (CCC 2779). As Jesus held that small child out to his disciples, he gave absolutely no conditions as to acceptance of a child. As innocents, children are the symbol of the purity of life and the purity of the love Jesus has for us all.

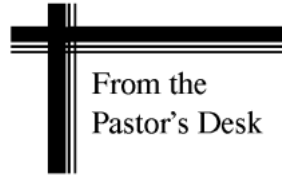
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### Prayer for an End to Domestic Violence

Dear God, When I think of a family, I think of a mother, father, and children- all living together and sharing mutual love, concern and kindness. For some, however, family life is filled with pain, anger and fear. The harsh reality of physical, verbal and emotional abuse that is present among so many families is a problem that must not be ignored.

Father, guide all people so they do not resort to abuse of any kind in their relationships. Give those who have difficulty coping with their responsibilities the wisdom and courage to recognize their problems and, when needed, to seek counseling. I ask you also to protect the children raised in abusive families from continuing the harmful cycle of abuse as they mature and become parents themselves. Amen.

**"Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day"** at CVPH on Wednesday, Oct. 7 sponsored by Behavioral Health Services North, Inc. Call 563-6904.



### From the Pastor's Desk

"This the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice!"

This weekend marks the ordination of Deacon Mark Bennett and Deacon Frank Bushey. Their course of study began back in 2001 with the Formation for Ministry Program of the Diocese. For the past four years they have been engaged in the Permanent Diaconate Program traveling to Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg once a month for classes, retreats and pastoral formation as well as taking courses on-line at Notre Dame University. Bishop Cunningham, now Bishop of Syracuse, ordained these two men at St. Mary's Cathedral this Saturday.

Our two new deacons will continue to serve the parish through their work with the Divorced and Separated Group, the soup kitchen, the homeless project, RCIA, Confirmation Preparation and a host of other involvements. With ordination they will also celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony.

Please come to celebrate what God is doing in our parish! A reception will be held in the Emmaus Room after every Mass this Sunday.

Fr. John

### Year for Priests "Afraid to Question"

"But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question Him" (Mark 9:34). The disciples did not understand that Jesus was going to suffer and die and to rise from the dead. But why were the disciples afraid to ask the difficult questions? Are we not also afraid to ask the difficult questions about our life situations? We have our fears and anxieties about the economy, health insurance, unemployment, our faith, the teachings of the Church. Can we sit down and talk with the pastor in our parishes about what is troubling and fearful in our lives? Share with him some of the things that sideline our understanding of the teachings of the Church. Priests are human as we all are and understand with a compassionate mind and heart. They help us to understand and to put on the mind of Christ to help us live the Christian life in peace. Let us pray for our priests as they pray for us. St. Augustine says it so well: "Let me be helped by your prayers, so that the Lord may see fit to help me bear His burden. When you pray in this way, it is really for yourselves that you are praying. For what is the burden of which I am speaking but you? Pray for me, then, as I myself pray that you may not be burdensome. Support me so that we may bear one another's burdens, thus fulfilling the law of Christ. St. John Vianney, pray for us.

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).

### Refreshments Needed

We would like to continue to welcome the candidates from the RCIA classes to the Parish with refreshments brought in by members of our parish. Your participation not only provides refreshments, but also assists in connecting those of us who are parishioners with the RCIA candidates each week. There are 20 people participating every **Wednesday evening** from September to December. If you are not able to make a homemade treat, a store purchased snack will do. There is a sign-up in the Atrium to provide your phone number and/or e-mail so that a reminder call/e-mail can be made a few days ahead of time. If you are unable to bring the snack in, someone will pick it up from your home. Snacks can be left in the Upper Room by 6:30 PM for the date you sign up. For more information, please contact Mary Remillat at 561-0775 or centorem@westelcom.com.



### Seton Academy News

Our theme for the year is: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." This is taken from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:9). It's a wonderful theme because we need to have peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in our classrooms if we want peace in the world.



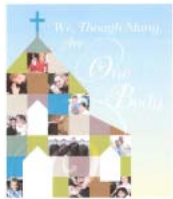
#### Attention Target Shoppers

Target Stores have a "Take Charge of Education" program that can help Seton Academy. Here's how to participate:

1. Apply and get approved for a REDcard.
2. Enroll in Take Charge of Education and choose a school (Seton Academy).
3. Start shopping with your REDcard.

The company will track purchases made by participating REDcard holders, then send a no-strings attached donation check directly to Seton Academy. If you wish more information, you can go to the Target website. In advance we thank you for your help.

### Bishop's Fund Appeal



As we begin "Commitment Weekend" for the 2009 Bishop's Fund Appeal, it is our hope that we can continue our support at the same level as last year's Appeal. The theme of this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal is We, Though Many, Are One Body.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the many good works of the Diocese. Your pledge will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you in advance for your support.

To make your Bishop's Fund gift on line, please visit [www.dioogdensburg.org/development](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/development) and click on "Donate Now" (found in the left-hand margin of the website).

## WHY CATHOLIC?

### Life in Christ: Walking with God Sign-Up Sunday

Jesus calls us to be a servant of all. The way of service is to become like a little child, humble and open. Sessions 7-12 in the Why Catholic? program "Life in Christ: Walking with God" will soon begin. Small community groups will gather again to share their faith. If you are interested in learning more about how we may live the commandments with a spirit of service and humility, you are encouraged to sign-up next week. **Sign-up Sunday is September 26-27.** The sessions that will be covered are:

- Session 7 Love of God
- Session 8 Family
- Session 9 Safeguarding Life and Truth
- Session 10 Chastity and Love
- Session 11 On Earthly goods, Love for the poor and Work
- Session 12 Human Fulfillment in Christ

Remember, that the **Fall Why Catholic? retreat** will be held this coming **Wednesday the 23** at either 1:00 – 3:00pm or 7:00 – 9:00pm in the Emmaus Room. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please call the rectory at 563-1692 to register for one of the sessions.

### 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.