

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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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

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 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 28,

6:45am Barbara Colon by Mark & Gerry Rasco
 12:05pm Napoleon LaTour by Jack & Ellie Garrow

Tuesday, September 29 Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

6:45am Hilda Davies by her family
 12:05pm Drew Hamel by Dawn McDonagh

Wednesday, September 30, Saint Jerome

6:45am Marge Sabanos (2nd Anniv.) by her husband Al Sabanos

12:05pm Anita Boileau by Monique & Chuck Trudeau

Thursday, October 1 Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

6:45 am Willard Miller Sr. by his wife & family
 12:05 pm Carmen Lambert by Shirley Burdo Carter

Friday, October 2 Guardian Angels

6:45am Dorilda Lambert by the Peryea family
 12:05pm Stephen Dudyak by Ed and Cathy Pellerin & family

Saturday, October 3

8:15am Greater respect & reverence for life by
 K of C Council # 255

11:00am Wedding of Amber Kraynak & Roy Root

1:00pm Wedding of Kimberly Smith & Robert Larkin

4:00pm Richard St. Clair by Robert & Mary Winterbottom

Sunday, October 4

8:00am Charles & Marion Rabideau by Wanda & Mike Bogacz

9:30am Theresa Woodley by Leslie & Shirley Burl

11:00am For All Parishioners



Readings for the Week of September 27

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
 Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/
 Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/
 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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Vigil Candles for this Week

In memory of **Nicholas Yanick**
 by Sister Helen
 In memory of **Edgar & Geraldine Rugar**
 by Donna & Sharon
 In memory of **Anna Ferrante**
 by Patti & Ann



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 21, 2008.....\$18,130.67
 September 20, 2009.....\$15,626.50
 Including Electronic Transfers

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

“Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His spirit on them.” All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to His truth 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.



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!

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.



Health Care Reform - a Discussion

We are hearing a great deal in the media regarding health care reform. An excellent PBS production entitled "Sick Around America" will be presented on **Friday evening, October 9 at 7 p.m.** in the Emmaus Room. The video looks at our present system and examines the critical choices Americans face in changing a system that all sides agree needs a fundamental overhaul. Open to all.

Mission of Hope

Applications for the Feb. 2010 Mission of Hope trip (trip #35) must be postmarked by October 1st. Applications can be obtained on our web site at www.ncmissionofhope.org. Eligibility for the Mission trip is for anyone of high school age or older. Further information can be obtained by contacting Sr. Debbie Blow at 561-2599 or 570-5443.

Plattsburgh Life Chain

Abortions continue to be committed in Plattsburgh at the rate of 450-500 per year. To show your opposition to this destruction of innocent human life, attend the 17th Annual Plattsburgh Life Chain on **Sunday, October 4** on Smithfield Blvd. in Plattsburgh from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Rain or shine. We provide posters; you bring your prayers to end abortion.

Celebrate Christ 2009

Plan on attending Celebrate Christ 2009 at Trinity Catholic in Massena on Saturday, Oct. 17. Bishop Peter Libasci keynote presentation The Three R's of Catholic Identity and seminars by Lee Nagel and Nancy Bird will be great opportunity for spiritual nourishment and professional development. More information is available the Parish office or on line at www.dioogdensburg.org.

Newly Baptized

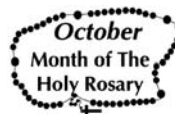
The parish family of St. Peter's gives thanks to God as it celebrates the new and everlasting birth given through the waters of Baptism to



Kendra Jade McLean

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

Rosaries Needed!



Oftentimes, I have found that I have an abundance of Rosaries. Growing up in a Catholic home my mother always had a bowl that was full of rosaries and scapulars that were not used. If you have any rosaries that you are no longer using and would like to donate to the Office of Religious Education we would gladly appreciate it. The Children's Ministry would like to give out rosaries to the young children for the month of the Rosary along with a pamphlet that would teach the children *How to Pray the Rosary*. If you have an extra rosary please drop it off in the Rectory to Therese Moen. God bless!

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
 begin **Sunday, September 27th**

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

Grades 1-8 will meet at Seton Academy

If you have any further questions please call Miss Therese Moen in the Office of Religious Education at 563-3278 or e-mail stpetersdre@primelink1.com.

Partners in Mission

The Catholic Schools of the diocese are embarking on an active campaign to increase enrollment and to help people understand the unique value of Catholic schools. On **Thursday, October 1** at the Seton Catholic Gymnasium at 7 pm, this program, entitled "Partners in Mission," will be explained. You are invited to come to this meeting to discover how we can keep the value of Catholic schools alive in the hearts of the all.

Blood Drive

St. Peter's fourth annual Blood Dive conducted by CVPH North Country Regional Blood Center is scheduled for **Sunday, October 18** from 10-2:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. Each of the previous years, we have increased our donation in a significant manner. In 2006- 4 pints, 2007-8 pints and in 2008-16 pints were donated. We need your help to continue in this positive direction.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Turkey 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 Ratneiya at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of
Prayer, Ellenburg Center,
RSVP to adirond@twcnv.ny.com or 518-594-3253
by Oct. 1. Donations accepted but not required.

Harvest Dinner

Sunday, Oct. 4 Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall
noon - 5 p.m.
Adults-\$9; Seniors (60+)-\$8; Under 12 -\$5;
Under 5- free

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.

Turkey 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 Margie Pombrio at 518-236-4577

Harvest Dinner

Sunday, October 18, from 2-6 p.m. at
St. Elizabeth's Church, Parish Hall, Elizabethtown.
Adults \$8; Children 12 and under \$4.
Take outs will be available after 1:30 p.m.

IN OUR PARISH

• Environmental Stewardship Committee

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, September 27th** at
noon in the Emmaus Room as we discuss ideas for how the
St. Peter's community can be involved in the global "350"
initiative. For more information on what "350" means,
visit www.350.org and see! Refreshments will be served.

• St. Peter's Harvest

Sunday, November 1st...if you are interested in
organizing this major *fun*draiser for the parish please come
to the rectory at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, Sept. 29th**.

• 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.

• 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. **The meeting on September 30th is cancelled.**

• Liturgy Meeting

All are invited to join the Liturgy team - first meeting
of the fall will take place on **Thursday, Oct. 1** at 2:45 p.m.
in the rectory. A love of liturgy is the only requirement.

• Healing Mass

Every first Friday of the month at 7 p.m. Our next
healing service will be on at 7 p.m. The Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick and time of individual prayer will be
part of the evening.

• New Beginnings Summer Schedule

New Beginnings meet every Thursday in the Upper
Room at 7:00pm under the direction of Deacon Frank
Bushey. There will be a Wednesday Night class however
on **Sept. 30** at 7 p.m. in the upper room instead of Oct. 1.

• 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 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.

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.



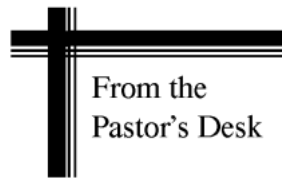
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Envy and jealousy are emotions we're all familiar with; they seem to appear with ease and yet are almost impossible to suppress or destroy. A coworker receives a promotion, and perhaps we wonder why it wasn't us. A neighbor announces she is building a new house, and suddenly our house is showing its age. A friend finds time to volunteer at a homeless shelter and participates in several ministries at your parish, all the while smiling about his life, and you wonder how negative his home life must be. Yet when you are blessed with good fortune by God, aren't you ready to shout it from the rooftops?

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, the disciples of Jesus have witnessed someone casting out demons in the name of Christ. Yet, as they point out, this person hasn't spent the time they have, following closely in the company of Jesus and listening to his teachings. Surely he can't be qualified, they say. Jesus gently reminds his disciples that any person who attempts to do truly good things in his name is a child of God. Perhaps the disciples were a bit envious; perhaps they failed to recognize that the abilities of this person were gifts from God, and in attempting to stop him they were attempting to deny God's wisdom in granting such gifts.

Jesus tells us the second greatest commandment, after loving God with all our hearts, is to love our neighbors as ourselves (CCC 2055). The tenth commandment serves to instill in us the desire to abolish envy and jealousy completely. If we are willing to acknowledge that everything we have and are is a gift of God, we cannot afford to challenge God's wisdom in his gifts to others.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Last weekend was certainly a most historic moment for St. Peter's with the occasion of the ordination to the Order of Deacon of Mark Bennett and Frank

Bushey. Special thanks to Patti Cormier and Joe Swinyer for making all of the social aspects of this event run so smoothly. God continues to work powerfully in our parish. Thanks to all in so many ministries who have had open hearts to God's call to service.

Another sign of God's powerful presence in our parish is the healing ministry. This **Friday, Oct 2** at 7 p.m. all are invited to a special Healing Mass. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be part of this Liturgy along with an opportunity for individual personal prayer with one of the healing teams.

The Bishop's Fund Appeal allows 25 different ministries and programs to flourish in our diocese. Please consider a gift to this most important appeal. An envelop was sent to your home and may be returned by mail or dropped into the collection basket.

And finally, our Harvest Dinner will happen on Nov. 1st. This is a great time for the parish and the proceeds feed the needy at our Monday Night Soup Kitchen. An organizing meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 29** at 7 p.m. in the rectory - you can enter through the Atrium. All are invited.

With gratitude!

Fr. John

WHY CATHOLIC?

Why Catholic? Life in Christ: Walking with God

Today's Gospel calls us to accountability. Who is my neighbor? How do I witness my faith? The cost of discipleship is radical. Jesus invites us to walk in the way of God, the way of love towards Him and one another. Sessions 7-12 of the **Why Catholic? Life in Christ: Walking with God** will focus on the commandments. You are invited to sign-up today for one of the Small Community faith-sharing groups. Sharing our faith is one of the most powerful experiences of growing in our faith as well as learning more about it. Those who have participated in a Small Community faith-sharing group knows how powerfully the Holy Spirit can work within their lives.

Why Catholic? sessions will begin the week of October 11. **Prayer Commitment Sunday** begins today to pray for the success and fruitfulness of the **Why Catholic? sessions**.

Bishop's Fund Appeal

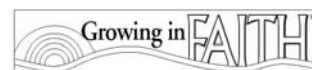


Our parish's Bishop's Fund Appeal activity is coming to a close. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge

cards and envelopes are located at the back of the Church. 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. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, thank you for making a difference in the lives of thousands of people across our diocese.



Copies of the monthly publication *Growing in Faith* are available for you to pick up in the Atrium.



Catechetical Sunday

Is 64:7 "Yet O Lord, You are the Father; we are the clay and you the potter: the work of Your hands."

This weekend we are celebrating Catechetical Sunday! At each Mass the catechists from the Sunday Religious Education Programs, the volunteers from the Rite of Christian Initiation, the volunteers from the Youth Ministry Program, the catechists from the Confirmation Process, the catechists from the Adult Education Programs, and the Catholic School teachers of our parish will receive a special blessing at every Mass. All of these men and women have served our parish and the Lord faithfully by answering the call to "Go and make Disciples!"

With all the ways in which the Religious Education Office serves through various processes/programs we still need your support through your prayers and active service. The following is a **list of help that we still need** to fulfill the year. If you feel the Lord calling you to help with any of these programs there will be a sign up list in the Atrium or you may call the office of Religious Education at 563-3278.

RCIA:

For those who are in need of Baptism, persons who are Baptized in another Christian Tradition who desire to become Catholic, and persons who were Baptized Catholic but have not received 1st Communion/Confirmation.

- **Godparent/Sponsor:** Love for Jesus' His Church, basic understanding of the Church's teachings, punctual and flexible, good communication and listening skills, prudent and able to keep confidentiality, commit to daily prayer for the person you are serving, attend weekly sessions, attend RCIA retreats, Liturgical Celebrations, and rehearsals, offer spiritual support to the person you are serving.
- **Sunday Dismissal Team:** Love for Jesus' word, good listening and communicating skills, basic understanding of small group facilitation, able to commit to a Sunday once or twice a month to reflect on the word, once a month Wednesday evening team meeting.
- **Hospitality:** Love for Jesus' people, able to create welcoming and warm environments, can commit to a Wednesday evening to greeting people and helping set up before the class.
- **Intercessor Coordinator:** Love for prayer, committed to daily prayer, gather list of people to be committed to daily prayer for the RCIA team, Sponsors, and Catechumens/candidates, create a list of people, and attend once a month Wednesday evening team meetings.

Adult Education:

For all those who are adults seeking further education through Scripture studies, fundamentals of Catholicism, and prayer experiences.

- **Catechists:** Love for Christ, committed to daily prayer, monthly team meetings and Sunday morning teachings, sharing your faith with other adults who are seeking more knowledge about the Catholic faith, share the love of prayer and love of Scripture with other adults.

Confirmation:

For all those who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and 1st Communion and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- **Catechists:** Teachers needed for Holy Spirit and Confirmation course and The Church course, the commitment is 3 Sundays per course in the evening.
- **Class Supervisor/Teacher's Assistants:** Someone who is available aid the teacher with supervision, help with sign-up on the first night of classes, make sure everyone gets to their respective classes, help with the break/snack time supervision.
- **Adult Confirmation Catechist:** Available to help teach during an eight week period starting in March through May on Thursday evenings, share your faith, love of the Scriptures, and love of Catholic teachings.

Youth Group:

For all High School Age Students, a place to gather to support one another with faith, fellowship, and fun.

- **Core team members:** Speakers/Witnesses, Snack Coordinator, People for event/retreat/mission trip coordinators, people available to help with activities at youth group. It is a Sunday evening commitment along with once a month team meetings.

Children's Ministry:

For children to reflect on God's word during Mass and celebrate different seasons within the Liturgical calendar such as All Saint's Day, the Blessing of the Pets, the Advent Festival, etc. Time Commitment: Twice a month at 11 AM Sunday Mass helping the children with readings, petitions, and preparing a short teaching on the Gospel. Meetings once a month for planning. Aiding at the events for All Saint's Party, Advent Festival, and other events throughout the year.

Religious Education:

For children from the grade levels of 1st grade to eighth grade who wish to receive further education on the catholic faith.

- **Substitute teachers:** Any grade level that you are available to help fill in for the catechists on a Sunday they may not be available.

If you can help in any of these areas, please call the Office of Religious Education at 563-3278

