

Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin
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Office Hours are
Monday-Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm



All Saints Day Party
October 24, 2009



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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 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 November 9 *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*

6:45am Ken Allen by Mark & Gerry Rascoe
 12:05pm Sanna Serog by Mary Ann Bukolt-Ryder

Tuesday November 10 *Saint Leo the Great*

6:45am Darrell Johnson by family
 12:05pm Harold Varno (17th Anniv.) by wife Margaret

Wednesday, November 11 *Saint Martin of Tours*

6:45am Edward Richardson by Mr. & Mrs. David Pombrio
 12:05pm Donald Baker by his wife Joyce & family

Thursday November 12 *Saint Josaphat*

6:45am Raymond Demers by Brother Rene Demers
 12:05pm Drew Hamel by James Bracy II

Friday November 13 *Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini*

6:45am Marie Elizabeth (Betty) Aaybe
 by Shelley & Mitch Willette
 12:05pm Roger Forkey by Dawn McDonagh

Saturday November 14

8:15am Carmen Lambert by Phil & Jane Favro
 1:00pm Wedding of Elizabeth Rock & Jason Garrand
 4:00pm Ray & Theresa Gallant
 by their daughter & family
 5:30pm Wedding of Jillian LaMont & Francesco Palumbo

Sunday November 15

8:00am Melissa Lahtinen Penfield
 9:30am Clare Beaubriand by Jean & family
 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 November 8

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/
 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
 Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
 Jn 2:13-22
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23--3:9/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b--8:1/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/
 Lk 18:1-8
 Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
 Mk 13:24-32

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Vigil Candles for this Week

In memory of **Mildred B. Jakob**
 by Frank & Patti
 In memory of **Theresa & Ray Gallant**
 by Robert & Pearl LePage
 In memory of **Dawn Soucy**
 by Wanda Martin



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

November 2, 2008.....\$16,507.50
 November 1, 2009.....\$15,239.83
 Including Electronic Transfers

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

Vocations

"Out of her poverty she has put in
 everything she had." Will you respond
 with generosity should the Lord choose
 you for priesthood or 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

**Ryder Kingston Gregoire
Addison Irene Jewell
Kaden Jeremiah Jewell
Katharine Hailee Jewell**



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.



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

**Evelyn Bonville
John Calkins
Helen Defayette
Vanessa Racette**



Youth Group Night

"Among Holy Things and Among Holy Persons" What does that mean? Come for an evening of fellowship, fun, food, and to find the answer to the question above! The Youth

Group is for all high school aged students, is held in the Upper Room from 6:30-8:30 p.m.. Please join us as we discover the Communion of Saints on **Sunday, Nov. 8**. For further questions contact Allison Cryster at 563-3278.



Super Sunday Experience

All 1st-8th graders are invited Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45 AM. in Seton Academy located on St. Charles Street for a morning of

Religious Instruction. For further questions please contact Miss Therese Moen at 563-3278 or e-mail stpetersdre@primelink1.net. Fall classes will continue to be held on Nov. 8, Nov. 15, Nov. 22, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec 13.

Advent Festival

Mary and Joseph prepared for the birth of Christ, during Advent help your families prepare to celebrate Christ's birth by attending the Advent Festival! On **Sunday, Nov. 29th** from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Upper Room come and make an Advent wreath. Last year we had some wonderful volunteers help with our day by making chocolate pretzels, helping with set-up, and making sure everything ran smoothly. If you would like to help with the day, please contact Miss Therese Moen at 563-3278 or stpetersdre@primelink1.net.



Children's Church

Children's church is an opportunity for children to experience the Mass in a children's setting. All children are welcome to join who have not yet received their First Communion. Children's Church will be held at the 11:00 Am mass on November 15, December 6 and December 20.

Children's Event for St. Nicholas' Feast

All children are welcome to join the children's ministry in the Emmaus Room on **Saturday, December 5th** from 6:00-8:30 PM for a movie night with popcorn, hot chocolate, and a sing along of Christmas Carols! We will be viewing the movie *"The Boy Who Became Santa."* If you have any further questions please contact Miss Therese Moen at 563-3278 or stpetersdre@primelink1.net.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be hosted this year at Trinity Episcopal Church. The service will take place on **Sunday the 22nd of November** at 3:30 pm. All local choir members are invited and encouraged to join the interfaith choir. Practice will take place at Trinity at 1:30 pm on the day of the service.

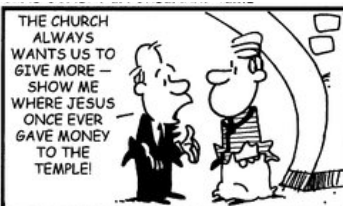
Altar Server Pizza Party



All altar servers are invited to join Fr. John at a Pizza Party on **Friday, November 13th** in the Emmaus Room at 5:30 p.m.

NEEDED:

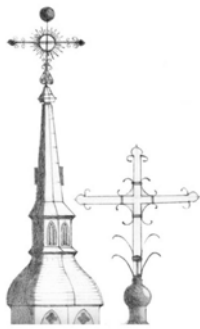
Catechists to help with Confirmation classes this spring. The sessions are on *The Church* and *Prayer and Scripture*. Please contact Alison in the Religious Ed office at 563-3278 if you are interested.



Veteran's Day

Thank you for the sacrifices made for our freedom by all that served in the military.





*Saint Peter's Parish
Parish Life Report
July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009*

Fall is a time for taking stock, for reflecting on life. The harvest is in and the work of the year is over. Individuals, families, businesses and even parishes need to summarize the year, to count our blessings and to give thanks for all that God has done in our lives.



Great rejoicing has been part of the past year with the baptism of 96 children and adults. There were 52 parishioners Confirmed, 37 received Holy Communion for the first time and 23 couples celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. We also welcomed into our parish 136 newly registered households. With sadness and yet with Christian joy we placed into God's eternal hands 68 of our loved ones.



St. Peter's takes seriously the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to reach out to the needy, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and shelter the homeless. The generosity of the parish is very significant. Whether one considers the 3,000 plus meals served at our Monday Night Soup Kitchen, or the 250 needy families receiving Christmas gifts or the 458 bags of groceries and cash donations of \$1,732.00 to the Interfaith Food Shelf, the love is genuine for our brothers and sisters in need. This year our parish also began three new ministries: The Widow's Might, Life Matters and Environmental Stewardship.

Our commitment to the faith-formation of our young is strong and healthy. The parish had 68 students in our Seton Schools this past academic year and 252 students in religious education classes. The parish commissions: Activities, Liturgy and Service coordinated literally hundreds of volunteers and events that help foster the spiritual, social and formational needs of our parishioners and the greater community. The Finance Council and the Parish Council are the primary consultative bodies for the direction of our parish and have done an outstanding job. Our Altar and Rosary and the Knights of Columbus have uniquely supported the many programs and efforts of the parish and the Universal Church.



In May of 2009 the parish began a major census update. It includes a gathering of email addresses as well as sacramental history. Communication is most important in a family the size of St. Peter's. Technology is allowing us to connect in quick and wonderful ways but it is always the bond of the heart that is most crucial.

Many numbers are included in this report. However, what is most important is the many people who are behind these numbers. People are what give this report life and dynamism. God has given us everything we have. This report and all the smiles, tears, celebrations and moments of peace that it reflects come from grateful hearts.

Ordinary Revenue		Ordinary Expenses	
Regular: weekly envelopes Non-envelope giving	\$806,179.85	Wages & Employee Benefits	\$303,601.97
Auxiliary: Interest, Rental Income Christmas/Easter flower donations	\$41,751.21	Utilities, repairs, food, household exp., office supplies	\$153,272.20
Fund raising: Harvest Dinner & June Festival	\$38,973.67	Diocesan Assessment & Insurance	\$42,694.00
Christian Formation: Registration fees for Religious Ed. Program	\$4,784.00	Liturgical Expense	\$33,461.82
Building Fund/Gifts & Bequests	\$129,845.96	Religious Education Programs	\$20,385.25
		Parish Outreach, Soup Kitchen, Mission of Hope, New Beginnings, Interfaith Hosp. Network	\$32,402.62
		Catholic School Assessment (Seton K-12)	\$181,747.61
		Reduction of Parish Debt Interest Exp (08-09 Fiscal Yr)	\$264,375.00 \$30,492.99
Total Ordinary Income	\$1,021,534.69	Total Ordinary Expenses	\$1,062,433.46

Generosity to Church Ministries outside of our Parish:

Bishop's Fund Appeal: supports 22 Diocesan Ministries: \$55,224.75
 Donations for the special second collections: \$47,953.50
 Retirement of Religious Sisters & Brothers,
 Propagation of the Faith-The Missions,
 Campaign of Human Development,
 Catholic Communications, etc.

Total \$103,178.25

As you can see from the chart, our greatest source of revenue is from our weekly collections. The use of Sunday envelopes and electronic transfer is highly encouraged. The use of envelopes and electronic transfer speaks of a thought out priority in your support of the parish. Each and every one of us must prayerfully consider the blessings of God in our lives and our grateful response to God's generosity.

When the building addition that in December of 2005 we had an \$715,000.00. Your generosity to the raising events and a no frills operation debt down to \$121,000.00 as of June accomplishment!



includes the Emmaus Room was completed outstanding debt to the Diocese of monthly building collection, our extra fund of the parish has allowed us to bring the 30, 2009. This is a remarkable

We as a parish are growing in many wonderful ways. It happens because people are generous in sharing their time, talent and treasure. Please know of my sincere gratitude for your loving support of St. Peter's. I look forward to worshipping with you each weekend and reaffirming our belief in the goodness of life and God's great love for each of us.

In the God who gives us strength,

Rev. John R. Yonkovig



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Msgr. Morris L Dwyer Council 255 Knights of Columbus along with St. Peter's, St. John's and the Newman Center Parish's, are sponsoring a project to replenish food for the Interfaith Food Shelf for this Thanksgiving. On **Saturday November 14th and Sunday November 15th** we are having a food drive of nonperishable goods from all the parishioners and council members.

We are asking our parishioners & members to drop off food at their parish before the weekend masses. Council members will assemble the food for delivery to the Interfaith Food Shelf on Saturday and after the last mass on Sunday. Many say "Oops, I forgot" or "The bag is home on the table." Please mark your calendars and help us to help those in need. Containers will also be placed at the entrances for those wishing to make monetary donations. We did very well on our Easter drive and hope to do even better for Thanksgiving. In order to accomplish this we need the help of all are parishioners!

Blood Drive Results

Thank You to all who participated in St. Peter's Blood Drive conducted by CVPH North Country Regional Blood Center. Thirty-four (34) pints were secured. This is an outstanding number of pints of blood for use in our local community. Our plans for the future are to conduct additional blood drives in April and October 2010.



News from Seton Academy

Thank You to our Veterans

The faculty, staff, students, and parents would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to our veterans for all they did to guarantee our freedom. We know that you paid the price and made many sacrifices so that we can enjoy the freedoms we cherish. We also thank their families. We will be praying for them in a special way throughout this week.

Christmas Wreaths

Again this year, Seton Academy will be offering you the opportunity to order Christmas wreaths. More information will be forthcoming, but we wanted you to know that they will be available. We know that many of you plan in advance for the Christmas celebration.

Leaf Raking

The Faith in Action committee raked leaves for people in the area on Saturday. This is one way that the students and parents of Seton Academy render service to the community of Plattsburgh.

Spirit Night at Papa John's

Nov. 16 is spirit night for Seton Academy at Papa John's. If you call and order pizza between 5:00 and 9:00 PM and mention Seton Academy, you will be supporting our school. Thank you in advance for being our partner in spreading the mission of Catholic education.

IN OUR PARISH

• Recitation of the Rosary

Join the Altar Rosary Society the **1st weekend of every month** - one half hour before the 4:00 pm and 9:30 am masses. The next recitation is **November 7&8.**

Join the Knights of Columbus on the **2nd Wednesday of every month** at 7:00 pm in the Church. The next recitation is **November 11.**

• 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 will take place on **Wednesday, Nov. 11.** The meetings run from 7-8:00pm in the Emmaus Room.

• Light Weigh

For information on this spiritual growth weight loss program, that has been a blessing to many, call Sue Holt at 561-2782 or check out www.lightweigh.com. The next meeting is **Tuesday, Nov. 10th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

• New Beginnings

Are you divorced, going through a divorce or separated? New Beginnings meets **every Thursday** in the Upper Room at 7:00 p.m. under the direction of Deacon Frank Bushey.

• 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.

• Young Adult's Activities

Lord's Day Celebrations will take place in the Upper Room at 2:45 p.m. on **Saturdays**, followed by 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Harvest Dinner!

What a most enjoyable and *delicious* time we had last Sunday afternoon. Well over 1,000 people came to enjoy our roast beef and pork dinner. Rave reviews were heard all around!

Thanks greatly to Al Swoboda who ran the kitchen, Sue Lacombe who managed the dining room and Eve McGill who coordinated the craft show. The dinner was a success in every way possible! Thanks to all who prepared, baked, served, cleaned or merely came to eat! The proceeds from this dinner will feed hundreds at our Monday Night Soup Kitchen.



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

