

# Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin

Msgr. Robert Aucoin

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

November 22, 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 23

6:45am Roger Forkey by Mark & Gerry Rasco  
 12:05pm Jeanne Boslet by Jane & Sal Arena

#### Tuesday, November 24 *Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*

6:45am James Stiles by Mike & Jackie Bellew & family  
 12:05pm Donald King by Betty Buffett

#### Wednesday, November 25

6:45am Rosemary Barrett by Rita & Bill Bouyea  
 12:05pm Walter Thompson by his wife

#### Thursday, November 26 *Thanksgiving*

9:00am For All Parishioners

#### Friday, November 27– One Mass Today

12:05pm Deceased members of Fortin family by Henrietta

#### Saturday, November 28

8:15am Michael, David & Philip Doorey  
 by Patricia Williams & family  
 4:00pm Andrea Brault Trombley Wallace  
 by Sherman & Jackie Luck



#### Sunday, November 29 *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00am For All Parishioners  
 9:30am Clarence Miner by Linda Bracy  
 11:00am Edward Clifford by Peggy & girls  
 A \$10 offering is customary for each Mass.  
 Please contact the Parish office for available times.

### Readings for the Week of November 22

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/  
 Jn 18:33b-37  
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/  
 Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28  
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36  
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/  
 1 Thes 3:12--4:2/  
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

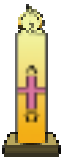
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### Vigil Candles for this Week

In memory of **Andrea Brault Wallace**  
 by Clarence & Joan King

In memory **Florence L. Bombard**  
 by Frank & Patti

In **Thanksgiving for a Favor Received**  
 by Sandra Baker



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 16, 2008.....\$14,752.60  
 November 15, 2009.....\$16194.50  
 Including Electronic Transfers

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

### Vocations

"My kingdom is not from this world." Are  
 you being called to proclaim the glorious  
 reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon  
 or in the consecrated 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

**London Kay Duquette  
Camden Russell Sweeney  
Cooper Kyle Sweeney**



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 welcome our newly registered parishioners...

**Frances Ryan  
Ann Marie Stiles**

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.



### Super Sunday Experience

All 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net). Fall classes will continue to be held on Nov. 22, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec 13.

### Holy Child Association

In the last two weeks in Religious Education, the children have been learning about the Holy Child Association and ways in which we can support children in mission countries. Holy Child Association (HCA) is a Catholic Mission Society for children in k-8 grade. HCA asks Catholic Children in the United States and around the world to be missionaries today by sharing love and their faith in Jesus with the children over the world. As a member of HCA we are asked to pray and to make daily little sacrifices as a prayer for children in missions. All members are asked to offer one "Hail Mary" daily for children in Missions. Even if you do not travel on missions, prayer support is a powerful way to aid the children and missionaries in other countries.



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

**Gloria LaClair  
Donald LaTour  
Shirley Wood  
Vernon L. Whittington**

### 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. 29<sup>th</sup>** 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 Therese Moen at 563-3278 or [stpetersdre@primelink1.net](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net).

### First Holy Communion

If you still have not signed your child up to prepare for First Holy Communion it is not too late. Please pick up a registration form in the Atrium and if you have more questions please contact Therese Moen at 563-3278 or e-mail [stpetersdre@primelink1.net](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net).



### Children's Event for St. Nicholas' Feast

All children are welcome to join the children's ministry in the Upper Room on **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 Therese Moen at 563-3278 or [stpetersdre@primelink1.net](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net).

### Right To Life March

Anyone interested in joining the diocese trip for the Right to Life March in Washington DC this upcoming January is encouraged to register ASAP! Contact Alison at 563-3278 for more information or pick up a flyer in the Atrium.

### Back to Basics

Are you an adult who wants to learn more about your Catholic Faith? **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** Anita Soltero lead a class on the *Attributes of God: Love, Almighty, Eternal, Good, One, and Just* from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The next class will take place **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in Seton Academy located on St. Charles Street and Anita will continue to prepare us for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas.** If you are interested in these morning sessions, please bring your Bible and if you have more questions please contact Therese Moen at 563-3278 or [stpetersdre@primelink1.net](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net).

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

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Trinity Episcopal Church in Plattsburgh. The service will be held at 3:30pm. Anyone who would like to be a member of the volunteer choir is asked to meet at Trinity at 1:30 pm the day of the service.

### Thanksgiving Community Meal

Thanksgiving, November 26th

at Senior Citizen's Center, 5135 N. Catherine St.

Gather at 12 Noon and Meal at 2:00PM

This special gathering was started many years ago for students who were unable to go home for Thanksgiving. Since then, some families and people alone have joined in. If you would like to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with a group, please join them. You can bring your "specialty" dish to share with everyone. If you need a ride or for more information, please call Marjorie Mapstone at 561-1309.

### Mystery Players

The Immaculate Heart Central School Mystery Players from Watertown will present an unforgettable experience in St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay on **Saturday, November 28** at 7pm. Through the use of special lighting, pantomime, and liturgical readings, this group of high school seniors and adults presents a moving dramatic meditation that promises to be the highlight of the **advent season**. A free will offering will be available!

### Christmas Tea and Bazaar

First Presbyterian Church Women invited all to the Tea and Bazaar on **Saturday, December 5** from noon -3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall using the Marion Street entrance. All proceeds go to local and international mission projects.

### Candlelight Vigil

The Christmas Box Angel Candlelight Vigil will be held on **Sunday, December 6** at 6 p.m. in the Riverview Cemetery, Chazy. Please join us afterwards for hot cocoa and cookies in the foyer at the Chazy Town Hall. Any Questions please call Pam Mosher 846-8304 or Diane Trombly 846-7818.

### 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.

## IN OUR PARISH

### • 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. 25**. 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](http://www.lightweigh.com). The next meeting is **Tuesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** 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

There will be no Lord's Day for the Young Adult group on November 21 or November 28 due to the Thanksgiving Break.

### • 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 **December 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 **December 9**.

### • Upcoming Parish Meetings

Parish Council: **Monday, December 7**

Council Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Emmaus Room - they are open to all in the parish.

### • Healing Mass

On **Friday, December 4** 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.

Spend some quiet time  
with the Lord





### Christ the King

When we were little children, we were given many examples of kings, mostly in fairy tales. These were usually red-robed gentlemen who either ruled with an iron fist or spent most of their time trying to marry off their beautiful daughters. As we grew, we learned of kings who constantly battled neighboring kings for territorial conquests. None of those kings seems to coincide with what we are taught about the greatest one of all, Christ the King. Where others lead by authoritarian rule, our King leads us by serving, and by giving us his greatest treasure, love. How can we now define king any other way?

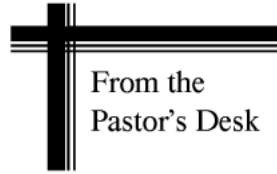
We are nearly to Advent, the time in which we all pause and celebrate the period of waiting for a coming Savior, a king for all the people. Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical calendar, and is the feast of Christ the King. In today's reading, Pilate repeatedly asks Jesus if he is king of the Jews. His answer? "You say I am a king." In the footnotes to the New American Bible, it says that this is a "reluctant affirmative" at best. In other words, Jesus probably felt Pilate would never understand the type of king Jesus was; it was best to answer with a non-answer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that we, the people of God, share in the royal office of Christ. In his kingship, he draws all of us to him, asking us to reign as he did, in service to others (CCC 786). The people of the time of Jesus' earthly life had heard of a coming king and savior for many generations; their own experience with kings led them to believe their king would be a mighty ruler as well. But this King of Kings, the greatest of all, spoke softly, served others, showed compassion for all, and asked only for love in return. ©2009 Liturgical Publications Inc

### Evangelization—Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

#### The Lord is King; He is Robed in Majesty

"Jesus Christ is the faithful witness..." Jesus Christ is the model for all priests and for all of us who share in the priesthood of Christ. In today's Gospel from John, Jesus stands up to Pilate's questioning with calm and conviction. He rejects that He is a political king: "My kingdom is not of this world." Jesus' witness is achieved when He simply states that His purpose in coming into world is "to testify to the truth". This was an invitation into a relationship, not one of imposing His authority over others. Jesus is King, the Priest and the Faithful Witness who shows us how to treat each other with equal dignity and respect. We, His people, are cherished and beloved by the God who rules with justice, mercy, and compassion. What does it mean to "belong to the truth"? Where do you find it hard to hold to the truth Jesus gives you?



### From the Pastor's Desk

Our whole lives are called to be lives of thanksgiving but it is good to set aside certain times to reflect more deeply upon this virtue of gratitude. This

Thursday throughout the nation people will gather in a spirit of thanksgiving. The origins of this day go back to the Pilgrims who made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of Thanksgiving. With the Pilgrims as our model we will gather in Thanksgiving to God for our many blessings. As a family of faith we will celebrate the Great Thanksgiving, the Eucharist, at 9 a.m. Thursday morning.

President John Kennedy once said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." This Thanksgiving Day is the right time for us to reflect on how each one of us daily lives thanksgiving. It is an attitude of the heart that is expressed in deeds of compassion and love. Thank you all for your lives of thanksgiving.

*Fr. John*



### Thanksgiving Prayer

Almighty God,  
you bring forth bountiful food from the earth  
that our loved ones may never grow hungry.  
For this, we give thanks.  
You give us families that meet at this time  
to reunite and be one with each other.  
For this, we give thanks.  
You have let us live in a land  
that has unbridled opportunity and unparalleled freedoms.  
For this, we give thanks.  
For those who are hungry today,  
we pray for their fulfillment.  
For families that are separated, we pray for their unity.  
And for people who live in the midst of persecution,  
we pray for their deliverance.  
We ask all these things through Christ,  
our ever-risen Lord.  
Amen.



## FREE or LOW-COST HEALTH COVERAGE from Fidelis Care.

One of the challenges we all face is finding quality, affordable healthcare coverage to meet our individual needs and the needs of our families. Diocesan leaders are aware of this critical issue and encourage parishioners to consider the affordable healthcare options available from Fidelis Care, a statewide non-profit health plan rooted in the tradition of Catholic health care.

Fidelis Care is the New York State Catholic Health Plan – a growing health insurance company with a mission to reach the uninsured and medically underserved in New York State. Fidelis Care offers free or low-cost comprehensive health coverage through the Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, and Medicaid Managed Care programs, covering checkups, dental and eye care, preventive care, well-child visits, immunizations, lab tests, x-rays, hospitalization, emergency treatment, and more.

**Child Health Plus** is for uninsured children in New York State under the age of 19, regardless of family income.

**Family Health Plus** is for uninsured adults, ages 19-64, who are residents of New York State. You must meet certain income guidelines to qualify for coverage.

**Medicaid Managed Care** is for children and adults who meet certain income, resource, age, or disability requirements.

Members of our parish community who may be uninsured or have limited income should talk to a local Fidelis Care representative to see if they qualify for coverage. A local representative is available to meet with you during evening hours, on the weekends at your home and will guide you through the process and give you the information you need along with peace of mind.

For more information about the programs and services offered by Fidelis Care or to apply, please call toll free: 1-888-FIDELIS (1-888-343-3547).



### News from Seton Academy

#### Thanks-Giving and Thanks-Living

When one cured leper ran back to thank Jesus for his healing, Jesus said, sadly: “Were not ten made clean? Where are the others?” At Mass, do you sometimes ask Where are the others you see only on Ash Wednesday, Easter and Christmas? Like the nine cured lepers who meant to go back and thank Jesus, many are grateful but fail to express their gratitude. Parents of ‘adopted’ students express their appreciation for financial assistance by offering time, talent and service to the parish and school. Jesus, who often felt the sting of ingratitude, waits to give you His blessing for helping an ‘adopted’ student attend our school this year. Thank you.

Sister Helen, SSJ

#### Visitors to Seton Academy

Sister Gregory, SSJ visited all the students at Seton Academy to talk about vocations and to spread God’s message of His love for children. Sister used a delightful PowerPoint presentation and led the children in singing about God’s goodness and love.

John Coryea, an Iraq veteran, talked to the students on November 10 and explained a little bit about what our military personnel in Iraq do to help bring about peaceful and safe living conditions. He showed a number of pictures that make the whole situation so much more real for students. The students expressed their gratitude to all veterans in patriotic songs, poems and prayer



### News from Seton Catholic

Seton Catholic Central students have a community service requirement for each year. Middle School students must complete 10 hours per year; High School students must complete 25 hours per year. To date, middle school students have completed 137 hours while high school students have performed 1,473 hours.

Preparations for the annual Christmas Dinner, December 6, are underway. Part of the dinner is a cash raffle. Parishioners will be receiving invitations to purchase raffle tickets. You may also download them by going to Msgr. Aucoin's blog at the Seton Catholic website (<http://www.setoncatholic.net>).

The 2010 Yearbooks are now on sale and can be purchased by going to <http://jostensyearbooks.com>. After arriving at the site, select Seton Catholic (Make sure that you select the correct one since there are other Seton Catholics.).

Seton Catholic just published the *Knightly News*. You may download a copy by going to Msgr. Aucoin's blog on the school website.

CHRIST THE KING

