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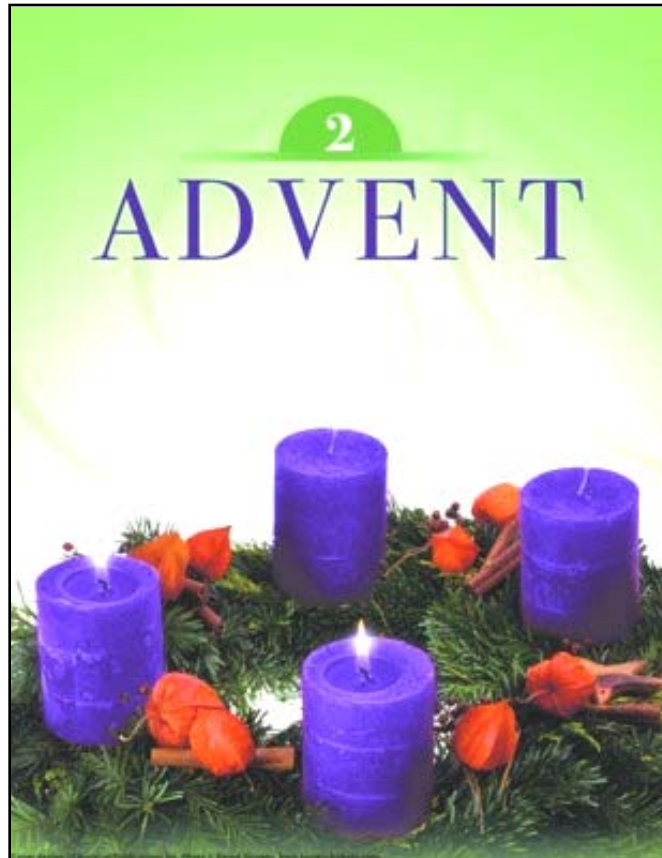
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Office Hours are
Monday-Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm



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

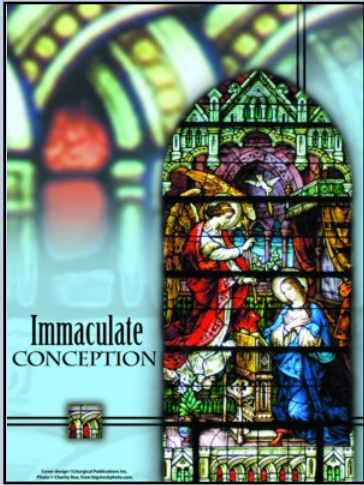
6:00-8:00am 1st Sat. of the Month
7:30-8:00am Thursday
12:30-1:00pm Friday

Baptism and Marriage

Please call the Parish Office

Second Sunday of Advent

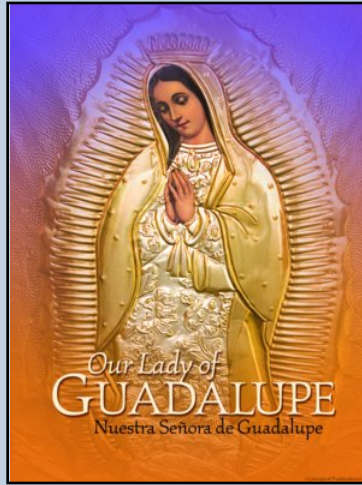
December 6, 2009



Immaculate
CONCEPTION

December 8

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.



Our Lady of
GUADALUPE
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe God of power and mercy, you blessed the Americas at Tepeyac with the presence of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe. May her prayers help all men and women to accept each other as brothers and sisters. Through your justice present in our hearts, may your peace reign in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The twenty-second annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be conducted in our parishes the weekend of December 12 and 13. At our Masses on that Third Sunday of Advent we will find John the Baptist instructing the crowds to be generous in word and deed and to act justly. What an appropriate context in which to reflect on the generous ministry of the women and men of consecrated life.

Throughout their lives, women and men religious adhere to the instruction of the Baptist through lives of service and prayer, freely sharing their gifts of faith and grace. For generations, the religious congregations cared for their elderly members. In recent decades, however, elderly religious began to outnumber the number of religious earning stipends. In 1972, special legislation enabled religious to enter the Social Security system. However, their benefits average only one-third those of the average recipient. Thousands of elderly women and men religious now need assisted living or skilled nursing care.

Ninety percent of the proceeds from this collection will be distributed by the Diocese and benefit the religious communities that serve here today and those who have served in the past. The remaining ten percent will be sent to the National Religious Retirement Office for national distribution. Last year's contributions from Catholics in the North Country totaled \$149,373.49. These funds were distributed locally among thirty-three communities of women and men.

Please join me in expressing our gratitude to these women and men who have made great contributions to the Church of Ogdensburg by generously contributing to this year's Appeal. We pray that all religious may continue to be beacons of faith and hope who lead others to Christ.

Gratefully yours in Christ,



Reverend Terry R. LaValley, J.C.L.
Diocesan Administrator



Deacon Mark, Kelley Andrew,
Laurel Genier,
(kneeling) Debbie Dragoon.

The generous employees of the Wyeth Research facility in Chazy, N.Y. went above and beyond this year. At a time when their own future employment is in doubt, they provided **forty four (44) large Thanksgiving baskets** to the people of our community. They explained that although they are not sure what their future holds, they realized how important this annual event was to so many of our North Country neighbors. Please keep them all in your prayers and join me in thanking these wonderful, thoughtful people.

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



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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.

**Helen McCort
Ellen LaCroix**



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 Dec. 6, and Dec 13.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Coffeehouse

The coffeehouse will take place on **Friday, Dec. 11** from 7-9 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. This is a time to share in each other's company while displaying and enjoying the different talents our parish has been blessed with! If you would like to SIGN UP FOR AN ACT, please let Alison know through the office. These acts could pertain to mostly anything, including singing, dancing, art, poetry, bands, instrument playing, unicycle riding, etc.! Let's come together to give glory to God in the highest by honoring Christ's Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Waiting For God in Winter ~ A Retreat for Women

“Advent is a time of waiting – waiting for Christ to be born anew into our lives. This is not a passive waiting, but an active, attentive waiting alert to the presence of God. In this retreat, we will look deeply at the ordinariness of winter; the darkness, the light, the snow and ice, the stillness of life beneath the snow, seeking God’s work, and God’s grace surrounding us as abundantly as in the bursting verdancy of spring.”

Aileen O’Donoghue

You are invited to an Advent Retreat at St. Peter’s Church the weekend of **December 11 – 13.**

- Fri 7-8:30 pm: “The Gift of Darkness” ~
- Sat 10am-8pm: “Sunlight, Starlight, & Grace, “The Wonders of Snow, Ice & Cold”, & Evening Prayer Service ~
- Sun. 9-11am “Life Beneath the Surface”

To register and receive retreat details, call the Parish Office at 563-1692

Back to Basics

Are you an adult who wants to learn more about your Catholic Faith? In early November Anita Soltero lead a class on the *Attributes of God: Love, Almighty, Etemal, Good, One, and Just* from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The next class will take place **Sunday, December 6th 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.

Annual Keeseville-Peru Ecumenical Choir Concert

The Keeseville-Peru Ecumenical Choir will be performing two concerts. The first concert will be **Saturday, December 12**, at 7:30pm at St. John the Baptist Church in Keeseville. The second concert will be **Sunday, December 13**, 7:30 pm at St. Augustine’s Church in Peru. The choir is directed by Jeanette Woodruff and accompanied by Carol Bachand. The choir will be performing a variety of sacred and secular Christmas music. Admission is free.

The Giving Tree



The “Giving Tree” has been placed in the Church with the gift requests of a number of people in our community. You are invited to take a card from the tree and purchase the suggested gift for a resident of the Plattsburgh area who may be facing tough economic challenges this Christmas.

Please make sure that the gift card is firmly affixed to the package and drop it off at the rectory office. The last day to drop off gifts will be on **Friday the 18th** of December.

Christmas Church Decorations

Envelopes can be found in your annual box set and at the entrances to the Church. Your gifts help to pay for our church decorations at Christmas and also offers an opportunity to remember a friend or family member. For names to appear on our Christmas Memorial insert in our bulletin, envelopes with memorial name **must be received by Friday, December 11**. Kindly print names legibly.



Christmas Dinner

The Annual Seton Christmas Dinner will be held on **Sunday, December 6th** at Seton Catholic Central from 12:00-5:00 p.m.. We will serve a turkey with all the trimmings, apple crisp and pumpkin pie. Adults \$9, Seniors (55+) \$8, Children 5-12 \$5, under 5 yrs FREE, take outs \$9. There will be a cash raffle with 1st prize of \$1,000 (raffle tickets available the dinner, silent auction, wreath sale, and a visit from the Singing Santa from 1-3pm. School clubs will collect toys & food for local families. Take outs available. All proceeds benefit Seton Catholic and Seton Academy. Please join us!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Soulful Christmas Celebration

Presented by the Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir
Sunday, Dec. 6 at Giltz Auditorium at 5:00 p.m.
Tickets: In advance: Students -\$5. Public \$12
At the Door: Students - \$8. Public -\$15

Save the date!

St. John's Second Annual Charity Ball is scheduled for Friday, **February 12, 2010!** Mark your calendars for this wonderful semi-formal event to benefit charity! This year, the proceeds will be shared equally - half will go toward **St. John's Special Needs Access Entrance** and half will go to support the **Healthy Beginnings**

program. Healthy Beginnings is a program run by our local Catholic Charities office, so all proceeds stay here in our community. The program addresses depression issues during and after pregnancy and serves 35 - 40 women and their families in our area each year. Tickets would make a lovely Christmas gift both to your loved one and to charity and will be available for a donation of \$50 per person beginning the weekend of December 5th & 6th! For more information, call St. John's at 563-0730.

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 **December 5 & 6.**
Join the Knights of Columbus on the **2nd 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.
- **Catholic Daughters of America**
CDA Court# 479 will hold its regular meeting and Christmas Luncheon at Butcher Block at 11:45 a.m. on **Monday, Dec. 7.** Please bring your donation for Mission of Hope.
- **Rosary Altar Christmas Dinner Party**
Tuesday December 8 - Emmaus Room
Cocktails - 5:45 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
- **Parish Nurses**
The Parish Nurses hold meetings on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** at 7 pm in the Emmaus Room. The next meeting is **December 8.** Members, please bring a copy of your license.
- **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 for the group will take place on **Wednesday, Dec. 9** 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 **Wednesday, Dec. 9th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- **Liturgy Committee**
Will meet on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 2:45 p.m. in the rectory.
- **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**
Advent...A time to wait, a time to Listen. God Seeks the quiet of our heart to speak in the stillness of our soul.
The practice of "Christian Meditation" offers that time, join us **each Thursday**, 6:00 to 7:30pm St. Peter's Chapel (for more information 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.



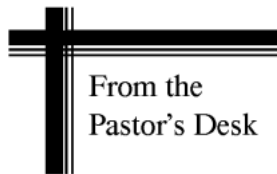
Second Sunday of Advent

The very music swells and lifts at the beginning of George Frederick Handel's Messiah as the tenor sings, "Every valley shall be exalted." The staccato of "ev-ry va-al-ley" jumps up the scale as though the music itself is lifting up the valleys making a level path and a smooth highway. Performances of the Messiah abound this time of year in concert halls, churches, and on television. Listen closely, and you may even hear selections punctuate the piped in music of malls and department stores.

What is fascinating is that most people associate one of the most famous selections from the Messiah with Christmas. But the renowned "Hallelujah" chorus is not part of the Christmas section of Messiah. It comes at the end of part two, the section devoted to Christ's passion, death, and (hallelujah!) resurrection. There is a certain wisdom in associating this Easter message with the Advent-Christmas season. It is Christ's resurrection from the dead that is the origin of our faith. And while we prepare to celebrate his birth, what we are ultimately called to do is to be ready for when he comes again.

The prophet's message that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God," is a reminder in this Advent season of where we are really headed. It's likely that we're getting into our cars a little more often these days heading to stores and parties and Christmas events. We hope that the road we travel will be smooth. But the prophet's vision isn't about highway projects. It is about eternal salvation. Maybe when we get behind the wheel each day this month we can just say a little prayer asking God to keep us on the right path.

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From the Pastor's Desk

A big word of thanks to the employees of Wyeth-Ayerst/ Pfizer who so generously contributed 40 enormous Thanksgiving baskets to St. Peter's for distribution throughout

the area. In the midst of their anxiety about future employment they still recognize the need to share with those who struggle. They are an inspiration to all! Thanks also to the 300 parishioners who have taken a name/gift card from our giving tree. Your generosity in purchasing a gift for a needy individual will make for a bright Christmas.

Advent is a time to renew our lives - a time to become more Christ-like. The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Please consider this most important holiday preparation.

Fr. John

Additional Gifts

Gifts in memory of James V. Yonkovig to the Emmaus Room have recently been received from Cecilia Reavis, Sheila Harrison, Clark and Kathleen Everleth, The Altar Rosary Society, Maynard and Margaret Rascoe, Mary Remillard, Frank and Barbara Ruggeri, Simone Marcotte, Rodney and Carol Kipp. Sincere thanks to all.

Advent Penance Services

St. Peter's - **Thurs., Dec. 17** at 7 p.m.,
St. Alexander's in Morrisonville, **Thurs, Dec. 10** at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 8th - A Holy Day

Catholics throughout the United States will gather on this National Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be at 6:45 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 5:05 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Altar Memorial Mass 12:05 p.m.

Beatrice O'Connell by her husband & children, **Malcom, Eva & Edna Hackett, Harvey & Yvonne Cartier, Ferdinand & Rita Cartier, Roland & Beulah Cartier, Rita & Anita LaPlante, Margaret Caska** by Harold Sandy Derr, **Orel Defayette** by Jim & Joan Fleury, **Charles & Helena LaClair** by family, **Calista Dumont** by Gerry & Sandy Smith, **Dr. David Gormon** by Tiep Van Hoang & Yenthi Guyen, **Donald Baker** by his family, **Belma Beebie** by Doug LaPorte, **Leo & Dora Sears & Family** by Valida Cote, **George Cote** by Valida & family, **Gilbert Trombley** by wife & family, **Ricky P. Mitchell** by his family, **John Trudeau** by M/M Francis Menard, **Mike Brodi** by Joan Guimond, **Fortin & Defayette family** by Henrietta Defayette, **Ray & Theresa Gallant** by Gary & Perry Provost, **Marjorie McGee** by Sew-n-Sew Home Bureau, **Wallace Russell** by Elwood & Anne Jennette, **Sharon Gibson** by Mom & Dad, **Richard E. Rascoe, Sr.** by Grace & family, **Clayton & Stella Golden** by Betty Lynch, **Rita Rock** by M/M George Miller, **Raymond Lynch, Jr.** by wife and family, **Majorie & Lewis Royal** by Majorie Royal, **Gabrielle Cox** by Mary Ann Cox, **Felix & Alma Trombley** by Thomas Trombley, **Roland Racine** by Jerry & Jenny Ducharme, **Deceased Members of the Webb/Keable families** by Carolyn & James Keable, **Patti Kivett** by Gillis Green & Noel Foley, **Clarence Miner** by John Chauvin, **Marc Delio** by Alexis, Mom & Dad, **Ted Stein** by Bud & Joan Sharron, **William Tart** by Jane Chagnon, **Jake DeCelle** by his family, **Carol Lewis** by Richard & Barb Filion, **Drew Hamel** by Mary Beth Bracy, **Carmen Lambert** by Venus Wood, **Marion Schmitt** by Ansel & Faye LaForest, **Roger Forkey** by Maureen Balas, **Isadore Defayette** by Carl & Jeanette Clark, **Lucilda Patnode** by Skip & Deb O'Hara, **Cipriana Leiva** by Flores family, **James LaBombard** by M/M Carl Dragoon, **Pamela Frederick** by Stephen Brodi & family, **Linda Pickering** by Glen & Melissa LaVenture, **Barbara Colon** by LaValley family, **Brynes & Spiegel family** by M/M Huru, **Marie "Betty" Aabye** by Joseph & Julie Fredette, **James Bracy** by Linda & Family, **Shirley Fassett** by John Ryan, **Leona Forkey** by Denny & Sandy McCarthy, **Vanessa Racette** by Carmeleta E. Panton, **James Yonkovig** by Claire Frischmann.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December *St. Ambrose*

6:45am Cipriana Leiva by the Flores family

12:05pm Billy Tart by his Mother

Tuesday, December 8 *Immaculate Conception*

6:45am Eva Favro by her son Ted

12:05pm Altar Memorial Mass

5:05pm Altar Memorial Mass

Wednesday, December 9

6:45am Special Intention for St. Theresa by a parishioner

12:05pm Deceased Members of the DeFayette Family
by Henrietta

Thursday, December 10

6:45am Barb Colon by Angie & Francis Williams

12:05pm James Stiles by his parents and wife & Gary

Friday, December 11 *Saint Damasus I*

6:45am Linda Pickering by Barbara Fuller

12:05pm Mike Brodi by Steve Brodi

Saturday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:15am James LaBombard by his family

4:00pm For All Parishioners

Sunday, December 13 *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00am Irene Burns by her husband and family

9:30am Marion Pombrio by M&M David Pombrio

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



Readings for the Week of December 6

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/
Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38
or 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18

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Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory of

Edward Addie & Theresa Desautels

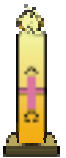
by David & Ann Marie Bilow

In Memory of **Beatrice O'Connell**

by Carol & Robert

In Memory of **Verlia Jock**

by Marge & Hazel



You may contact the Parish Office
to secure a time for a seven day vigil candle
-- \$10 is the offering.

Lake Champlain 2010 Bus For Life March for Life in Washington D.C.

A bus will leave from St. Peters Church on **Thursday, Jan. 21** at
7:30 p.m. for the March which is the next day. To reserve a seat on the
bus call the Parish Office at 563-1692. The cost is \$25.



Please remember in your prayers
all of our parish family and
friends who suffer physically,
emotionally or spiritually.

Christmas Cards...HELP!!!

The parish sends out over 1,800 Christmas cards! If you could give
an hour to help, the task will become quite easy! Please come to the
Emmaus Room on **Monday, Dec. 7th at 9 a.m.** Refreshments will be
served. The project should take no more than 90 minutes. Thank you!

God's Plan for Giving ... Tithing

November 30, 2008..... \$12,896.00
November 29, 2009 \$12,136.50

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

Family Promise Benefit

There will be a benefit concert performed by the **Gibson
Brothers** for the **Family Promise Network** on **Saturday the 30th**
of January 2010 at the Chazy Central Rural School. The concert will
begin at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale in the Atrium after all the
weekend Masses on the 5th and 6th of December. This would make a
great Christmas gift!

Vocations

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptizer made ready the way of
the Lord. Who will make ready the way
today? If God is calling you, talk to your
pastor or visit www.myvocation.net to contact
Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.

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.