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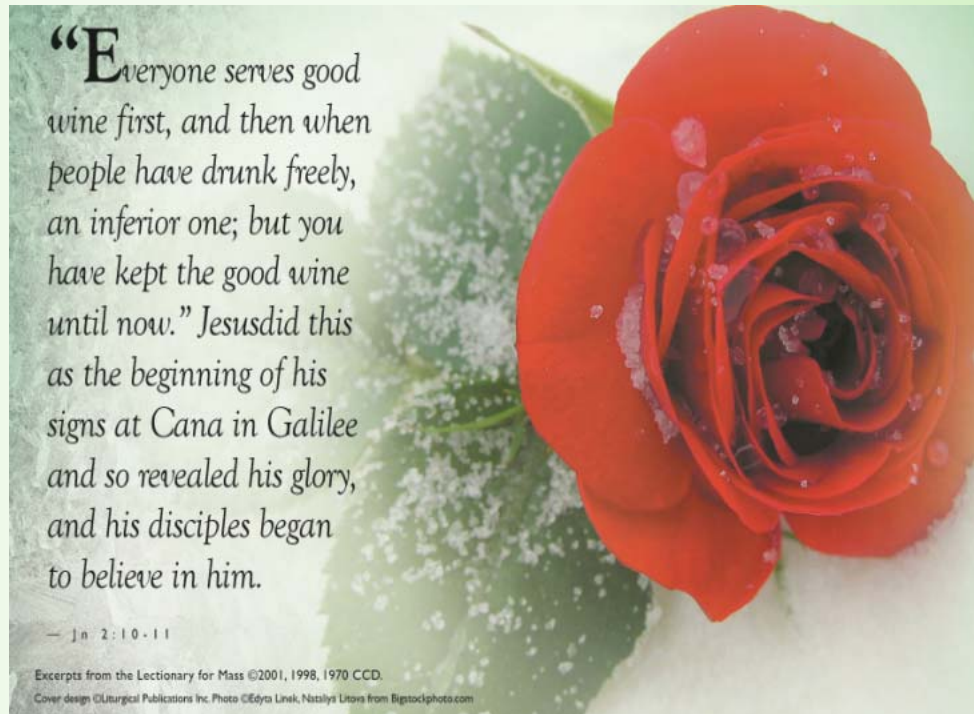
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Liturgical Celebrations

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 in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2010



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.



Eliza Zdis, Samantha Mulcahy, Rachel Daly, and Alex a Cosgro all students from Seton Catholic High School on the Constitution Ave. in Washington DC.

Reflections -- Right to Life March Washington, DC

January 21, 2009



Christopher Fisher and Rachael Taft standing before the flame that burns for the many victims of the holocaust that took place in Nazi Germany.

The March for Life, forme, was an extraordinary experience. It often feels to me like our culture simply doesn't want to listen to the truth in the pro-life movement, but as we all gathered to protest abortion, there was such an unbelievable sense of solidarity, I knew for certain that we would eventually make ourselves heard. I think we marchers brought strength to each other through our dedication to human life.

Our youth bus also visited the Holocaust museum, which showed us another example of the abuse of human life. We looked upon the empty shoes, the gruesome photographs, and the evidence of all the lives and stories that were cut short by Hitler, and it really brought home the reality that abortion is hardly any different. I think all who went were renewed in their determination to stand strong for human life.

By Rachel Daly



"In this year of 2009 America is looking for change. Our new president is promising us "change".

The March for Life changed my outlook on life. I experienced many powerful feelings throughout the trip, but none so powerful as what I experienced at the Holocaust Museum. The museum isn't so much a museum as it is a memorial to those who died during Hitler's oppression of the non Arian races of Europe.

In history books the Holocaust is represented in numbers. How many died, how many escaped, how many were rescued by the allies... the list goes on. I too used to think of all those killed in the Holocaust as mere statistics... until I saw portraits of families in the concentration camps.

These were not numbers, these were PEOPLE. Real, flesh and blood people. that's when it hit me: unborn babies are people too. they have faces, hands and feet: just like us. They have hearts, and minds: just like us. And they have SOULS: just like us!

If we truly want "change" it must start with our hearts and souls. united in life, love, and Jesus Christ, I truly believe we CAN change the world."

By Christopher Fisher



Altar Training Session

Did your child miss the last altar server training session? Is he or she currently in the 4th grade or higher? Have they made their First Communion? Would they like to be part of this very important ministry? There will be an altar server training session on **Saturday, January 30th** at 9:30am. Anyone who missed the last training session is encouraged to attend. The forms can be found in the Atrium. Please return the forms to the Parish Office by Thursday, January 28th.



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

Tony McMartin



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. Classes will resume on **January 24** and continue on Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 28, March 7, 21, & 28, April 25, May 2, and May 9. For further questions please contact Therese Moen at 563-3278 or e-mail stpetersdre@primelink1.net.

Back to Basics

Join us for the next Adult teaching on **Sunday, Feb. 7th** at 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Seton Academy Cafeteria. Anita Soltero will bring us through the Lord's Prayer. Hopefully, we shall go deeper into an understanding of the prayer that Jesus' taught us!

First Holy Communion Meeting

Our next First Communion meeting will be **January 24th** at 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM in the Cafeteria. Parents and Children must be present for this meeting!

RCIA

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and Baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to receive the promise of new life through Baptism. If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact Therese Moen at 563-3278 or stpetersdre@primelink1.net.

Are you interested or is anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

St. Peter's Parish will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing or difficult questions you may have about the Catholic Church. These gatherings are for inquirers into the Catholic Faith and are open to those unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. We meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Upper Room located upstairs from the Chapel. Feel free to come any Wednesday evening.

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

Children's Ministry

There will be a meeting of the Children's Ministry on Thursday, **January 28** at 6:30PM in the Parish Office. We will be discussing our Lenten Plans. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a **Children's Liturgy** in the Chapel to further reflect on the Gospel readings on Sundays at the 11:00 mass on January 31, and February 7 and 21.

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 January to May, 2010. 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 Remillard at 569-7573 or mertziefiftyfive@gmail.com.



Life Matters

On January 22, thousands of people will attend the National March for Life in Washington, DC including several busloads of citizens from the Diocese of Ogdensburg. They will peacefully speak for the unborn child and against the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling. In the first reading today, we hear Isaiah shouting in the desert, "For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet." Let us pray today for those who will attend the March and for the rest of us that, like Isaiah, we will not be silent, but will speak for the dignity and respect of all human life from conception to natural death. May those traveling to DC have a safe journey, and may God bless them on this holy pilgrimage.

Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Why Catholic? —2010

The final year of the **Why Catholic?** program will begin the week of the **14th of February**. The sessions for the final installment of the program will be on **Christian Prayer: Deepening your experience of God**. There are still some spaces available in the groups meeting on Monday evening, Wednesday morning or Thursday afternoon. All participants are also welcome to attend the Community leader training sessions which will be held in the Emmaus room on the 27th of January at either 1:00 – 3:00 pm or 7:00 – 9:00pm. Please give Deacon Mark a call at the rectory office if you are interested in participating in this program during the Lenten season.

Dress Up or Denim Down Parish Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 30th** for our Annual Parish Appreciation Dinner. If you are involved in any of our many ministries this party is for you! It is a time to give thanks for all that is happening in our parish. The theme of **"Dress Up or Denim Down"** means that it will be a Glamour and Glitz or come casual. Wear all the bling you want or come in denim. The Great Adirondack Soup Company will cater the dinner that begins at 5 p.m. with drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the Seton Academy gym. Reservations are required by phoning the rectory at 563-1692 or by emailing at spchurch1692@primelink1.net

Angry, Alienated and Inactive Catholics

Deacon Frank Bushey will be hosting a four week discussion for those people who have become disenchanted with our Catholic faith for any reason. The sessions will be held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings **beginning on the 24th of February** in the Emmaus Room. If you have friends or relatives who have fallen away from the faith, this discussion may prove helpful to them. Please contact the Parish Office to sign-up or if you have any questions.

Director of youth Ministry for the Diocese

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has an immediate opening for the full-time position of Director of Youth Ministry. The Director for the organization and operation of the Youth Ministry Program in conjunction with other staff of the Department of Christian Formation under the direction of the Director of Education. The Director must be a practicing Catholic who has demonstrated a successful experience in Youth Ministry. Strong leadership skills in the areas of financial management, communication, and public relations are required. A post high school education is also required. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to: Human Resources Office, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Deadline for application is Jan. 25.

Church Donations and the IRS

In the mail this week you should have received a letter from the parish expressing gratitude for your financial support. The letter may be helpful in filling out your tax returns. If there are any questions about the letter, please call the rectory. Thanks to all who support the parish so generously.

IN OUR PARISH

- **Environmental Stewardship Committee**
The St. Peter's Environmental Stewardship Committee will be meeting on **Sunday, January 24th** from noon to 1:00 in the Emmaus Room. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.
- **Upcoming Parish Meetings**
Parish Council: **Monday, January 25**
Council Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Emmaus Room – they are open to all in the 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 for the group will take place on **Wed., January 27**. The meetings run from 7-8:00pm in the Emmaus Room.
- **Healing Mass**
On **Friday, February 5** 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.
- **Life Matters**
The Respect Life Committee will hold the first meeting of the New Year on **Sunday, February 7** at 1 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information contact Karen Smith at (518) 566-6229.
- **Light Weigh**
For information on this spiritual growth weight loss program, that has been a blessing to many. Call Sue at 561-2782 for the meeting time this week.
- **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**
A great way to begin 2010...listening to the Lord. 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).
- **Parish Nurses**
The Parish Nurses hold meetings on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** at 7 pm in the Rectory. The next meeting is **Feb. 9**. Members, please bring a copy of your license.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

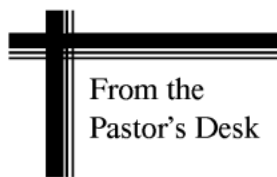
It's the miracle that always captures the attention! Sight restored. Lame limbs healed. Hearing brought back. The dead raised. Water changed into

wine. When you think about it, the first four are often routine today. Granted, the miracle doesn't happen every time. But many have their sight restored through cataract surgery. Broken bones that would have led to incapacitation are mended. Cochlear implants help some who did not hear. And even some people who were in cardiac arrest have been brought back. These medical miracles happen so regularly that we don't even advert to them as "miracles" anymore. They are "procedures." It's when things don't work that we get disappointed-and maybe even pray for a miracle.

Of course, we still haven't been able to crack that water-into-wine thing. It is still a bona fide miracle. Relying on the miraculous misses the point that John is trying to make in today's Gospel. The "sign" is not about how much wine we can get out of Jesus, but rather that he was revealing his glory, leading his disciples to belief. The signs in John's Gospel are again and again about faith, about coming to believe in Jesus.

Praying for the miraculous can lead to an increase of faith. But we can't let the miracle-or lack thereof-get in the way of faith. Instead, we can let our faith uncover the miraculous that already takes place each day: the healing that goes on in hospitals; the amazing production of food that feeds so many; the growing ability of humankind to understand this created world; the wonder of a child who grows from just a few cells to an adult in the span of two decades. It's these miracles that can capture our attention and deepen our faith!

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From the Pastor's Desk

Special thanks to Msgr. Joseph Aubin for being with us today. I am away gathering tropical palms for Palm Sunday - I'll see you next weekend!

Please consider the Parish Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 30th. This is always an enjoyable night out during our long winter. The buffet dinner includes beef and chicken. There will be drinks and appetizers starting at 5 in the Seton Academy gym.

Let us keep in prayer all of our fellow parishioners who will be traveling to Washington DC this week to voice our concern for the sacredness of human life. As a parish we offer our gratitude for these defender's of life. As American citizens it is critical that we hold sacred an individual's "inalienable right to life."

Fr. John

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Many men and women have been honored with titles, monuments, celebrations, and speeches. The people we honor with national holidays speak to the character of our country and the values we hold. Our founding president, George Washington, and the great "Emancipator," Abraham Lincoln, share a holiday. Those who served their country in the armed forces share another. And in January, we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. whose life was characterized by the struggle for equality for all citizens of this nation. That we honor those who preserved our freedom-our veterans-and one who worked to ensure that everyone could enjoy the benefits of a free society shows the strength of our commitment to the principals of life and liberty that our founders sought to ensure for all citizens of our land.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you to express my utmost appreciation of you and the generosity you showed towards me when I spoke at the masses at St. Peter's on January 2 & 3. I firmly believe that whenever God's truths are spoken about in a passionate way, people respond and respond greatly. However, I never expected to receive such an incredibly warm welcome from your parish community, and in my own doubt, I expected even less the incredible amount of financial support I received from your parish. With a blizzard keeping many tied up in their homes, I still received an incredible \$2,479.76. I can never thank you enough for your support, so I will leave that up to God. We remember His promise, "whoever gives so much as a cup of cold water to my disciples, will surely not lose his reward". Thank your for joining me on my mission, for helping to build the Kingdom of God in our world today. If you would like to keep in touch with me and my mission, to receive my newsletter updates and to see where your prayers and financial support are going, feel free to email me anytime at missions.james@gmail.com. If you would like to continue to



support Christ's mission of salvation to the ends of the earth, feel free to send any checks to "Family Missions Company" at 12624 Everglade Board, Abbeville, LA 70510 and fill in "James Franke" in the memo line. You are all in my prayers and I look forward to the days when I can return home and share with you all of the glory of God's kingdom being building in our world today. May the peace of Christ be with each and every one of you.

God Bless, James Franke



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 18

6:45am Frank Defayette by his family
12:05pm Ron Yanick by Helen Kerr



Tuesday, January 19

6:45am Peg West by her husband John
12:05pm Isadore Defayette by Faith Lamberton

Wednesday, January 20

6:45am Leon Forkey by Dick & Geraldine Knowles
12:05pm Dr. Arthur deGrandpre by The Baroody Family

Thursday, January 21 Saint Agnes

6:45am Clarence Miner by Betty & Martin Gregory Jr.
12:05pm Priscilla O'Connell by Joyce & Clarence Kelley

Friday, January 22

6:45am Bernadette & Arthur Frenya by their children
12:05pm William Tart (1st Anniv.) by Hector Duquette

Saturday, January 23

8:15am Sharon Sample by Sample & Rabideau families
4:00pm Donald Wood (33rd Anniversary) by his family

Sunday, January 24

8:00am Fernand Bedard by Terry & Linda Guilbo
9:30am Thomas G. Miller by his sisters and brothers
11:00am For All Parishioners

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

News from Seton Academy

Mass Celebrating Catholic Schools

The students of Seton Catholic and Seton Academy will gather at St. John's Church on **Saturday, January 30** to celebrate Catholic education in the Plattsburgh area. Please plan to join us for this celebration.



Children Helping Children

The students of Seton Academy sent \$525 to the Holy Childhood Association on Tuesday, January 5. This included \$300 collected in the Advent boxes and \$225 collected during the fall. The students are happy to help those who are in need.

Spirit Night at Papa John's

Monday, Jan. 18 is Spirit Night for Seton Academy at Papa John's. If you order pizza and mention Seton Academy, you will be contributing to Seton Academy. In advance, we thank you.

North Country Mission of Hope Celebration

The North Country Mission of Hope is celebrating 10 years of service to those in Nicaragua. Please join us for our "Nica Fest" on **Sunday, January 17th** from 2-5 p.m. at Olive Ridley's on Court Street. There will be traditional Nicaraguan food, fun, dance and a silent auction. No cover charge. Donations accepted. Come join us for the fun.

Readings for the Week of January 17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/
Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/
Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
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Vigil Candles for this Week

Special Intentions for **Kevin Fountain**
by his parents
In memory of **Eunice Bilow**
by Marge Jock
In memory of **Alejandro Catalan**
by Annmarie Catalan



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

January 11, 2009\$12,709.00
January 10, 2010\$12,191.50

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

Vocations

You are filled with the Spirit! What is your gift? What is your ministry? Pray for wisdom and knowledge, faith and healing power. Pray to know how God wants you to use your gifts. If God is calling you, talk to your pastor or visit www.myvocation.net to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.