

# Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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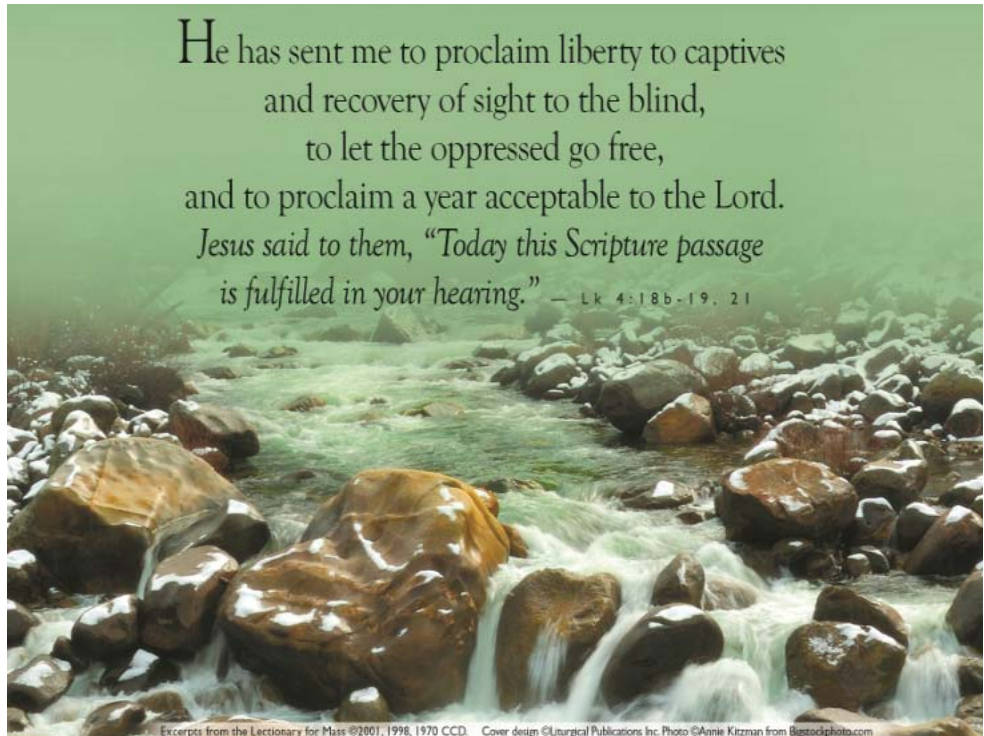
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He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.  
*Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage  
is fulfilled in your hearing." — Lk 4:18b-19, 21*

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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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 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.

### Dress Up or Denim Down Parish Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** for our Annual Parish Appreciation Dinner. If your 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 Glasual evening with Glamour and Glitz or come with 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](mailto:spchurch1692@primelink1.net).

**We  
Appreciate  
You**

### Family Stations

Please join the children's ministry on **Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** for a SOUP DINNER at 5:30 PM in the Emmaus Room followed by Stations of the Cross adapted for children. All donations will benefit the Holy Childhood



Association. For further questions please contact Miss Therese Moen at 563-3278 or [stpetersdre@primelink1.net](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net).

The Stations of the Cross is a popular devotion used by individuals or groups who wish through prayer and reflection to follow Jesus Christ on his way to Calvary. Many Christians practice this devotion, but the Stations holds a special significance among Roman Catholics. It is one of the most important devotions honoring the passion of Jesus Christ. What matters most in the Stations of the Cross is to follow Jesus Christ in his passion and to see ourselves mirrored in him. To face life's dark side in ourselves and in our world, we need images of hope, and Jesus offers images of hope in his passion. By accompanying him on the Way of the Cross, we gain his courageous patience and learn to trust in God who delivers us from evil.

### Ministry Fair:

*"But the greatest of these is love!"*

Have you been wondering sometime about a particular group that you have read about in the bulletin? Maybe you've thought about joining the Scripture study or a Why Catholic? group but would like to learn more about it? OR have you searched for a ministry to get involved with? Maybe you have noticed that we have a soup kitchen or family promise and wondered how you could help? Join us at the ministry fair on **Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the **Emmaus Room**. There are more than 30 specific opportunities for ministry in the parish. If there is a ministry you always wondered about this would be the opportunity to come and learn more! For more information please contact Ms. Starr Burke 420-7035 or e-mail at [sburke7035@charter.net](mailto:sburke7035@charter.net).

### 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.





### 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 30<sup>th</sup>** 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 28<sup>th</sup>.



### 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. 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 Miss Therese Moen at 563-3278 or e-mail [stpetersdre@primelink1.net](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net).

### Back to Basics

Join us for the next Adult teaching on **Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** 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!

### 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 Miss Therese Moen at 563-3278 or [stpetersdre@primelink1.net](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net).

### Are you interested 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](mailto:stpetersdre@primelink1.net).



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

**Gordon Hazel  
Helen Kerr**

## 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.

### 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.



#### Poster Contest Winners

The students of Seton Academy participated in the Substance Abuse Awareness Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #13127 from Our Lady of Victory Parish. Meghan Flynn was third place winner. Danilo Nocher placed second and Reilly Boule was the first place winner. Peter Guibord (Grand Knight) and George Barota (Program Coordinator) presented the awards.

#### Catholic School Week Activities

Theme: Catholic Schools-Dividends for Life

- Saturday Jan. 30 4:30 Mass at St. John's Church
- Monday, Feb. 1 1:00 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Peter's Church
- Tuesday, Feb. 2 Grandparents' Luncheon
- Wednesday, Feb. 3 1:00 Talent Show
- Thursday, Feb. 4 1:45 "What's in Your Bucket?" Game
- Friday, Feb. 5 1:00 Movie Afternoon
- Saturday, Feb. 6 Basketball Tournament in AuSable Forks

Throughout the week, the students and their families will be collecting food for the food shelf at Our Lady of Victory.



### Life Matters

In the second reading today, we hear Paul teach the people that "all the parts of the body, though many, are one body." He also says that "if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it." Let us pray today for all of our brothers and sisters who suffer physically, spiritually or emotionally. May they know that they are not alone, and that as one body in Christ, we pray for them and are here to help them bear their burdens!

## Can you Bake for a Family Promise Fundraiser?

Family Promise is hosting the Gibson Brothers in concert on **Saturday, January 30th**. We need volunteers to donate baked goods to sell at the concession stand. Please sign up in the Atrium. Donations can be dropped off at the office on Friday, January 29th or between 9 and 11 am on Saturday, January 30th in the Emmaus Room.

## Why Catholic? —2010

The final year of the **Why Catholic?** program will begin the week of the **14<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Family Promise Benefit

There will be a benefit concert performed by the Gibson Brothers for the Family Promise Network on **Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January** at the Chazy Central Rural School. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available from Family Promise, 36 Brinkerhoff S, Dick's Country Store, Churubusco, Guma's Restaurant, West Chazy, Adirondack Trading Company, Plattsburgh, and Homestead Restaurant, Chazy.

### Annual Charity Ball

St. John's Second Annual Charity Ball is scheduled for Friday, **February 12, 2010**. 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. Tickets will be available for a donation of \$50 per person. For more information, call St. John's at 563-0730.

### 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.

## 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month** at 7 pm in the Emmaus Room. The next meeting is **Feb. 9**. Members, please bring a copy of your license.

### • 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 **February 6&7**.

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 **February 10**.



### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

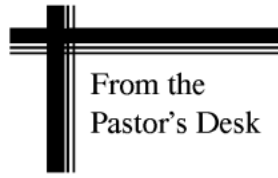
Do you believe that you are supposed to be Christ in this world today? You're baptized in his name.

You call yourself a Christian. You sign yourself with holy water and make the sign of the cross. Do you really believe that the Spirit of God is upon you?

Sometimes it's hard to conceive that. We can get ourselves into a baptismal inferiority complex: I'm not good enough to think that I can be Christ in this world. Only extraordinarily holy people-saints-can be like Christ. Thinking like that can lead to baptismal suicide-drowning in the waters of baptism without ever experiencing the power of the Resurrection. Paul doesn't mince any words this week when he tells the Corinthians, "You are Christ's body." He can say that because we have all been given of the one Spirit.

So, if you're baptized you have the Spirit of God, just like Jesus in today's Gospel. That Spirit of God sends us to bring good news to the poor, "to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."

WOW! What a task. It sounds impossible. As a matter of fact, it is-if we tried to do it alone. But we don't have to. We can do all those things-and more-because we are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, through one Spirit. How we work that out in each community is part of the discernment of the Spirit that takes place, discovering the best ways to use each person's talents and gifts. God's Spirit is given for the common good, and it is in the community of faith that each of us discovers the ways that God wants us to fulfill our baptismal call. ©2009 Liturgical Publications Inc



### From the Pastor's Desk

Next Saturday, January 30th is our Annual Parish Appreciation Dinner. If you have not yet made your reservation, the deadline is Monday, January 25th so please call or email the rectory.

Remember that the theme is "Dress Up or Denim Down" - so you can dress with all the glitz and bling you own or come casual. It will be a fun night with good friends and delicious food.

The parish owns the 3 acre field that once served as Seton Catholic's soccer field. Some the land will be used for the expansion of our parking lot...but not all 3 acres! What to do with the rest will be up for parish discussion at a parish wide meeting to be held in late February. Please talk this over with fellow parishioners and come to share in the brain storming!

*Fr. John*

### The Passion and Resurrection Narratives!

The Little Rock Scripture Study continues this Lenten season with two sessions to choose from -beginning on **Tuesday February 16th** and concluding on March 30th. Sessions will be held every Tuesday at 10:30AM in the Emmaus Room or 7:00PM in the chapel! This study compares the particular insights found in the passion and resurrection accounts of the four Gospels. Examining these events, the core of our faith, will challenge you to incorporate both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily living. Sign up by calling the Parish Office 563-1692 or filling out a form in the atrium. Suggested donation of \$10 is requested to cover the cost of the books.



### Fishin' for the Mission

The "Fishin' for the Mission" Ice Fish derby will be held on **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** on Chazy Lake on Route # 374. The \$20.00 entry fee includes a free Gander Mountain hat and a spaghetti dinner. All proceeds benefit the North Country Mission of Hope. Registration forms are available at Gander Mountain or at the State Boat Launch at Chazy Lake on the day of the event. Questions should be directed to Paul O'Connell at 566-6100 (Gander Mountain) or 569-4030.

### Have you considered Our Parish in your Estate Planning?

When considering gifts to charities in your Will or Trust please consider St. Peter's. Gifts can be made to the parish in the following manner through your Will or Trust: - A specific dollar amount- A percentage of your estate—A particular asset such as real estate or valuables.

For more information call Janice Shoen, Executive Director of Development for the Diocese of Ogdensburg at 315-393-3929 or Email [jshoen@diogdensburg.org](mailto:jshoen@diogdensburg.org).

### Free Flu Vaccine

**Saturday, Jan. 30** from 10 am to 12:30 pm at Champlain Centers Mall near the Borders entrance. Both H1N1 shot and nasal mist will be available. Dress for easy access to your upper arm. Sponsored by the Clinton County Health Department.



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, January 25 *The Conversion of Saint Paul***

6:45am James Brown by Centennial Abstract Co.  
12:05pm Jerome Woyshner by his Wife

**Tuesday, January 26 *Saints Timothy & Titus***

6:45am Betty Aabye by her Family  
12:05pm James Yonkovig by Roy & Carol Garrant

**Wednesday, January 27**

6:45am Gilles Mark Hebert (10th Anniversary) by his wife and Family  
12:05pm In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother for a Favor Received by Shelly & Mitchell Willette

**Thursday, January 28 *Saint Thomas Aquinas***

6:45am John Calkins by John & Sharon Champine & Family  
12:05pm Mike Rose by Allen & Claire Macey

**Friday, January 29**

6:45am Vanessa Racette by Reginal Burdo  
12:05pm Marie Goddeau (8th Anniv.) by her daughter Nancy

**Saturday, January 30**

8:15am Bertha Clark by Jay & Gail Recore  
4:00pm For All Parishioners



**Sunday, January 31**

8:00am Roswell Fassett, Jr. by his Family  
9:30am Dorothy Dowd by Joyce & Clarence Kelley  
11:00am Carmen Lambert by John & Carole Sorrell

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

**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 .



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.

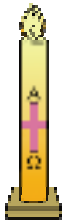
**Readings for the Week of January 24**

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  
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/  
Mk 16:15-18  
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/  
Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/  
Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/  
Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/  
Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--  
13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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**Vigil Candles for this Week**

In memory of **Marie Goddeau**  
by her Daughter Nancy  
In memory of **Eunice Bilow**  
by Norman & Bonnie Langlois  
In **Thanksgiving for a Favor**  
**Received** by a Parishioner



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 18, 2009.....\$14,444.00  
January 17, 2010 .....\$15,643.79  
Including Electronic Transfer  
Contributions for Haitian Relief\$5,180.00

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

**Vocations**

The Spirit of God is upon you! Through baptism and confirmation God sends you "to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim liberty to captives; to announce a year of favor from the Lord." Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister? Talk to your pastor or visit [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net) to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.