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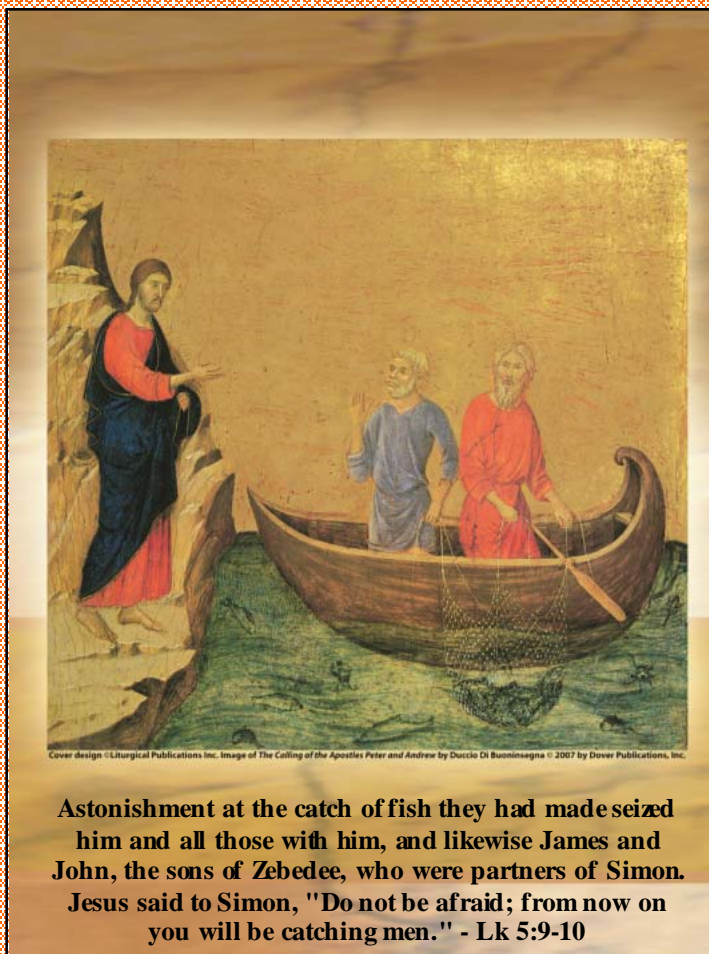
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Msgr. Robert Aucoin

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Monday-Friday

8:30am - 4:00pm



Astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." - Lk 5:9-10

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 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.

Prayer for Vocations

Holy God,

With gratitude in our hearts, we praise you for your love and your fidelity.

You have shown us the way to holiness through Mary and Jesus and many faithful witnesses.

You continue to call men and women to dedicate their lives through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Give them courage to respond generously to your call with "Here I am, send me!"

Blessed by your Spirit, may we always proclaim your love with our lives.

Amen

Prayer for a New Bishop

Almighty Father,

for one hundred thirty-seven years you have sent to the Church of Ogdensburg shepherds after your own heart.

Send forth the Holy Spirit upon Pope Benedict, that he might choose for us a new Bishop, full of courage in preaching the Gospel, wisdom in governing the Church, and zeal in leading us in the paths of holiness.

Grant to the man you will send to us the protection of our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, our Mother and our Patroness.

We make this prayer through her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Lenten Adoration

Spend an hour once a week before the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration begins every weekday morning at 7:15 AM and ends on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:00PM and at 9:00PM on Wednesdays. You will be amazed what an hour with the Lord can do for you.

(Tear off and drop in the collection basket or in the sign-up basket in Atrium.)



HOURLY LENTEN ADORATION SIGN-UP

(Please Print)

Name _____ Tel#:(Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-Mail: _____:

First Choice : Day _____ Hour: _____

Second Choice: Day _____ Hour: _____

Please note change in hours:

New Schedule

M-T-W - 7:15 AM to 7:00 PM

Weds. Only - 7:15 AM to 9:00 PM

Or

Can Substitute on: Day _____ Hour: _____

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



**Jacob Michael Charles Latour
Christopher Edward Simpson Parrott**

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.

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 be held on 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.

Collection for Church Europe

On Ash Wednesday we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The Church in this region continues to have great needs for its essential pastoral work. Your donations invest in future generations of Catholics: a gift of faith to the future. Please be generous in our parish Collection to support our sisters and brothers throughout Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Asia that were once under Soviet control.



Delivery of Cookies

Girl Scout Troop 4173 would like to thank the parishioners of St. Peter's Church for their support of our 5th annual Gift of Caring project. Because of your generosity, the girls will be delivering 151 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the St. Peter's Soup Kitchen this March. Thank you for showing the girls how a small act of kindness can really help make the world a better place.

Living Waters

Living Waters Healing Ministry is seeking new members to be a part of the healing team. Interested individuals are required to submit a formal application along with a letter of recommendation from your Pastor, submit to a personal interview, and be willing and able to commit to an initial training period of 15 hours (spread out over a 6 week period of about 2 1/2 hours each week) and 6 hours per month thereafter to participate in a Healing Service and team meetings. Applications can be picked up at the Rectory, on-line at spchurch1692@primelink1.net, or by calling 563-1692. **Deadline for receiving applications is Feb. 22.**

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



**Patricia Howard
Paul T. Polhemus
Michael "Tony" McMartin**

children's Ministry

Children's Liturgy

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 February 7 and 21.

Family Stations

Please join the Children's Ministry on **Fri., Feb. 19th** for a SOUP DINNER at 6:00 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.



Women of the Community

The CAPTURE MY HEART nights of reflection will include refreshments, group activities, and presentations from women of the community. This will help to promote the dignity of women through Scripture, wisdom and experience. It is open to all women looking to journey more deeply into the significance and importance of femininity as we reflect on the Lord's gift of love for us! We will meet in the Emmaus Room **every Monday during Lent** from 7-8:30 p.m. Please sign up in the parish atrium or call Alison Crystler at 563-3278.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Adult Confirmation classes will begin **Thurs., Feb. 25** at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory of St. Peter's. If you or someone you know has not received this sacrament and would like to, please contact Alison Crystler at 563-3278.



High School Youth Group

THE ROCK High School Youth Group will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room **Sunday, February 7.** Needed: Adults who may feel called to help serve the Church by participating with nights and events for the youth of the parish community! Please contact Alison Crystler with questions.

Confirmation Class

**Special time for Super Bowl Weekend-
Sunday, Feb 7. from 4 to 5pm**

Soaking Prayer

Living Waters Healing Ministry is pleased to offer soaking prayer on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 10** from 10 am - 11:30 a.m. in the Upper Room. Soaking prayer is the setting aside of oneself to focus and meditate on God for renewal, strength, and peace. Scripture and meditative music will lead participants into a state of resting in God's presence. There is a deep need in every one of us to be close to God. Soaking puts us in a position where we are often more able to hear His voice and receive His love. It is also an opportunity to silently pour out our hearts to Him. It's about living and enjoying an on-going relationship with our creator.

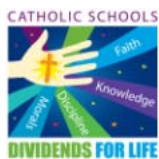
Family Promise Week

We will be hosting a family on behalf of the Family Promise Network beginning the week of the **21st of February** at the Net. We need volunteers to prepare a meal or spend a night with the family during that week. Please find the sign-up sheets in the Atrium and thank you for helping out with this important parish ministry

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Benefit for Hospice

The Back Porch Band will be performing at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Emory Street in Morrisonville on **Friday, February 19th**, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested at the door, benefit of Hospice.



Catholic Schools Week

This past week was Catholic Schools Week here in the Plattsburgh area. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2010 was Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life. It emphasizes the value of a Catholic education, which provides benefits for years to come. Families and communities can count on Catholic schools to instill in students the faith, knowledge, morals and discipline that will enable them to fulfill their future roles as committed Catholics, productive citizens and effective leaders. Catholic schools do indeed provide dividends for life.

Cash/Vacation Raffle

Seton Academy is conducting a cash/vacation raffle from now through Feb. 22. The first prize is \$5,000 in cash. Second prize is a vacation in Florida and there are 10 prizes of \$50 each. That means you have 12 chances to win! Tickets are available for a donation of \$10 each or \$25 for three. Please support this project. Who knows? You could be one of the lucky winners.

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 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. masses. The next recitation is **February 6&7**.

Join the Knights of Columbus on the **2nd Wednesday of every month** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The next recitation is **February 10**.

• 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.

• Back to Basics

Join us for the next Adult teaching on **Sunday, Feb. 7** 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!

• Why Catholic? —2010

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**. Please give Deacon Mark a call at the Parish Office if you are interested in participating in this program during the Lenten season.

• Parish Nurses

The Parish Nurses hold meetings on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. The next meeting is **February 9**.

• 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 live each week..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 7:30 p.m. St. Peter's Chapel For more information contact Mary Curran DHM at 561-3421

• 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. Please contact the Parish Office to sign-up or if you have any questions.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the old Walt Kelly comic strip "Pogo" every time things would get to be too much for the main characters you could bet on seeing the "Gone fishin'" sign posted on a nearby tree. It was a literary device that Kelly used, to bring a break to the previous action and change the story line. In a way, Luke does the same thing in Sunday's Gospel. After the press of the crowds, Jesus convinces Simon to let him teach from the boat. Then he tells him to head out into deep water to fish. We've changed the subject from Jesus healing and preaching. Suddenly, we've "Gone fishin'," and while initially that's what is literally happening, it doesn't stay that way for long. It's a setup for the greater point of the story: "From now on you will be catching men."

It's not just Simon and the sons of Zebedee that get led into this convenient little scenario. Gospels are not just quaint stories. They are good news for us as well. Jesus gets into life with us, much like he got into Simon's boat. He tells us to go out a little farther, that is, to stretch our faith a little more. And even when we want to give up ("we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing") he tells us to cast into the deep. Trusting in him, we find that wondrous things happen as we witness to the meaning of Jesus in our lives. In the end, the example of our faith is to lead others to Jesus. That's where instead of fish, we'll be catching men and women.

It wouldn't be the worst thing in the world if we hung a little "Gone fishin'" sign somewhere where we would see it every day, as long as we remember that our faith is the net, and from now on we're out there fishing to bring others to Christ.

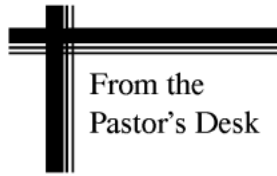
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Life Matters



In the past several weeks, so many of our readings have repeatedly shown God's great Love for his people. Over and over again, we hear the words, "Do not be afraid." This statement is again repeated in today's Gospel when Jesus calls Peter to follow Him. Many people today live in great fear: fear for their lives and families in war torn countries, fear for their unborn children and for the health of their children already born, fear of losing their jobs, homes, and health care; fear for disabled, elderly and dying relatives; and fear of hunger, poverty and political powers that dismiss their needs. Let us pray today for all who live in fear that we will listen to the angels' voices; that we will hear Christ's voice in the darkness of our world: "Do not be afraid."

Entries for the bulletin must be submitted at least one week in advance of the date you would like it to be published..



From the Pastor's Desk

The Knights of Columbus are a most supportive group of men who help in so many ways. Our Council, 258, recently gave local charities \$57,000! There was a generous gift to the parish of \$5,000.00 and a gift to our parish soup kitchen of \$1,000.00. This financial support is deeply appreciated. But equally appreciated is their willingness to help out with any need that surfaces. Whether it is ushering the large crowds that attend Christmas eve Masses, or collecting thousands of food items for our Interfaith Food Shelf or reaching out quietly in support of a recent widow...these men are boldly living their Christian faith and strongly supporting our Catholic Church. Thanks to one and all of them and my strongest encouragement to any men of the parish who are not Knights, to consider this wonderful fraternal organization.

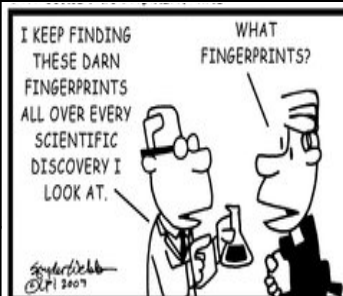
Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. These next few days are the right time to give some thought to how you will be spending the 40 days of Lent. You might consider an hour each week in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Also, "Haitian Relief" will be the focus of our sacrifices. The "glass bowls" will be at the church doors every Sunday of Lent. You might want to give up a "Starbuck's" once a week or going to the movies or a dessert and give the money to help the needy of Haiti. Let's make this a good Lent for ourselves and for the world!

Our Parish Appreciation Dinner "Dress Up or Denim Down" was a most enjoyable night. Mary Centofanti deserves special recognition for her perfect outfit! She completely captured the them.

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! 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 8

6:45am Carl Stone by his wife Kaye
12:05pm Henry Moses by Family



Tuesday, February 9

6:45am Larry Giroux by Al Swoboda
12:05pm Cathy Gilman by her mom

Wednesday, February 10 *Saint Scholastic*

6:45am Pamela Frederick by Bob & Cassie McGee
12:05pm James Yonkovig by Peg & Clem Jackson

Thursday, February 11

6:45am Dale Fifield by Leon & Janice Trombley
12:05pm James Bracy by Centennial Abstract Co.

Friday, February 12

6:45am Margaret Aylward by
Gil & Louise Cashman & Family
12:05pm Brother Andrew Winka by Mary & John Primard

Saturday, February 13

8:15am Adelaide Abrams by Gail, John & Gillian
4:00pm Dawn Soucy by her mom

Sunday, February 14 *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Jane Byrne deGrandpre by the Baroody Family
9:30am For All Parishioners
11:00am William Remillard by Larry & Carol Girard

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

Readings for the Week of January 31

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11
or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/
Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/
Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26

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Vigil Candles for this Week

In Memory **James LaBombard**
by family
In Memory of **William Quick Jr.**
by Aunt Hilda & Uncle Ross Bouyea
In Memory of **Shirley Fassett**
by Ann & David Bilow



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.



Help Haiti:
Solidarity will Transform the World
PRAY, FAST, LEARN and GIVE
with Operation Rice Bowl
this Lent!

Through Christ's presence in the Eucharist, we are connected in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. During this season of Lent our parish will explore this connection through our participation in Catholic Relief Services' operation Rice Bowl.

Please show your support by taking a Rice Bowl and filling it with spare change. All the money that is collected will go toward the Haitian Relief. There will be Rice Bowls available at the entrances of the church. When you fill one please bring it to the rectory located on Cornelia Street. To find out more about Operation Rice Bowl or Catholic Relief Services you may visit orb.crs.org.

God's Plan for Giving ... Tithing

February 1, 2009\$15,928.83
January 31, 2010\$12,010.00
Respect for Life.....\$2,822.00

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

Vocations

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to ordained or religious life do not be afraid. Jesus calls, and leads the way. If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your pastor or visit www.myvocation.net to contact Fr. Doug Lucia or Fr. Bryan Stitt.