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**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 22 & 23, 2009**

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Pastor: Father Joe Vayalil  
Deacon: Bob Birch  
Sacristan: Richard Sutton  
Secretary: Josephene Kealey

Welcome to everyone, parishioners, newcomers and visitors to St. Peter's Parish. We encourage the *active* participation of all in the prayer and song of our community worship.

**OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:**

To promote the love and compassion that Jesus Christ showed to all people, of every creed, with a special emphasis on the needs of the poor and the underprivileged.

**MASS SCHEDULE:** Saturday at **5:00 p.m.** --- fulfills  
Sunday Obligation  
Sunday at **9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

**Last Sunday of every month: Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.**

No Mass on Mondays.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

Regular Weekday Mass on **Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.**

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** 8:30 a.m.

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS:** 9:00 a.m.

**LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:**

- MONDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

**CENACLE PRAYER:**

- THURSDAYS at 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**ADORATION:** - FRIDAYS at 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** by appointment before Sunday Masses

First Fridays at 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**BAPTISMS:** 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

No Baptisms on last weekend of the month as it is our parish  
monthly socials: **October to June.**

For more information kindly call our office  
at 613-733-1553.

**MARRIAGE:** Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

A Marriage Preparation Course is required  
after the Pastor's approval.

**A WARM WELCOME TO**  
**ST. PETER'S PARISH**  
**ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

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**Prayer for Vocations**

Lord God,  
in every generation you have provided  
shepherds after your own heart & spiritual  
fathers for the family of the Church.

Hear us in our day as we beg you:

"Do not leave us orphans!

Send us the Holy Spirit!"

Stir up in the hearts of those whom you have  
chosen to be priests an awareness of your call  
& the courage to say, "Let it be done to me  
according to your word."

By your Spirit, mould them in the heart of Mary  
to be the image of your Son, faithful stewards  
of your grace. Shape them into zealous  
apostles, who will preach the Gospel  
with boldness, celebrate the Eucharist  
with reverence and be living signs of your love  
for all people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**1. Next Sunday, August 30, the last Sunday of the month --- Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. only.** There is no coffee social following the Mass.

**2. PRIESTS IN RETREAT:** From the 31<sup>st</sup> of August till the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, the priests of the Archdiocese of Ottawa will be in retreat. There will be no weekday masses during this period. Masses will resume on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

**3. TRANSPORTATION BUS SCHEDULES FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR:** Thousands of Catholic school students across Ottawa will be heading back to class on August 31. Ottawa Catholic School Board bus schedules for the 2009-2010 school year are now available on the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority's (OSTA) website at [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca) or by calling the OSTA at 613-224-8800, extension 2580. Additionally, copies of high school bus schedules are now available at all high school locations. Elementary school schedules can be obtained at all elementary school locations as of August 25th.

#### **4. DUC IN ALTUM: OTTAWA**

A Year For Your Future. What am I doing with my life? How do I decide what God wants me to be and do? How do I discern His will? How do I decide and follow through? Duc In Altum: Ottawa is a program that helps young adults (age 20-30) discover these answers and strengthen their relationship with God. If you are interested in learning more, please attend the Info Session on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Avenue or contact [ducinaltumottawa@gmail.com](mailto:ducinaltumottawa@gmail.com) for more information.

Sunday, August 23

#### **9:30 a.m. Mass**

- For the soul of Paul Prineau  
by his wife Marthe
- In thanksgiving for intercessions of Padre Pio  
by Carmela Filice

#### **11:30 a.m. Mass**

- On the one year anniversary of the death of  
McLey Donat by Priscille Henry and Family

Monday, August 24

--- **no 8:30 a.m. Mass** ----

Tuesday, August 25

#### **8:30 a.m. Mass**

- no intention requested

Wednesday, August 26

#### **9:30 a.m. Mass**

- no intention requested

Thursday, August 27

#### **8:30 a.m. Mass**

- no intention requested

Friday, August 28

- no intention requested

#### **8:30 a.m. Mass**

**9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**10:00 a.m. Benediction**

### **Prayer for Healing**

*"Heavenly Father, You are intimately aware of the struggle I am experiencing -- the pain and the despair. You know the desire of my heart to be healed of this illness. I ask now for Your healing touch. I know that You are able and You can heal me.*

*"I also understand that You will choose what is best for me. I pray that through this trial, I will draw close to You -- that You will be my comfort and strength. I pray that ultimately, whatever happens, You will be glorified through me. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."*

### **MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 22

#### **5:00 p.m. Mass**

- no intention requested

**Please pray for God's healing:**

Lise Martin, Augusto Romano, Louise Jarvis, Fr. Bob Bedard.

**Please send an e-mail to our office if you know of someone who is sick and needs to be prayed for:**  
stpeters@inbox.com

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**OTHER ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed to help as service providers. Volunteers must be 18 years of age, and are asked to commit to one shift (4 hrs) per week in one program. Inf (613-789-8210 x228): ([ann@shepherdsofgoodhope.com](mailto:ann@shepherdsofgoodhope.com)).

**CAMPAIGN LIFE:** Campaign Life Ottawa is hosting another 40 Days for Life Campaign this Fall, September 23 to November 1. 40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Please consider participating in this event. More detailed information will be posted on the bulletin boards in the foyer.

**NOTRE DAME AND HOPE CEMETERY:** Archbishop Prendergast will preside at a Bilingual Liturgy of the Word marking the Annual Commemoration of the Faithful Departed at Notre Dame Cemetery on Sunday, August 30 at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony at Hope Cemetery will be on September 27 at 2:00 p.m.

**NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA ANNIVERSARY:** Archbishop Prendergast will preside at a Bilingual Mass celebrating the 156<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on Friday, September 4 at 12:15 p.m.

**The Legion of Mary is organizing a Handicapped Pilgrimage to Cap-de-la-Madeleine:** with support from the Knights of Columbus for the physically challenged, seniors, families with small children and able-bodied pilgrims who want to assist them for September 11, 12 & 13, 2009. Cost, which includes transportation, all meals except Friday lunch en route, and two nights= accommodations at Madonna House, are: Single-\$287.25; Double\$229.50; Triple\$222.00. Reservations required. Contact Cheryl Clingaman at 613-728-5687.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Readings**

Old Testament: [Jos 24:1-2, 15-17,18](#)

[Ps. 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23](#)

New Testament: [Eph 5:21-32](#)

Gospel: [Jn 6:60-69](#)

This weekend, we conclude our five-week look at the sixth chapter of John, where Jesus is portrayed as the "Bread of Life." In the liturgy text Jesus' followers are offered a choice to accept or reject that definition. Our first reading is also a scene of choice. Joshua gathers the tribes of Israel at the shrine of Shechem. He asks the people: Whom will they serve? Remembering all that God has done for them, the people choose to serve the Lord. What are we to make of the Bread of Life Discourse? How are we to interpret the claim of Jesus that His flesh is real food and His blood real drink? Some interpret that saying of Jesus merely as a metaphor for His life-giving Word. Still others follow the lead of those who left Jesus upon hearing those words, never being able to accept the literal interpretation of those words, and never to follow Him again.

St. Peter acts for the apostles and for the whole Church when He chooses to stay with the Lord, absolutely staking his faith on the Lord Jesus as the Holy One of God, and upon His words being completely reliable and true. At the heart of our Catholic faith is the Holy Eucharist, the sacrament through which we encounter the substantial presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord. Through the Holy Eucharist we meet the Lord and receive the great gift that He gives us, the gift of His Body and Blood. Even if our minds struggle to comprehend this sublime mystery, our hearts can say with St. Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."



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**AN INVITATION:**

If you are visiting our church today,  
know that we are honored by your  
presence.

Our parish serves the needs of the  
community in many different ways.  
We offer preparation for sacraments,  
children's liturgy, social activities,  
assistance to those in difficulty,  
and comfort to the sick and those  
who mourn a loss.

If we can be of service to you,  
do not hesitate to call on us.

**BEQUESTS AND WILLS:**

In your kindness,  
please remember St. Peter's Parish  
in your bequests and wills. If anyone  
wishes to make such a bequest in their  
Will, the following clause may be included  
or added to a will or added by codicil:

***"I give devise and bequeath the sum  
of \$..... to St. Peter's Parish,  
Ottawa, to be used for the benefit of  
the Parish and its pastoral works."***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.