



A WARM WELCOME TO

**ST. PETER'S PARISH
ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

**19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 8 & 9, 2009**

Rev. Joseph Vayalil, our new Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, and Mr. Bob Birch, our Deacon, welcome all newcomers and visitors to our parish community.

On behalf of all our parish ministry leaders, Father Joe encourages your active participation in 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.

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(Elementary School – Kindergarten to Grade 6)

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 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.



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. Father Joe thanks all the parishioners of St. Peter's Church for welcoming him to the parish last weekend.

2. For parishioners not using Envelopes or E.F.T. For those who are not using envelopes or the E.F.T. (electronic fund transfer) for church donations, you are encouraged to consider using either of these options for your church donations if you plan to get an official receipt for income tax purposes for church donations. **Forms are available at the back of the church pews beside the church piano.**

Tuesday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Mass - for the souls of Clara Isit and Remedios Callos
- For All Souls

Wednesday, August 12

9:30 a.m. Mass - For World Peace

Thursday, August 13

8:30 a.m. Mass - For Pro-Life Intentions

Friday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Mass - For Vocations

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 a.m. Benediction

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 8

5:00 p.m. Mass

- For the soul of Joseph Phan
by the Phan family
- For Michael and Josephene Kealey,
on their wedding anniversary
- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
& religious life
- For Parishioners' Intentions, living & deceased

Sunday, August 9

9:30 a.m. Mass

- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
& religious life
- For Parishioners' Intentions, living & deceased

11:30 a.m. Mass

- For Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
& religious life
- For Parishioners' Intentions, living & deceased

Monday, August 10 --- **no 8:30 a.m. Mass** ---

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."

Please pray for God's healing:

Lise Martin, Lucy Phan, 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

OTHER ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Archbishop Prendergast is pleased to announce the appointment of **Fr. Paul McKeown, O.S.M.**, as Vice-Rector of Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica.

LEGALIZED EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: In May Francine Lalonde, MP, introduced a private member's bill to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada. Last week a letter from Archbishop Prendergast was faxed to parishes, along with accompanying educational documents, to aid parishioners to become informed on the issue and asking them to contact their MPs during the summer to voice opposition to the bill. Inf (abrown@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025).

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

God offers his people abundant life, but we can miss it. What is the *bread of life* which Jesus offers? It is first of all the life of God himself – life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. The Rabbis said that *the generation in the wilderness have no part in the life to come*. In the Book of Numbers it is recorded that the people who refused to brave the dangers of the promised land were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. The Rabbis believed that the father who missed the promised land also missed the life to come. God sustained the Israelites in the wilderness with manna from heaven. This bread foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers.

Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the *true bread of heaven* that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The manna from heaven prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper which Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice. The manna in the wilderness sustained the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. It could not produce eternal life for the Israelites. The bread which Jesus offers his disciples sustains us not only on our journey to the heavenly paradise, it gives us the abundant supernatural life of God which sustains us for all eternity. When we receive from the Lord's Table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood and partakers of his divine life. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20:2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward.

Jesus offers us the abundant supernatural life of heaven itself – but we can miss it or even refuse it. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the *bread of heaven* is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come. When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist or Lord's Supper is an intimate union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of 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.