



**Third Sunday of Advent Year A
December 12th, 2010**

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: September to June

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. --- fulfills Sunday Obligation

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

Weekdays: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted
within bulletin)

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

TUESDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

CENACLE PRAYER:

THURSDAYS from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION:

FIRST FRIDAYS from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

No appointment necessary.

BAPTISMS: Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

MARRIAGES: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

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

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

**ST. PETER'S PARISH
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5:00 p.m. Mass – George Assing

9:30 a.m. Mass – Jay Hunt

11:30 a.m. Mass – Richard Sutton (temp.)

Ministry of Communion Coordinators

Fr. Joe Vayalil & Richard Sutton

CHURCH SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 12
9:30 a.m. Mass
*For Msgr. Paul Baxter +
by his Estate*

11:00 a.m. Mass
*For the repose of the soul
of Msgr. Paul Baxter +
by his Estate*

Monday, December 13
No Mass

Tuesday, December 14
9:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 15
8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, December 16
8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 17
8:30 a.m. Mass

ST. PETER'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26 at 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

There will be NO 8:30 a.m. Mass on December 24&31
The Parish office will be closed December 25&January 1.

DID YOU KNOW: That the changes to the Mass, scheduled to begin on Advent of 2011, will change the words of the Eucharistic Prayer II. "Therefore as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking in the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit."

Collections
December 5th
\$3120.00

Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR THE YEAR 2011 AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP: Your personalized envelopes for the year 2011 are available on the table at the back of the church.
Thank you for using envelopes: We give thanks for the support of our parish all year round. At this time in particular we give thanks for envelope users who, through tax data, remind our government that the Catholic Church is alive and well. Please consider using parish envelopes next year or subscribe to the direct deposit method of making your offering. For a free box of envelopes or information about the direct deposit method or "Automatic Bank Withdrawal" (a form is available at the entrance of the church). Please contact your parish office at (613) 733-1553 for more information on all the various ways of contributing.

2. ARCHBISHOP'S ADVENT CHRISTMAS RECEPTION: All are invited to Notre Dame Cathedral, Sunday, December 12 for a Concert with the five Cathedral Choirs and the Cathedral Brass at 3:00 p.m. This event is followed by a Reception with His grace Archbishop Prendergast, S.J. in Cathedral Hall at 4:00 p.m.

3. SNOW REMOVAL FOR ST. PETER'S: Fr. Joe is looking for someone to ensure that the sidewalk from the parking lot to the door of the church, as well as the stairs, the ramp and part of the side walk along the road are shoveled before each weekend mass. A stipend will be paid. All snow removal materials will be provided (shovel, scraper, salt, including access to a snow blower). Training will also be provided. A firm commitment is needed. If anyone is interested, talk to Richard or Fr. Joe.

4. SAINT BROTHER ANDRÉ – DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., invites the Church of Ottawa to come together for a Mass of Thanksgiving at Notre-Dame Cathedral on Thurs., January 6 at 7:30 p.m., the first feast day of Saint Brother André. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council members are especially encouraged to attend.

5. ANNUAL HOMELAND MASS: The Homelands Mass will be held on Sunday January 16, 2011, 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. Each group is invited to bring 'finger food' to the Cathedral Hall by 2:00 p.m. The flag bearer and those wearing national dress are asked to be in the Hall by 2:00 p.m. All communities are encouraged to attend.

6. Christmas Fruit Cakes for Sale: James Wilson will be selling Christmas fruits cakes in the gym after all masses this Advent, until all his cakes are sold.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Veneto Richord, Isabel Coutu, Lynn McLeod, Bishop David Monroe, Willijn Bertrand, Lorraine Da Pra, Rev. Fr. Pedro Arana, Teresita Alvarado, Bishop Ernest Leger, Rachelle Carroll, Lise Martin, Anna Karolewicz, 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

IMPOTANT REMINDER

- **NEW MASS TIME BEGINNING 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Sunday Masses will be 9:30 a.m. and **11:00 a.m.** This change does not apply to Mass times for the last Sunday of the month, which continue to be at 10:30 a.m. The first weekend affected by this change will be Sunday, December 5. This schedule will persist after Advent, indefinitely.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

First Reading, Isaiah 35: 1 – 6, 10

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

Psalm 146: The Lord will save his people.

Second Reading, James 5: 5 - 10

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

Gospel, Matthew 11: 2 - 11

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

Our gospel reading, like that of last Sunday, focuses on John the Baptist, but his ministry is now at an end. He is in prison, and martyrdom awaits him. Curiously, he seems to have doubts about Jesus being the Messiah. He who was so confident in proclaiming the one who was to come now seems confused. How can we explain John's uncertainty? A major feature of the preaching of John the Baptist was the coming of judgement. As we heard in last week's gospel, John expected the Messiah to bring retribution, to separate the chaff from the wheat and to consign the chaff to fire. John must learn that the way of Jesus is different: he brings healing and life, and good news for all. This gospel reading has a powerful message for us. If it was indeed difficult for John to come to terms with the gospel of mercy, it may well be difficult for us to come to terms with the extraordinary love of God, who offers forgiveness to all. The gospel challenges us to accept in our minds and hearts that the Son of God brings forgiveness, and that the only thing which can deny us salvation and eternal life is our own refusal to be forgiven and loved. The one who is least in the kingdom of heaven knows this, and is 'greater than John'. Am I willing to accept the good news of forgiveness for myself and for others? 'Happy are those who do not lose faith in me.' Do I trust the words of Jesus?

Let us, here at St. Peter's, pray for all those who consider themselves worthless and undeserving of love. Let us pray for those who preach a god of retribution that they may know God's compassion.





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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.