



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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 6, 2009**

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:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. --- fulfills Sunday Obligation
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

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

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

No Mass on Mondays.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

MONDAYS 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: 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.

MARRIAGES: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

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

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5:00 p.m. Mass – George Assing

9:30 a.m. Mass – Jay Hunt

11:30 a.m. Mass – Michael Murray

Ministry of Communion Coordinators

Mike and Lisa Birch

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Don't Forget! St. Peter's Christmas Carolers Concert and Contest is next Saturday, December 12, from 7-9 p.m., including Fr. Joe on the violin! This is a fundraiser for our parish. Tickets are \$10 and can be bought after each Mass from any of the Mass musicians and at the door. Children 5 years and under are free. Everyone with musical talent is encouraged to participate in the contest portion of the evening. Play or sing your favourite Christmas song to an audience of your fellow parishioners for a chance to win a grand prize. We have two contestants signed up already.

Write to michael.kealey@gmail.com

2. Saint Peter's Choirs: Would you like to feel closer to God on Sunday morning? Come and join us in the choir loft and you will! Saint Peter's Choirs are looking for new members. Come and join us for a few months and see if you like us. We promise that we'll like you! No previous music experience is necessary. For more information please call the parish office.

3. Special Collection: St. Peter's Social Action annual collection for the needy in our parish community will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your support. Saturday December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe who is the Patroness of the unborn.

4. Christmas Fruit Cakes: Campaign Life Coalition will be holding their annual Christmas fruitcake sale, after all Masses at the church entrance. These delicious gourmet fruitcakes are made by the Cistercian Monks, and contain all natural ingredients free of artificial preservatives, colour and flavour. 2lbs for \$14 or a round cake in a colorful cake tin, approx. 3lbs, for \$22. Please see James Wilson for more information.

5. Advent Reflection: St. Peter's Advent Reflection evenings will be held on Thursdays, December 10th and 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. A Sacrament of Reconciliation Service for Advent will be held on the Dec. 17th, with four priests to hear your confession. All are invited to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 5

5:00 p.m. Mass

- For the soul of Briggs Sutton
by the Sutton Family
- For the deceased members of the Baxter and Gavan Families
by Ed Baxter
- For the soul of Joe Riordan
by Pat and Deirdre Scott

Sunday, December 6

9:30 a.m. Mass

- For the soul of Paul Primeau
by Marthe Primeau
- For the soul of Ronald Pecoskie
by Joanne and Family

11:30 a.m. Mass

- For the deceased members of the Nugent Family
by Anne Nugent

Tuesday, December 8

8:30 a.m. Mass

- For the soul of Geraldine Cross
by Therese Wiley

From the Pastor's Desk

Advent is already one week old; the church is filled with symbols engaging our attention to prepare for the way of the Lord, as John declares. The great mystery of God becoming human is awesome, but to pay no attention to it is awful. I would appeal to all to set some time aside to do two things: first to attend to the spiritual exercises of the coming weeks, a prayerful reflection with Sister Rosemary O'Toole and follow it up with reconciliation and private confession next week. Those to whom a special ministry has been assigned as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are reminded to avail themselves of confession so that purified by the sacrament, they are able to distribute the Body of Christ to their brothers and sisters and continue to exercise their ministry for the benefit of their own sanctification when they will be installed officially in the new year. Wake up to the grandeur of divine dignity and merit the blessings the Lord bestows on the chosen ones!

Collections: November 29

Parish Collection: \$1, 847.50

All Soul's Day: \$7.47

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Please pray for God's healing:

Fr. Bill Lunney, Brandon Lankester, Tim Dooling, Anna Karolewicz, Lise Martin,
Emilie Joinette, 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

ST. PETER'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Parish Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, December 17
7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday, December 24
7:00 p.m. & 9:00p.m.

Christmas Day Mass
Friday, December 25
10:30 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 26
5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 27
10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Thursday, December 31
7:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Friday, January 1, 2010
10:30 a.m.

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

Advent Christmas Reception: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast S.J. cordially invites all the faithful in the Archdiocese to his Advent Christmas Reception. Sunday December 20, 2: 00 – 4:00 p.m. At his residence, 143 St. Patrick Street, Children are invited to come dressed as Shepherds and Angels.

Reflection: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Old Testament Baruch 5: 1-9

Psalm: 126 1-6

New Testament Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

Reflection: The season of Advent calls us to conversion of mind and heart so that we might be more open to the presence of the Lord in our lives. We are encouraged to turn away from sin and to leave behind anything in our lives that is contrary to the Gospel. Then are we truly free to embrace the Lord and to put our faith into action. We are often kept from doing what is good, honorable and holy by stumbling blocks of our own making. Habits of selfishness keep us from recognizing the needs of the poor and less fortunate. Indulging ourselves in the culture of hedonism prevents us from experiencing true love and all of the fidelity, commitment and sacrifice that it requires. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight," John the Baptist cries. He speaks not only to the people of his day who gathered around him. He speaks to us and invites us to change our ways so that our hearts will be open to the presence of the Lord in our everyday living.

Advent Reflection: All parishioners, families and Friends are invited to St Peter's Advent Reflection evening this coming Thursday, December 10th, at 7:00 in the church. Sister Rosemary O'Toole will be our guest speaker.



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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.

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.