



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

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**6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
February 14, 2010**

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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:**

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:**

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

Tuesdays 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.

**PARISH ADDRESS:** 1640 Heatherington Road  
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**SCHOOL:** Prince of Peace School (613) 731-4733  
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Deacon Bob Birch

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**Lectors' Leaders**

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. COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN AND MISSIONARY WORK:

On February 20-21, 2010, the First Sunday of Lent, a special collection will be taken up for Diocesan and Missionary Works. This collection enables the Archdiocese of Ottawa to respond to requests for assistance from various groups.

### 2. REGULAR WEEKLY MASS TIMES:

Please note that Tuesday Mass is celebrated with the children at 9:30 a.m. The rest of the weekday Masses (Wed., Thurs., Fri.) are celebrated at 8:30 a.m.

**3. 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, education for children and adults, social 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.

### 4. INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR

**2009** will be available within a few weeks. If you wish to have your receipt mailed to you, please provide a self addressed & stamped envelope.

**7. SUNDAY ENVELOPES** for 2010 are available on a table at the front entrance of the Church. Please check to see that your name and address are correct. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

**8. SAINT PETER'S CHOIRS:** Would you like to feel closer to God on Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 11:30 a.m? Come and join us in the choir loft and you will! St. Peter's Choirs are looking for new members. No previous music experience is necessary. For more information please call the parish office.

## MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

### Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.

Parents Meeting in the church to prepare for the school children's 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist & reconciliation.

### Tuesday, Feb. 16 & Wednesday, Feb. 17:

There will be no morning Masses.

### Wednesday, Feb. 17 is Ash Wednesday:

Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. with blessings and imposition of Ashes.

### Saturday, February 13

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

- For Ruth Baxter + (by Ed Baxter and family)

### Sunday, February 14

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

- No intention requested

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

- No intention requested

### From the Pastor's Desk:

## Ash Wednesday, Catholics are obliged to observe fasting and abstinence.

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Parents who attend Mass here at St. Peter's and whose children attend school elsewhere need to approach the priest to prepare for their children's 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. Children in grades two or who are seven years old are admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. These children will celebrate their first Holy Communion during Easter time. They need to prepare for it beginning next month; the priest will supply guidelines.

### Collections

February 7: \$1360.00

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

Rachelle Carroll, Lise Martin, Tim Dooling, 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

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**AN EVENING OF GODS MERCY:** The John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy invites you to an evening in praise and worship of God's mercy, at St. Mary's Parish, Mon., Feb. 22, 5:00 p.m. St. Faustina's Way of the Cross, Adoration. Confessions and Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. Music by Marcel Dion.  
Info: Fr. Dan Dubroy (613-325-5447)

**ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. JIM WHALEN:** St. Margaret Mary, Cumberland. Wed., Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m. Reception with refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass. All welcome. (613-833-3264).

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**SUNDAY REFLECTIONS**

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm 1

1Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm. The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life. The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

**Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:12-18

Psalm 51

2Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Today we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter. It is a "favorable time," a season of grace. We are called to go up with Christ to Jerusalem, the place where he will suffer and die before he will rise in glory. This means that we are called with him to suffer and die to ourselves, to sin, and to give up the evil in and around us, so that we can rise, individually and as a community, to a deeper Christian life, become more available to God and to people, and capable of rendering service with love. The way is conversion and repentance. It is summed up in today's Gospel as almsgiving, that is, caring for people; as praying, that is, listening to God's word and giving it a response of love and commitment; and as fasting, that is, giving up our selfishness. We express our willingness to be converted when, after the Gospel, we receive the ashes. The meaning behind tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes (the liturgical sign of Ash Wednesday) is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, the ashes remind us of our origin and our death. (In the words of the prayer said when we receive ashes: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.") The ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us. We acknowledge that victory when we "[t]urn away from sin and [are] faithful to the gospel," words from the alternative prayer when we are signed with ashes.



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**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."*

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