



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

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 10, 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:

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. **THANK YOU!** Father Joe wishes to thank all parishioners for making our Christmas and New Year celebrations a great success! Our church was full of the true Spirit of the Season! A special Thank You goes to our kind volunteers for setting up the Christmas tree and banners, to our music people, to all altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and to everyone who helped make our celebrations prayerful and joy-filled.

2. **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.

3. The organizers of the St. Peter's Christmas Concert and Competition would like to thank sincerely everyone who participated, competed, volunteered and attended. The concert raised nearly one thousand dollars. Look for next year's concert to be bigger and better!

4. **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. No previous music experience is necessary. For more information please call the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 9

5:00 p.m. Mass

- No intention requested

Sunday, January 10

9:30 a.m. Mass

- In honour of Padre Pio, by Carmela Filice

11:30 a.m. Mass

- No intention requested

From the Pastor's Desk:

Now that the solemn festivities are over, we have a debt of gratitude to express to the parish family for its presence at the celebrations, the generosity and outstanding show of support through monetary offerings, as you see below. This makes way to a debt-free Parish to the satisfaction of all concerned.

May your goodness continue as we move forward to enrich the faith, to promote the growth and to build the community in a bond of charity and peace.

Thanks to all the volunteers for their time, talents, energy, dedication and valuable contributions to keep St. Peter's in the limelight.

Collections

Christmas Offering: \$2468.50

Christmas Concert: \$970.00

December 27: \$1360.00

Thank you for your support and generosity!

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

HELP NITE FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Next session: January 21, 2010, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Pl. Marlene and Bob Neufeld of Healing Love Academy will discuss communication. Everyone is welcome. Info: Deacon Peter Lafleur, Family Ministry Office (plafleur@archottawa.ca).

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Come be a part of learning and growing in ecumenical Christian community. Workshops include Christian Unity, Contemplative/Centering Prayer, & Faith and the Environment. Saturday, January 23, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Annunciation Orthodox Cathedral 15 Lebreton Street North. Presented by the Christian Council of the Capital Area Churches as a service to members of all Christian Communities. Registration is free. Please indicate your interest by email to (lroberts@uccanottawa.org) subject: Jan. 23 workshop.

DON BOSCO GALA: Youth Ministry needs to be celebrated! Come out to the 2nd annual Don Bosco Gala, Sat., Jan. 30. For anyone involved in Youth Ministry. Dinner, dance and awards ceremony. Awards will be given to outstanding volunteers in Youth Ministry. Andre Regnier will be speaking on Living Life with Passion. This is a dressy event! Cost: \$45/person. Info & tickets: contact Ted (thurley@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 ext 231).

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Old Testament Isaiah: 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm: 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30

New Testament Titus: 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

“The one who comes will baptize you with fire and the Spirit.”

Fire and the Spirit—
courage in the face of life's challenges to faith
and the wisdom to live it with depth and reflection –
are what make our baptisms real
and our souls true.



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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.

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.