

**ST. PETER'S PARISH**  
A Roman Catholic Community



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**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

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Welcome to everyone:  
parishioners, newcomers and visitors, to St. Peter's Parish.  
We encourage everyone to participate *actively*  
in the prayer and song of our community worship.

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:**

To promote the gospel values to form a community based on Faith, Hope, and Charity.

**MASS SCHEDULE: September to June**

**Sunday Obligation:**

- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Sundays\* at 9:30 am & 11:00 am
- \*Last Sunday of each month: Mass at 10:30 am only

**Weekdays:**

- Monday: no Mass
- Tuesday\* at 9:30 am  
(unless otherwise noted within bulletin)
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:30 am
- \* No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

**LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:**

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

**ADORATION:**

First Friday of the month from 9:00 am - 10:00 am

**CONFESSIONS:**

20 minutes before weekend Masses.  
No appointment necessary.

**BAPTISMS:**

Saturdays at 11:00 am

**MARRIAGE:**

Please give 6 months notice. A Marriage Preparation Course and the Pastor's approval are required.

For any more information, call the parish office or visit the parish Website.

Father Joe Vayalil – Pastor  
Bob Birch – Deacon  
Richard Sutton – Sacristan  
Josephene Kealey – Secretary

**Finance Committee**

Michael Kealey – Chair  
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Juanita Peate  
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Robella Folliet – Bookkeeper

**Lectors' Leaders**

5:00 pm Mass – George Assing  
9:30 am Mass – Jay Hunt  
11:00 am Mass – Richard Sutton

**Ministry of Communion  
Coordinators**

Fr. Joe Vayalil & Richard Sutton

**COLLECTION:**

Dec 19, 2010 – \$1650.00  
Dec 24-25, 2010 – \$3763.00  
Dec 31-Jan 1, 2011 – \$1290.00  
Jan 2, 2011 – \$1445.50  
Jan 9, 2011 – \$765.00  
Jan 16, 2011 – \$1302.00  
Thank you for your generosity and support.

## CHURCH SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 22

**5:00 pm**

*For the repose of the Soul of Laura Neadden+*  
-Pat and Deirdre Scott

Sunday, January 23

**9:30 am**

*Prayers to St. Joseph for favours received*  
-Rosa Pasqua

**11:00 am**

*Blessings and Prayers for Harold Martain*  
-John Buttler  
*For the repose of the Soul of Joseph Emmanuel+*  
-Therese Emmanuel  
*Blessings and Prayers for Tammy Morris*  
-John Buttler

Monday, January 24

**No Mass**

Tuesday, January 25

**9:30 am**

Wednesday, January 26

**8:30 am**

Thursday, January 27

**8:30 am**

Friday, January 28

**8:30 am**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REFLECTIONS

1. **SCHEDULE:** Next Sunday (Jan 30<sup>th</sup>) is the last Sunday of the month. Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am only.
2. **ST. PATRICK'S HOME SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:** In need of extraordinary Eucharist ministers and lectors, a commitment of 1-2 hours per week. Religious services are in the chapel, Sunday-Friday at 10 am. After Mass, communion is taken to the residents not attending the service. Mature youth are welcome. Info: Suzanne Jeansonne, Coordinator of Volunteer Services 613-731-0094 x235; [www.stpats.ca](http://www.stpats.ca)
3. **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA:** Are you between the ages of 16 - 35 and would like to meet Catholic youth/young adults from all over the World? World Youth Day is an international gathering of youth/young adults joined together to celebrate our faith. August 10 - 24, 2011 in Spain! Interested? Info: Ted (613-738-5025, ext 231); ([thurley@archottawa.ca](mailto:thurley@archottawa.ca)). Very limited spots available!
4. **PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA AND SICILY:** A Journey with Mary and the Saints. With Fr. Dennis Hayes, Companions of the Cross. April 25 – May 7, 2011. Cost: \$3,999 per person (based on double accommodation). Info. Gail Goshko (613-744-1418).
5. **BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II:** On May 1, 2011(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, and Divine Mercy Sunday), Pope Benedict XVI will preside at the rite of beatification for John Paul II in the Vatican, believing the recovery of Sr. Marie Simon Pierre to be miraculous, having been achieved by God in a scientifically inexplicable manner.
6. **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Jan 16 – 23, 2011. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. Info: Canadian Council of Churches ([www.ccc-ccc.ca](http://www.ccc-ccc.ca)); [www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca)).
7. **PRAYING FOR AN END TO THE CULTURE OF DEATH:** The next Mass in our Pilgrimage Journey will take place on Saturday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at St. George's Church (415 Piccadilly Ave, off Wellington) at 10:00 am. The Main Celebrant will be Fr. Benedict Enemu

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Veneta Richard, 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.

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9: 1-4: *The people in darkness have seen a great light.*

**Psalms:** 27: *The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17-18: *Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 4: 12-23: *Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.*

Today we begin our reading of the story of the ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, which will take us until the end of the liturgical year. We hear the evangelist's summary of Jesus' message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Matthew precedes this with a quotation from the Hebrew Scriptures, which he declares to be fulfilled. Jesus brings light not only to Israel, but to the nations too and to all those who 'live in darkness'. From the very start he calls disciples. They leave everything at once to follow Jesus. The message of Jesus and his very personality invite them to take this risk. They accompanied him as he 'went round the whole of Galilee'. This is the first location for the preaching of the good news and for the healings of Jesus, the place where the gospel is warmly welcomed. We will hear more about these activities in the weeks to come.

Have I allowed Jesus to transform the darkness of my life? Am I willing to leave everything and follow him? We here at St. Peter's pray for a renewed openness to hearing the gospel. We pray for all disciples of the Lord.

### Catholic Question

**Q.** Is Kwanzaa a pagan holiday?

**A.** Kwanzaa - the name means "first fruits" - is not a religious holiday, but rather a cultural one that celebrates African-America traditions. It was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga of Long Beach State University in California, and is celebrated from December 26th to January 1st each year. According to the movements website, "Kwanzaa was established in 1966 in the midst of the Black Freedom Movement and thus reflects its concern for cultural groundedness in thought and practice, and the unity and self-determination associated with this." The holiday serves several functions, according to its promoters. The first is to "reaffirm and restore our rootedness in African culture." The second is "to strengthen community and reaffirm common identity, purpose and direction as a people and a world community" The third is to introduce the seven principles of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

Should African-American, or indeed African-Canadian Catholics celebrate Kwanzaa? The answer to this question is no if it means honouring one's cultural traditions at the expense of Christmas. As Catholics, we should not participate in any activity or cultural event which would draw attention away from the birth of Jesus, which is the most important reason for the season. The Catholic Church recognizes and respects the various cultural traditions that are embraced by the millions of Catholics in Canada and throughout the universal Church. Indeed, each year the Archdiocese of Ottawa celebrates a Homelands Mass. The purpose of this Mass is to highlight and celebrate the diversity which is in evidence in most Catholic Churches throughout the world. This year's Homelands Mass was held last Sunday at Notre Dame Cathedral. This annual event was well-attended by Catholics of many different cultures. Diversity of the peoples who make up our universal Church is indeed, a cause to celebrate.

God Bless!



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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."*

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.