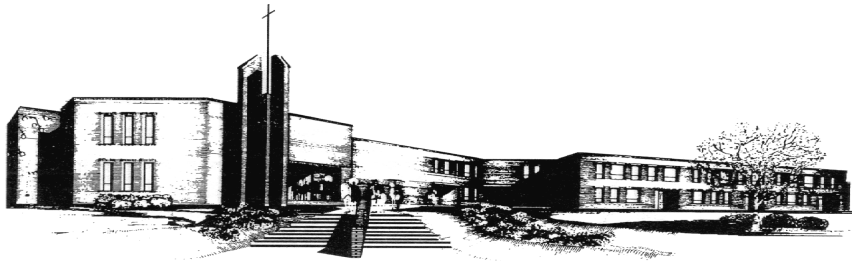


**ST. PETER'S PARISH**  
A Roman Catholic Community



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**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**  
**January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</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

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Michael Kealey – Chair  
James Ulicny  
John Pasqua  
Juanita Peate  
Sergio Loyo  
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:**

January 23, 2011  
\$1024.00

Thank you for your generosity and support.

## CHURCH SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29

**5:00 pm**

Sunday, January 30

**10:30 am**

*For the repose of the Soul of Luca+ and Edward+*

-Anna

Monday, January 31

**No Mass**

Tuesday, February 1

**9:30 am**

Wednesday, February 2

**8:30 am**

Thursday, February 3

**8:30 am**

Friday, February 4

**8:30 am**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REFLECTIONS

- SPECIAL SEMINAR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: IT'S MORE THAN YOU THINK:** The seminar will be held on Sunday, Jan 30, 2011 7:30 am to 9:30 am at the Hellenic Banquet Centre, Prince of Wales Dr., Ottawa.
- 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.
- 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. Very limited spots available!
- 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).
- MARRIED COUPLES:** Give each other the gift of time together and rediscover the depth of your love through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend in Ottawa is March 4-6, 2011. Spaces are limited. Info and registration before Feb 15<sup>th</sup>: Louise & Tim 613-834-8348.

## 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 Caroll, Lise Martin, Anna Karolewicz, Louise Jarvis, Fr. Bob Bedard

Email the office if you know of someone who is sick and needs to be prayed for.

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13: *There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.*

**Psalm:** 146: *The Lord is faithful forever.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.26-31: *God chooses the weak to show his power.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 5.1-12: *Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.*

Matthew's gospel is a gospel of teaching. It celebrates Jesus as the great teacher, who surpasses even Moses. Matthew transcribes five major speeches of Jesus in the course of the gospel; the first of these is the famous Sermon on the Mount. Jesus, like Moses, goes up the mountain. He sits down and begins to speak. The beatitudes, which open the Sermon, are a type of saying already found in the Old Testament and adopted by Jesus. The beatitudes of Jesus present a radical challenge to commonly accepted ideas. Jesus proclaims that the poor are 'blessed' or 'happy', not the rich. It is the gentle, the meek, who will inherit the earth, not those who are violent. Eight beatitudes describe eight qualities or situations, such as those who mourn, those who show mercy, and those who are persecuted. Each of these qualities or situations is described by Jesus as a special channel of God's favour. Jesus presents what we might call the 'scandal' of the gospel, a profound challenge which invites us to reconsider and to change the way we think and the way we behave. The passage ends with a final beatitude, this time spoken directly to the disciples of Jesus: 'Happy are you'. How can we possibly consider persecution and abuse to be blessings? If we can unite our own sufferings with those of Christ, we can begin to know God's presence in an entirely new way. With his very first words of teaching, Jesus calls us to radical change.

Is it absurd to look upon personal suffering as a gift from God? What should our attitude be to the suffering of others? We of St. Peter's ask for the strength to transform our attitudes and behaviour.

Let us pray for all those who are persecuted and abused.

### Catholic Question

**Q.** With the recent canonization of St. Brother André Bessette the question arises: On what does the Church base its teaching that the Blessed Mother and the saints can hear our prayers and respond to them?

**A.** The Church's teaching on prayers to the saints and the Blessed Mother is based on the doctrine of the Communion of Saints, which we profess to believe each time we say the Apostle's Creed or the Nicene Creed.

The Communion of Saints refers to the Pilgrim Church on earth, the Triumphant Church in Heaven, and the suffering Church in Purgatory. We are all part of this spiritual community and we try to help each other by praying. Just because someone is dead does not mean that they are beyond our reach. The saints in Heaven are alive (1 Corinthians 15.22) and are just as interested in our well-being as when they were on earth.

Over a century ago, Orestes Brownson replied to the charge that the saints cannot hear our prayers: "But why can they not hear us? Are they not living men and women - even more living than when they were tabernacles with us? ... There can be no communion where there is no medium of communication with those who have gone to their reward and therefore form one communion with them. That medium is Christ himself, who is the head of every man, and whose life is the life of all who have been begotten anew by the Holy Ghost ... There being a medium of communication between us and the saints, and they and we forming one communion, one Body of our Lord, being members of Him and members of one another, nothing can be more reasonable, more natural even, than that we should invoke their prayers, and that they should intercede for us."

~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.