

ST. PETER'S PARISH
A Roman Catholic Community



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June 4th and 5th
Solemnity of the Ascension
Year A

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 No Mass – During the Summer
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:30 am
* No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend.

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

Liturgy Committee

Fr. Joe Vayalil
Deacon Bob Birch
Richard Sutton (liturgy coordinator/sacristan)

Finance Committee

John Pasqua
Juanita Peate
Robella Folliet – Bookkeeper

Lectors' Leaders

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

Ministry of Communion Coordinators

Fr. Joe Vayalil & Richard Sutton

COLLECTION:

May 21 and 22: \$1012.00

May 27 and 28: \$1489.03

Please continue to support your parish
as generously as you can.

CHURCH SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 4

5:00 pm

Sunday, June 5

9:30 am

11:00 am

Monday, June 6

No Mass

Tuesday, June 7

No Mass

Wednesday, June 8

8:30 am

Thursday, June 9

8:30 am

Friday, June 10

8:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REFLECTIONS

1. **SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE:** Please note the parish's summer schedule for Sunday Obligation will be from July 3rd, to September 11th, 2011: Saturdays at 5 pm and Sundays at 10 am only.
2. **HIS GRACE, ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST** is pleased to invite all parishioners to the Diocesan Feast day celebration on Thursday, June 9th, 7:30 pm at Notre Dame Cathedral, to celebrate our 125th anniversary as an Archdiocese. During the celebration a formal acknowledgement of the contributions of several diocesan members will be made. The parish of St. Peter's is glad to announce that Richard Sutton is one of the candidates selected to receive Diocesan service award for commitment, dedication and service to the church. The priest request's the presence of parishioners to join him at the celebration.
3. **CONFIRMATION:** Archbishop Prendergast will celebrate Confirmation for adults (grade 9 & above) on Pentecost, Sunday, June 12 and children (grades 6-8) on Trinity Sunday, June 19. Both celebrations take place at the noon Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral. All candidates will have registered at their respective parish and will have received the appropriate preparation there.
4. **SAINT PAUL UNIVERSITY:** Summer institute in pastoral liturgy (SIPL) and summer institute in religious education (SIRE): at Saint-Paul University, July 4-15, 2011. Deadline for registration: June 24, 2011. Info: 613-236-1393, ext. 2247 or theology@ustpaul.ca.
5. **UNDER THE SON!** The biggest retreat for Ottawa's Catholic Youth all year! Saturday, June 25 at St. Monica's Parish for Grades 9-12 (entering and leaving). Don't miss this event of FUN outdoors! Games, Food, Worship, Speakers, Mass, Adoration and Friends you'll never forget! Info: contact Ted (613-738-5025 ext 231); (thurley@archottawa.ca).
6. **VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS:** An evening of Eucharistic adoration and praise & worship held on the eve of Pentecost, this event is an opportunity for us to come together with our shepherd, Archbishop Prendergast, to call upon the Holy Spirit. Hosted by the Archdiocese, Catholic Christian Outreach's Impact mission project, and Magnificat Ministries, June 11, 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral.
7. **CELEBRATING 73 YEARS OF NOVENA DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:** Celebrant and Homilist Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. at St. Patrick's Basilica, Wednesday, June 8th, 4:30 p.m. All are welcome.
8. **SERENITY RENEWAL FOR FAMILIES MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Mini Golf Gardens, 2 Colonnade Rd, June 8, 3:30 p.m. Dinner at Centurion Conference Center, 170 Colonnade Rd. Register: (<http://mimigolf.serenityrenewal.ca>).

SUNDAY REFLECTION

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1. 1-11: *Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.*

Psalm: 47. 2-3, 6-9: *Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.*

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1. 17-23: *God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.*

Gospel: Matthew 28. 16-20: *Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.*

This gospel reading contains the final verses of the Gospel of Matthew. There is no explicit reference to the ascension of Jesus, but this is the last meeting of Jesus with his disciples. The different gospels recount different appearances of the Risen Jesus. At the empty tomb the message had been given that Jesus was to go before them into Galilee. The only meeting of the Risen Lord with the eleven disciples in Matthew's gospel is this meeting on a mountain in Galilee. The gospel ends where the ministry of Jesus had begun, with his instructing the disciples on the mountain. The initial encounter with Jesus is somewhat subdued. Matthew, like the other evangelists, reports a certain hesitation on the part of the eleven. There were some who hesitated. The gospel accounts speak of a transformation in the appearance of the Risen Jesus which may explain their hesitation. The disciples were not gullible individuals, desperate to continue their association with Jesus, but objective observers who wanted to make sense of what was happening. The words of Jesus are solemn and forceful. He claims authority in a way he never did during his ministry. He sends the disciples forth to 'make disciples' of all the nations. The earlier hesitations in this gospel about preaching to non-Jews are put aside. Now is the time for a mission to the whole world. The disciples are to baptise and to teach. Baptism is the sign of entry into the community of the disciples of Jesus, and of being drawn into the life of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The reference to the Holy Trinity reflects the practice of the early Christians.

What does the ascension of the Lord mean to us? In what ways is Jesus present for us today?

We at St. Peter's pray that we may never forget that Christ has taken our humanity with him to the Father. We pray for the readiness to receive the Spirit of Jesus at Pentecost.

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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.