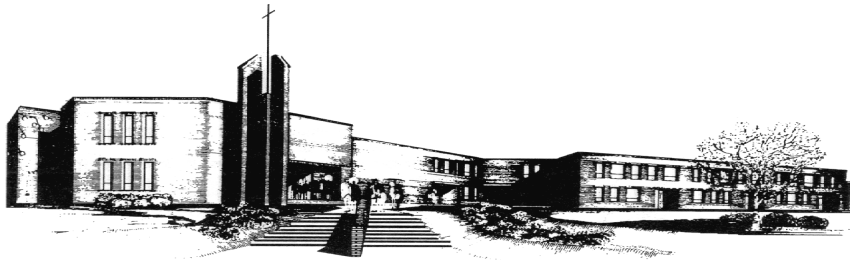


**ST. PETER'S PARISH**  
A Roman Catholic Community



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**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Year A**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<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

**Liturgy Committee**

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

**Finance Committee**

Michael Kealey – Chair  
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 (temp.)

**Ministry of Communion Coordinators**

Fr. Joe Vayalil & Richard Sutton

**COLLECTION:**

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011: \$1277.00

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

## CHURCH SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26

**5:00 pm**

*Prayers and Blessings for Lise Martin*  
- by her daughter, Nathalie Martin

Sunday, March 27

**10:30 am**

*For the Intentions of the Parishioners*  
- by Fr. Joe  
*For the repose of the Soul of Glenoora Ditto+*  
- by Anne and Bob Wilson

Monday, March 28

**No Mass**

Tuesday, March 29

**9:30 am**

Wednesday, March 30

**8:30 am**

Thursday, March 31

**8:30 am**

Friday, April 1

**8:30 am**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REFLECTIONS

- ST. PETER'S LENTEN RETREAT** will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (April 3<sup>rd</sup>). The Parish family will be together for a Mass at 10:30 am, listening together to the Message of Lent that calls us to see clearly and how to respond to the Lord with devotion. Our guest preacher will be Father Jack Lau o.m.i., a member of the missionary of Oblates, who has been the director of spiritual services at Galilee centre, Arnprior. Previously, he lived one year in Southern India at his community monastery, where he learnt Yoga and other techniques. Visit the Galilee centre Web page for more information: [www.Galileecentre.com](http://www.Galileecentre.com)
- INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** for 2010 are ready in the main entrance area of the church. If you wish to have your receipt mailed to you, please provide a self-addressed and stamped envelope.
- ST. JOHN VIANNEY DRAMA IS COMING TO OTTAWA:** Mark your calendars for two shows in Ottawa: Holy Redeemer on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm (tickets available at Holy Redeemer office) and St. Patrick's Basilica on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm (tickets available at Saint Patrick's Gift Shop). \$12/Adults, \$6/Youth/Students. Visit [www.vianneydrama.com](http://www.vianneydrama.com) for more information.
- 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** From March 9 to April 17, every day, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. All are invited to spend an hour whenever possible at this event. Please call Campaign Life Coalition at 613-729-0379 for more information.
- CELEBRATE YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH A MASS OF THANKSGIVING** presided by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., at Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, May 8, 2011 at 2:30 pm. This mass is for couples who are celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2011. Deadline to register is Thursday, April 28, 2011. Please contact the parish office for more information. All families and Friends are invited to this event.
- ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IN PERIL:** How People of Faith will Care and Advocate for Creation. Round Table with Archbishop Brendan O'Brien (Episcopal Commission for Justice & Peace), Executive Archdeacon David Selzer (Anglican Church) and Rev. Lillian Roberts (United Church). Tues., March 29, 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Hall (Wilbrod St). Suggested donation: \$5. Info: John Dorner ([jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca)); (613-738-5025, ext 223).
- NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION:** The Heart of the Matter on Vision TV, April 18 & 19, 7 & 10 pm. Speakers: Fr. Donald Senior, C.P., Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND, Fr. Jack Lynch, s.f.m. Fr. Senior will talk about the challenge of reconciliation in our families, our Church, and in our world. Sr. Svoboda will give some reflection on pain and the dawn of hope. Fr. Lynch will describe what's really involved in following Christ.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Alex Tobin, Veneta Richard, Isabel Coutu, Lynn McLeod, Willijn Bertrand, Lorraine Da Pra, 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 in need of prayers.

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Exodus 17.3-7: *God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.*

**Psalm:** 95: *Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 5.1-2, 5-8: *Christ died for us while we were still sinners.*

**Gospel:** John 4.5-42: *Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well. (shorter form: John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42).*

For this and the following two Sundays we shall be hearing lengthy passages from the Gospel of John, chosen to help us prepare for Easter and the celebration of our new life in Jesus Christ. Due to the length of the reading only the opening verses are given here (verses 5-15). You are invited to complete the reading, which ends in verse 42, in your own Bible. The Samaritan woman gradually learns more about Jesus and what he offers her. Her journey reflects our own journey of faith. The dialogue begins with Jesus seeking a drink and then offering 'living water' to the woman. Water gives life. The 'living water' given by Jesus points to eternal life, as the dialogue continues it is established that Jesus is not only a prophet, but the Messiah. The woman's eyes are gradually opening, enough for her to go and tell her townspeople. At the end they too come to believe, not simply due to her testimony but because they have themselves heard the preaching of Jesus. In the middle of the chapter we hear about the need to worship 'in spirit and truth' (verse 23). Jesus comes, and this chapter shows it, to bring together the Jews, the Samaritans and all the nations of the earth in the worship of the one, true God.

How is the Samaritan woman a model for our faith journey? Are we also sometimes slow to understand the gifts of God?

We at St. Peter's pray that we may worship the Lord in spirit and truth. We pray for the courage to lead others to Christ, the teacher who gives us 'living water'.

### Catholic Question

**Q:** What is special about Lent?

**A:** Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, our liturgies are designed to prepare catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery through various stages of Christian Initiation. They are also intended to prepare all the faithful for Easter as we recall our Baptisms and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the Church year. Lent has two main purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's word and more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. With this in mind, our liturgies will stress these baptismal and penitential themes. During Lent we also recall the importance of the social consequences of sin, as well as the fact that at the very heart of virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God. The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and our communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent, we will pray the Scrutinies with those adults and children who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. Through these special prayers and exorcisms, we will support them in their Personal journeys toward full membership in the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. The Gospel readings for these three Sundays highlight the faith journeys of these candidates and catechumens, and should serve to remind us all of our own struggles to keep the faith in the face of temptation and societal pressures. During Lent we will also have a special reconciliation and healing service. This service gives us the opportunity for individual confession and to receive prayers for physical and emotional healing.

~God Bless~

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**"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.