



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 5 & 6, 2009

A WARM WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S PARISH
ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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.

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(Elementary School – Kindergarten to Grade 6)

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday at **5:00 p.m.** --- fulfills
Sunday Obligation
Sunday at **9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

Last Sunday of every month: Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.

No Mass on Mondays.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

Regular Weekday Mass on **Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m.** and on **Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.**

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: 8:30 a.m.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

- MONDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

CENACLE PRAYER:

- THURSDAYS at 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION: - FRIDAYS 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.

MARRIAGE: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

A Marriage Preparation Course is required
after the Pastor's approval.



Prayer for Vocations

Lord God,
in every generation you have provided
shepherds after your own heart & spiritual
fathers for the family of the Church.

Hear us in our day as we beg you:

"Do not leave us orphans!
Send us the Holy Spirit!"

Stir up in the hearts of those whom you have
chosen to be priests an awareness of your call
& the courage to say, "Let it be done to me
according to your word."

By your Spirit, mould them in the heart of Mary
to be the image of your Son, faithful stewards
of your grace. Shape them into zealous
apostles, who will preach the Gospel
with boldness, celebrate the Eucharist
with reverence and be living signs of your love
for all people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Labour Day Weekend: No 8:30 a.m. Mass this Tuesday, September 8.

2. PARISH CONFESSIONS: If anyone wants to go to confession or receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, feel free to see the priest at the office on the 2nd floor, 30 minutes before weekend Masses.

On a First Friday of the month, confession is heard 30 minutes before the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

3. OTTAWA HOSPITAL - MASS TIMES:

For both the Civic and General Campus.
Monday – Friday at 12:00 noon;
Sundays at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome.

4. INSTALLATION OF PASTOR: It is with great joy that the Archdiocese of Ottawa announces the installation of Father Joseph Vayalil, as the Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.
Rev. Joseph Muldoon, Episcopal Vicar for the English Sector of the Archdiocese, will install Father Joseph Vayalil. Father Joseph's appointment is for six years. All parishioners, families and friends are invited to attend.

Monday, September 7

--- no 8:30 a.m. Mass ---

LABOUR DAY

Tuesday, September 8

--- no 8:30 a.m. Mass ---

Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, September 9

9:30 a.m. Mass

- no intention requested

Thursday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Mass

- no intention requested

Friday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Mass

- no intention requested

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 a.m. Benediction

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 5

5:00 p.m. Mass

- Blessings on the 62nd Wedding Anniversary of Augusto and Carolina Romano by the Romano Family

Sunday, September 6

9:30 a.m. Mass

- no intention requested

11:30 a.m. Mass

- no intention requested

From the Pastor's Desk

Once again we are beginning a new season after a quiet summer. It is our hope that our families will return to their spiritual home to renew their lives and refresh their spirits by drawing fresh energy through the Celebration of the Eucharist.

In my capacity as a new Pastor, I entertain the privilege of meeting and welcoming you in this new surrounding in the Person of Christ.

Father Joe

Please pray for God's healing:

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

OTHER ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST'S SECOND ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER: Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

Archbishop Prendergast will host his second Annual Charity Dinner at the Hampton Inn Conference Centre in Ottawa (Coventry Road and Vanier Parkway just off of the Queensway). Tickets will soon be available at a cost of \$125.00 each or \$1,125.00 for a table of nine. A charitable tax receipt in the amount of \$60.00 will be issued for every ticket purchased on an individual basis. For more information, visit www.archottawa.ca. In this time of economic difficulties for the most vulnerable of our community, the Archbishop has designated two well-known organizations that work with the disadvantaged among us as beneficiaries of this year's event: The Shepherds of Good Hope and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

HOPE CEMETERY: Archbishop Prendergast will preside at a Bilingual Liturgy of the Word marking the Annual Commemoration of the Faithful on September 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Message Regarding Father Bob Bedard

Dear Friends,

We are happy to report that Fr. Bob's condition has stabilized a great deal over the last few months. Physically he is still relatively frail – though much improved since his most trying days! He spends the better part of the day in bed, but his caretakers are able to get him into a wheelchair for certain hours of the day. At times he is very sharp and able to converse extremely well. At other times, however, he grows confused and forgetful. He still needs a great deal of rest. We continue to pray for him and entrust him into the Lord's loving hands.

Fr. Bob is residing in a long-term care facility and is receiving wonderful care. In consultation with his health care providers we have decided to allow visits to him under certain conditions. We will evaluate how well this is going in the near future. ALL VISITS ARE ARRANGED THROUGH MRS. LEE MCCARTHY. Please phone her during the day and leave a message at her home number 613-725-0233.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Old Testament: Isaiah 35: 4 – 7a

Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

Psalms: 146: 7, 8 – 9, 9 – 10

A song of praise to God

New Testament: James 2: 1 – 5

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

Gospel Mark: 7: 31 – 37

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

Reflection: This weekend we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

During the Rite of Baptism the priest or deacon may whisper into the ear of the newly baptized the word "Ephphetha." This ritual element holds a prayer that the one who has been baptized will always be open to the life-giving Word of God, the Word that offers direction, meaning and purpose for those who listen to it and put it into practice.

The prayer that Jesus uttered over the deaf man in the Gospel is His ardent desire for all of us: that by being open to His Word we might be liberated from our sins and walk in the freedom of the sons and daughters of God. We echo this prayer when we make the sign of the cross over our forehead, lips and heart as the Gospel is proclaimed, praying that God's powerful Word might always be in our minds and on our lips and in our hearts. Please God, may it be so!



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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.

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.