

St. Peter R.C. Church

"Celebrating over 150 years
of Spiritual Growth,
Family and Faith"



Our Parish Mission Statement

"We, the members of St. Peter's Church, are an open and inviting community of believers who seek to:

- Help one another follow Christ with deeper commitment;
- Encourage one another to respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to live the Gospel by living lives in imitation of our Lord, Jesus Christ;
- Live, teach and share the idea that our Parish is a family in the very real sense. And just as members of a traditional family all look out for one another and share one another's joys and sorrow, we likewise are concerned for the spiritual growth, development, and well-being of all our brothers and sisters who make up our parish community;
- *Through the intercession of Saint Peter, Patron of our Parish, we dedicate all our words, deeds and actions for the glory and honor of God our Father."*

**Second Sunday of
Easter**

April 19, 2009

2009 Catholic Charities Appeal

"We're always there" is the theme of this year's appeal. Please consider sending your contribution by mail, dropping it in the collection basket, or bring your contribution card to the rectory office. Whatever method you choose, we ask that you please be as generous as possible. Through the intercession of St. Martin de Porres, Patron of this year's appeal, we pray for God's blessings and success upon this appeal.

**Our Catholic Charities Parish Total to date is:
\$116,521.00 from 660 donors.**

Parish Council Nomination

Consider this...

We ask you to prayerfully consider being a member of our Parish Council!

We have begun accepting nominations for the 2009-10 Parish Pastoral Council.

Anyone interested in being a member of our council can submit their name for Father Sibby's and the Council's review. You can also nominate someone else and submit their name for review.

The requirements for consideration are as follows:

- You must be at least 16 years of age
- You must be a practicing Catholic
- You must be an active, registered member of St. Peter's Parish
- You must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- You must believe and exemplify, by your lifestyle, the doctrines and beliefs of the Catholic Church
- You must be willing to attend monthly meetings and be an active member of a Council Committee

All nominees will be contacted by the election committee to determine their willingness to serve. The next step is for the candidates to submit their resumes (a questionnaire provided by the council to be completed by the nominee) **by Monday, May 15th. Nominations are due May 11th.**

More information will be published in future bulletins!

Special Blessings

Our Parish Family warmly welcomes the following parishioners, who received the Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil Mass. We welcome them into our faith community and assure them of our continued prayerful support!

Thomas Galbraith, Mary Kiesel, Edna Leticia Hahn, Elizabeth Rawleigh, Joann Rawleigh, Michelle Rawleigh, Jaxin Romanow and Kamryn Romanow...
May God Bless you all!





Mass Intentions

Monday, April 20, Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Peter Stecko Family by Wife, Margaret & Daughters, Darlene & Donna
9:15 AM John Fiutko by Norma Hyla & Nancy Long

Tuesday, April 21, Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Maurice St. Denny by Dorothy & Girls
9:15 AM Dorothy Shubsda by Family

Wednesday, April 22, Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM For All Parishioners Living & Deceased by Father Sibby
9:15 AM Leonard Palumbo by John & Phyllis Coulter

Thursday, April 23, Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Georgie M. O'Connor by Family
9:15 AM Blanche & Boyd Brassier by Estate

Friday, April 24, Easter Weekday

- 7:00 AM Stanley & Stephania Gardinski by Estate
9:15 AM Jamie Starzisar by Sister Marcia Ann

Saturday, April 25, St. Mark, Evangelist

- 7:45 AM For All the Poor Souls by Parish

Saturday, April 25, Third Sunday of Easter

- 4:00 PM Rose LaBarber by Husband & Daughter

Sunday, April 26, Third Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 AM Liz Marco by Mike & Jennie Mydzian
9:30 AM Joseph A. Parella Sr. by The Parella Family
11:30 AM Julia Bellonte by Jamie Symmonds

Parish First Penance

All Grade 2 Students in our Parish are celebrating their First Penance on **Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00pm in Church**. Let us remember them in our prayers, as they prepare for this wonderful Sacrament.

Heart & Soul Project

Join our Ministry to the Poor by serving meals at Heart and Soul Soup Kitchen. If you want to help, call Mike Roemer at 332-7812 or 745-3111 to volunteer. **2009 Dates:** May 24 and June 21.

Vocation Reflection

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, deacon or religious. Call *Father Walter Szczesny* at 847-5535, *Father Sibby* or *Sister Marcia Ann* at 754-4118.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday, April 21st at 7:30pm** in the School Library.



Let us remember our parishioners and loved ones

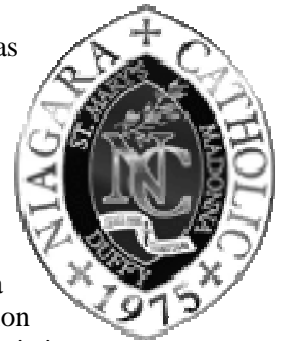
who are sick: *Linda Abrams, Jim Allen, Phyllis Anderson, Carol Balogh, Robert Barthel, Margaret Bax, Barbara Blood, Anita Chiappone, Amy Christman, Danielle Cullen, Mary Daly, Mary Deal, Mary Gillespie, Patricia Gratto, Laura Heinz, Steven Heinz, David Krawczyk, James Lo Verde, Tony Mascaro, Paul Masters, Kathleen Merkle, Stan Motyka, Thomas Napier, John O'Donnell, Josephine Pierce, Joan Pillittere, Paul Richardson, Jacob Rozak, Maureen Schug, Margaret Serianni, Joan Soluri, Margaret Stecko, Kathleen Swann, Helen Szostak, Anthony Terrameo, Rosemary Thompson, Pauline Weppner, David Williams, Kathy Woodruff* **AND OUR DECEASED: Mario Violante.**

Blessed Easter Water

You are invited to bring your own container to take home some Easter Holy Water during the Easter Season!

Niagara Catholic High School Needs Your Help

Niagara Catholic High School has encountered critical financial hardships and, unless this Catholic institution can accrue \$250,000 by this June, it will close forever. Serving as Niagara County's only Roman Catholic High School, Niagara Catholic has stood as an institution that fosters the growth of Christian values, leadership, and the development of vital academic and moral integrity. Catholic education must remain strong. Any contribution you can make to ensure the opportunity for future generations to attend a Catholic High School in Niagara County would be very much appreciated. Send your contributions to Niagara Catholic High School 520 66th St Niagara Falls, NY 14304. God bless you!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (R.C.I.A.)

Christians are made, not born. Committing one's self to gospel values on every level of life requires a change of heart and attitude that cannot be accomplished by an educational program alone. Conversion takes time – for some, many years. While doctrinal instruction is part of the process, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA) aims at changing the heart and transforming the spirit, not just supplying a bank of knowledge.

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program is Specifically Designed for:

- Unbaptized adults, non-Catholic adults who wish to become Catholic
- Adult Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist or Confirmation
- Catholics who wish to update themselves on the teachings of the Church

For more information, call *Sister Marcia Ann* or *Father Sibby* at 754-4118.

Baptism Class

All parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Peter's must attend a pre-baptismal class. Our next class is on **Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00pm in the Rectory**. To register, call the rectory at 754-4118.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Our Parish Council will meet **Monday, April 20th at 7:00pm** in the School Library.

Blood Drive

A Blood Drive will be conducted by UNYTS on **Sunday, April 26th** after all of the Masses. Please consider donating a precious gift that can make a difference in someone's life. Remember, the blood donated through the UNYTS program remains for the use in the local area. The drive is being sponsored by the Health Ministry Team.

Praying w/Pope John Paul II

Our Faith Sharing Group will meet on **Wednesday, April 22nd at 9:45am** in the Usher's Room.

2010 Mass Book

We have begun taking Mass Requests for our 2010 Mass Book. Please note that the stipend for Mass requests remains \$10.00 per Mass and we will take requests for dates on a first come-first served basis. We will do our best to meet your requested dates and times. Please note that we limit weekend Mass requests to three per family to allow more parishioners to schedule weekend Masses for their loved ones.

Pre-Cana

St. Peter's Parish will be offering a Pre Cana Session on **Saturday, May 9th at from 9:30am to 3:00pm** in the School Hall. There is a charge of \$35.00 per couple for materials and refreshments. Engaged couples who need to fulfill this requirement may call the rectory at 754-4118.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood Pressure Screenings will be held after all masses next weekend in the Usher's Room after all Masses, courtesy of our Health Ministry Team.



Pauline Year Declared by Pope

**June 29, 2008 -
June 29, 2009**

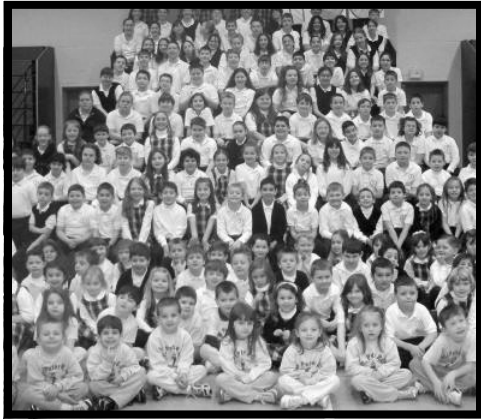
Following in the footsteps of St. Paul, we are all called to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by our lives.

Doubting Thomas Is That Me?

Thomas missed out when Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection and said to them in their fear: "Peace be with you." (John 20:19) When Jesus finally saw Thomas he said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." John 20: 29.

So we ask ourselves:

- Am I the type of person that always needs proof? Even when family or friends tell me something do I have the insatiable need to see it for myself?
- Why do I believe in Jesus? Who first told me about him and succeeded in opening my eyes to the many God given blessings I have in my life ?
- Like Thomas does my questioning of our faith lead to a deeper love and appreciation of it?



St. Peter's School Open House

Mark Your Calendar Now!

Sunday, May 17th 9:30am—1:00pm

Let St. Peter's School be the Start of Something
Great for Your Children!

“Where Faith & Education Meet”

- * Now accepting registration for grades Pre K through 8
- * State of the Art Technology & Science Labs
- * Before & After School Program
- * 3, 4 & 5 Day Pre K options
- * Active Home & School Association

Call our Principal, Kami Halgash at St. Peter's
School to arrange for a tour or to learn more:
(716)754-4470

Visit www.stpeterrc.org
TO LEARN MORE!!



LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 25, 2009

4:00 PM Jim Langlois

Sunday, April 26, 2009

7:30 AM Jim Ingham

9:30 AM Kathy Scalfani

11:30 AM Jim Moore

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 25, 2009

7:30 PM Ashley & Angela DeLuca

Sunday, April 26, 2009

7:30 AM Megan Locey, Elyse LaChance

9:30 AM Christopher Hibbard, Gabrielle Ieraci,
Justin LaDuca

11:30 AM Michael & Peter Luero, Danielle Rosini

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 25, 2009

4:00 PM Betty Birmingham, Kari & Rosanne
Colangelo, Robert Miklitsch, Bud
Thompson

Sunday, April 26, 2009

7:30 AM Linda Calandrelli, Judi Caserta, Tracey
Kent, Jennie Mydzian

9:30 AM Pat & Shirley Berrigan, Nan DiNardo,
Connie Locey

11:30AM Jerry & Maureen Castiglione, Mary Ecker
Wayne Seguin, Rodney Alaimo

GREETERS

Saturday, April 25, 2009

4:00 PM Peg Degan, Jim Langlois

Sunday, April 19, 2009

7:30 AM Michael & Margaret Piecuil

9:30 AM Jo Deweese, Dolores Gamble, Pam
Wishowski

11:30 AM Joanne Flannigan, Peg Langlois

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:30 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Vigil of Holy Day: 7:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 12:00 NOON,
5:30 PM

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

September thru June

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 AM, 9:15 AM

Saturday: 7:45 AM

July and August

Monday thru Saturday 7:45 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 2:30 to 3:30 PM and anytime on request.

BAPTISMS: Celebrated every Sunday at 12:45 PM by appointment. At least one Godparent/Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic who has received the three Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Those Catholics or Non-Catholics from outside the parish must obtain a letter of recommendation from their pastor. Baptism Class for Parents is held the first Wednesday of every month. Call the rectory for reservations.

MARRIAGES: All arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with the pastor. Call for an appointment.

SICK CALLS: At any hour, day or time.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: Given to those registered members of the parish (at least three months) who have received the three Sacraments of Initiation; practice their faith regularly and support the parish through their sharing of time, talents and treasures.



An Invitation to Join our Parish!

We invite you to consider joining our parish family. If you would like more information, or have any questions, please feel free to call 754-4118, stop in the rectory during business hours, or visit our website:

www.stpeterlewiston.net