



Catholic Community of Saint Peter and Saint Mary and Saint Hedwig

Parish Office

5457 Shady Avenue
Lowville, NY 13367

website: spsmshcatholic.org

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 17, 2021

Rev. James Seymour
Pastor

Email: jseymour@rcdony.org

Rev. Jude Nnadibuagha
Parochial Vicar

Email: jude_nnadi@yahoo.com

Deacon Ronald J. Pominville
Permanent Deacon

Email: rjpominville@yahoo.com

Deacon Kenneth Seymour
Permanent Deacon, Emeritus

Email: seymourka@gmail.com

Deacon Ron Gingerich
Permanent Deacon

Youth Minister

Email: togingerich@gmail.com

Deacon Thomas Yousey
Permanent Deacon

Email: dcntm@mail.com

Deb Mullin

Faith Formation Coordinator

Email: Debmullin@centralny.twcbc.com

Liz Turck & Sarah Neddo
Bookkeeper & Secretary

Liz's Email: stpeters@centralny.twcbc.com

Sarah's Email: sarah@centralny.twcbc.com

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 AM ~ 12 Noon

Tuesday-Friday: 9AM~12PM & 1PM~5PM

Office telephone 315-376-6662

Office fax 315-376-6663

Faith Formation 315-376-6662

St. Peter's Parish Hall 315-376-6662

Radio Mass: WLLG-99.3 FM Sunday at 11am

Sanctuary Lamp

St. Peter's ~ In Memory of Ruth Sweeney by Tim & Cindy Dosztan

Celebrating the Eucharist

Monday, January 18 Weekday

Daily Scriptures Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22

8:00 am (SP) Phil Smithling by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pominville

Tuesday, January 19 Weekday

Daily Scriptures Heb 6:10-20 / Mk 2:23-28

8:00 am (SP) Rose Zubrycki by John & Jean Demko

Wednesday, January 20 Weekday

Daily Scriptures Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / Mk 3:1-6

5:30 pm (SP) Gertrude McDonald by Ann Tyrell

Thursday, January 21 Saint Agnes

Daily Scriptures Heb 7:25-8:6 / Mk 3:7-12

12:00 pm (SP) Intentions of St. Therese's Guild by Deacon Ron & Ann Pominville

Friday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

Daily Scriptures Heb 8:6-13 / Mk 3:13-19

12:00 pm (SP) Gertrude McDonald by The Rosary Altar Society

Saturday, January 23 Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Scriptures Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 / Mk 3:20-21

4:00 pm (SP) Margaret Tabolt by Fred & Family

Sunday, January 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Scriptures Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20

9:00 am (SP) Jim Freeman by Joanne McAvoy

11:00 am (SH) Mass for the People

Sacrament of Baptism

Infants: parents should contact the parish office before or soon after birth.

Older children/adults: inquire about the RCIC or RCIA.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM at St. Peter
Sunday 8:00-8:30 AM at St. Peter
Sunday 10:00- 10:30 AM St. Hedwig
~Anytime by appointment~

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office in advance of surgery or as soon as possible when serious illness has set in.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months before the proposed wedding date in order to begin preparations.



Pastor's Desk

Virus and Vaccines

The Coronavirus continues to ravage our world and local community. This past week I attended the funeral of one of our priests who succumbed to the virus and death and sickness have also hit our parish hard. With the vaccine being rolled out there is hope on the horizon, however.

Some have expressed concerns about taking the vaccine due to a possible connection with the use of stem cells from aborted fetuses. Although there may be an indirect connection in the development stages, the current vaccines available in the U.S., Pfizer and Moderna, do not use cells from aborted babies in the production stages of their vaccine and so do not pose ethical problems from the Catholic perspective. The U.S. Bishops, while cautioning against complacency on abortion, understand the grave health risks being faced and therefore state "it is morally permissible and can be an act of self love and charity towards others" to take the vaccine. Pope Francis calls it an ethical obligation and both he and Pope Benedict plan on getting the vaccine, perhaps this coming week. For the safety of our community, I would encourage everyone to take advantage of the vaccine as it is made available.

Another Virus?

It seems there is another virus we are facing in this nation unrelated to the Coronavirus. The assault on our nation's capitol this past week has left many in shock and disbelief. Recent events in Washington have left many with heavy hearts resulting in a great deal of worry and anxiety. People are beginning to question long standing principles and values that we may have taken for granted. In facing our crisis in this time of national reflection, we must focus on who we are as a nation and as Catholic citizens in this nation. How does our Catholic faith speak to this situation? We should question how we have come to this point and how we may have contributed to it. Have we placed our hope in political agendas and been too lax in tolerating crude and hateful speech and behavior which has fed into the division which currently plagues our nation?

As faithful Catholics we cannot give in to discouragement or despair. Worry has never solved any problem. What solves problems is faith and trust in God who is the embodiment of truth, love and life. Love is our strength and "Love never fails" (1 Cor. 13:8). Instead of placing our hope in ideologies, politics or political leaders, we need to turn to God who is always faithful. The Lord is Light and Light overcomes the darkness.

~ Father Jay

Parish Happenings

Rosary Altar News

200 Club Winner Week #8 are Mary Turck and Donna Langs

Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled to meet in **St. Peter's Church Hall** on Monday January 25, at 7:00p.m. The Council will continue to discuss the suggested priority needs of *Family Catechesis*, *Outreach to Youth*, and *Building Community*. It is expected that all Pastoral Council Members will attend but all parishioners are welcomed & encouraged to attend this meeting to share insights and ideas. If you are a member of the Pastoral Council and you cannot attend please notify the church office.

May Festival Planning Meeting

Even though there is still some uncertainty, it is still important to plan. With that in mind, there will be an important planning meeting of all chairpersons for our May Festival on Monday, February 8, at 7 p.m. in St. Peter's Church Hall. All chairpersons are asked to attend. If unable to do so, please call the office.

Are You Missing Items?

With the colder temperatures and wearing/shedding of more layers... **Please note:** St. Peter's Church has a "Lost & Found" area in the tower room in the church. Please check there for items that may belong to you.

Attention!! We have a lost phone that was found near the church. It's in the parish office!

Financial Statements for 2020

Many thanks for the generous support of your church in 2020. If you would like a copy of your donations for 2020, please sign the sheet at the entrance of church or call the parish office. Thank you for your continued support,

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

This Friday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: respectlife.org/january-22.

Diocesan Mass for Life

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Bishop LaValley will celebrate a Mass for Life on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11AM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. It will be live-streamed at: www.rcdony.org/livemass Join in person or virtually to pray for a deeper respect for human life.

99 Experience: Virtual Presentation

The 99 Experience is a three-session video presentation to spark conversation, inspire prayer and awaken the call of God's love within you. Think of it as a virtual parish mission. As Catholics, we often think of ourselves as part of the flock, as part of the 99, safe in the care of the Good Shepherd. We do not see ourselves as the "one lost sheep" needing to be found, nor do we feel the need to go out and search for the one lost sheep. The 99 Experience is a call to recognize that we might be that one sheep who is lost, even though we are part of Jesus' flock. It is a call to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. It is also a call to recognize that God may want to work through us to go out and find the one who is lost.

- ◆ When: Thursday evening at 6:30pm, January 14, 21 and 28 via Zoom.

Respect Life Collection: January 23-24, 2021

The Respect Life Second Collection is held in parishes each January, near the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in our nation. In 2021, this collection will be held the weekend of January 23/24. Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese. Thank you for your support of efforts to build a culture of life.

From Bishop LaValley

PLEASE WEAR FACE COVERINGS THROUGHOUT MASS Due to the increasing number of COVID19 infections, we ask that members of the congregation age 2 and older, wear masks or cloth face coverings during indoor Masses (except for when receiving Holy Communion) to decrease the spread of airborne droplets and the subsequent risk of transmission. Wearing face coverings is a risk reduction measure that permits as many people as possible to attend Mass in person. In particular, this helps guard against transmitting the virus to the elderly and immunocompromised members of the congregation and to those who assist in their care.

We appreciate your cooperation with this request.

Reflection on the Gospel

John the Baptist pointed out Jesus to his disciples: Behold the Lamb of God. They immediately follow Jesus, and he asks them what they are looking for. Who was it that first pointed Jesus out to you, and how did you respond? What is it that you seek? Jesus knows what we need, but so often we get so busy with our daily tasks that we do not take time to reflect on what it is we truly desire. We need to take the opportunity to spend time with Jesus in prayer, to listen and to share our deepest longings with him.

Environmental Stewardship

How can my simple small acts to "reduce, reuse and recycle" possibly contribute to peace in the world? In his message on World Day of Peace 2021, Pope Francis reminds us that all creation is interconnected. It also highlights our need to listen to the cry of the poor and, at the same time, to the cry of creation. Constant and attentive listening leads to effective care for the earth, our common home, and for our brothers and sisters in need... Peace, justice and care for creation are three inherently connected questions, which cannot be separated in such a way as to be treated individually, lest we fall back into reductionism." Our responsible use of God's gifts that are meant for everyone is one step that we can make towards building a more just and compassionate world.

Devotions to the Seven Sorrows & Joys of St. Joseph



Observing the Seven Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph.

Sundays from January 31 to March 14

The Devotion to the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of St. Joseph is observed on the seven Sundays preceding the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19th.

A Prayer booklet prepared by Fr. Joe Giroux can be picked up at the parish office.

Ministers Serving at Mass for Next Weekend ~ January 23 & 24

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Altar Server	Usher	Visual Presenter
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Deborah Domagala	Deacon Ron Gingerich	Amy Petersen Sheila Yarina	Noah Comet	Douglas Domagala	Daniel Pisaniello
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Cheryl Martin	Deacon Ron Gingerich	Kristie Kennedy Elizabeth Walter	Anna King	Andrew Kennedy Richie Thompson	Sharon Kelly
Sunday, 11:00 AM	Mary Ann Lepkowski	Deacon Ron Gingerich	Kay Venitelli			



Faith Formation News

Due to COVID, Faith Formation lessons will continue at home until further notice. We ask students and parents to continue the lessons from home as a family and submitting either their assignment from their respective catechist, or the online assessment each week. We are very blessed and thankful our students and families are keeping their Faith Formation a priority during these difficult times.

By not having in person classes, I ask that you please check your email regularly. I will be sending updates concerning Faith Formation, and information for students preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Protecting God's Children

All Faith Formation catechists, volunteers and those who have regular contact with minors, are required to undergo a background check and VIRTUS Training session. At this time, due to COVID restrictions, all VIRTUS Training is now done online. For those who found it hard in the past to find a date and location that fit their schedule, this might a good opportunity to take advantage of the online course. Please call or stop by the office for the Form and instructions to register.

Meditation

The majority of people like to speak to God but few speak *with* God. To speak with God implies that we not only speak to Him, but we also *listen*. God speaks to us through His Word which is the Holy Scripture. He also speaks to us through events in our lives: the people we meet, circumstances we find ourselves in, inspirations that He sends to us.

Meditation is simply reflecting on God's Word with the help of the Holy Spirit. It is a simple process that involves your mind, your heart, emotions, and your will. Meditation does not mean that we are looking for visions or extraordinary insights. It is spending time alone with Jesus.

Tough Times - Throughout history, God has proven his faithfulness and care over and over again. He promises that He will help you through whatever tough times you face.

Tune out the world and tune into God - In our noisy world, it can be hard to hear God's voice over the din. Yet, listening is as important as talking during prayer. *"By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies"* (Isaiah 30:15). Talk to Him often, but make a point of listening for God's voice. *"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God"* (Philippians 4:6).

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right."

Martin Luther King Jr

Monday	♦ Parish Office Closed
Sunday January 24	♦ Second Collection this weekend for Respect for Life Collection
Monday January 25	♦ Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm at St. Peter's parish hall

Stewardship:

	Collection January 10, 2021	Collection January 9, 2020	Weekly Needs
Catholic Community of St. Peter ~ St. Mary ~ St. Hedwig	\$5,656.41	\$9,627.21	\$8,863.46

Remember in Prayer

We pray for loved ones who are ill:

Sharon Albuquerque, Dorothy Armstrong, Linda Aubertine, Dyanne Bouchard, Joe Bush, Jean & Mike Call, Megan Cartier, Dick Dosztan, Mary Gennette, Paul Gothe, Kathy Gowing, Helen Hickok, Jana Ingersoll, Ed Knapp, Cathy Kozloski, George Larabee, Viola Marolf, Sally Matuszczak, Lynn Norris, Herb Nortz, Eugene Pomerville, Genevieve Seelman, Tom Shultz, John Terrillion. All those who are ill at home, in the hospital or in the nursing home.

Military Prayer List

1st Lt Sarah G. Barrett, WO1 Josh Bastin, Pvt. Garret Barney, Kevin Beltowski, Aaron Bibbins, Maj Kelly Boian, USMC Ian Broome, 2nd Lt Nicholas Carrara, SFC Christopher Casinha, Major Gary Dales, Ryan Dunn, Warrant Officer 3 John Michael Griger, Corporal Scott Hamblin, Neal Heaton, PFC Christopher Henning, 2nd Lt. Courtney Hill, Adam Huizar, LT Orion Kelly, Tyler Kenealy, Maj Adam King, Maj. Krista (Hubschmitt) King, Sgt. Stephen Larche, Maj. Trevor J. Larabee, Eric Lautenshlager, Capt. Amy Lewicki, Chief Aviation Electricians Mate Heather D. Mains, Capt. Mike McCanney, Lt.(JG) David J. Monnat, CSM Oldroyd, Maj. John Ontki, Michael Ozkan, 2nd Lt. Andrew Patterson, Christopher Shackelford, Joshua C.W. Smith, Major Jason Spencer, Benjamin Stanton, Tech Sgt. Nicholas Stanton, Maj. John Sullivan, WO 1 Alex Sweredoski, Major Danny Thebeau, SFC Blake Wilson, Naamon Wright, Yolanda Wright, SSgt. Eric Yancey, Sgt. Zach Zapotoski.

Safe Environment Corner

Did You Know...peaceful parenting is also known as gentle parenting, positive parenting, or attachment parenting. The main theme of these approaches is focusing on the health of the relationship between the child and the parent and supporting the child's developmental needs. Peaceful parenting is more effective than hitting. Peaceful parenting keeps your long-term goals in mind, emphasizes warmth and structure, and considers how children think and feel. For more resources, visit <https://stopspanking.org/resources/>.