

SEVENTY - FIVE YEARS...

In 1987, we will celebrate the 75th anniversary of our presence here on West Main Street. Our Church has been a symbol of our parish's ministry in this neighborhood for many years.

The Parish Council has begun looking forward to the celebration, and has set up a COMMITTEE to plan the different aspects of the celebration. We want to focus on the Church, not merely as a building, but on the Church as a COMMUNITY of people who believe, who care, and who serve. We want to celebrate our Community's past, present, and future.

We are trying to contact as many people as possible who were ever associated with Saints Peter and Paul in any way.

Were you a student in our school?
Were you married here? Did you receive any other Sacraments in this church? Do you know anyone else who was a member of the Parish at any time?

We would appreciate gathering as many addresses as possible. Could you please fill in the form below, tear it off and leave it in the bench. Or use the papers in the benches to write other names and addresses. Many thanks!

We will be sure to keep you informed of the different events of our 75th CELEBRATION!

NAME

PHONE

ADDRESS

ZIP

VISION STATEMENT

The MISSION of SS. Peter and Paul Parish is to be a committed, caring community of believers in JESUS CHRIST, the Savior and Lord, united in the SPIRIT, and called to worship GOD, to love one another, and to proclaim in word, deed and attitude the GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom of God.

We strive to do this by
sharing our gifts
in the portion of the Vineyard
where we have been planted
-- serving and welcoming all,
as Jesus did,
and by responding in faith
to local, national, and global
issues of justice and peace.

PARISH STAFF

Father Richard McNally, ss.cc.
Brother Robert DiManno, ss.cc.
Sister Bernadette Hemingway, ss.cc.
Brother Walter DeCremieux, ss.cc.
Sister Janet Mary Coseo, SSJ
Brother Thomas Nolan, ss.cc.

MASSES

Daily, except Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. (Spanish), 10:45 (English)

WELCOME TO

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

720 WEST MAIN STREET

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

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WHO we are...
WHAT we believe...
WHAT we do...

HISTORY

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL PARISH was originally established for the Catholics of German origin living on the west side of the Genesee River.

The first church, "a simple but solid frame building" stood on the corner of King and Maple Streets. Dedicated on June 29, 1843 as St. Peter's Parish, it was re-organized and incorporated 21 years later as SS. Peter and Paul Parish. This church was destroyed by fire on December 8, 1867. Another church was built in 1859 and considerably enlarged in 1884. All these structures were sold to the Railroad in 1910.

Lay teachers educated the youth of St Peter's Parish from its origin. In 1855 the School Sisters of Notre Dame were invited to take over this responsibility and fulfilled the role of educators until the school closed in 1972.

The present complex on West Main Street was built in 1910-1911 and dedicated in June, 1912 by Bishop Thomas Hickey.

Because of the great expense of construction, the interior decoration was completed only in 1929. The major elements of the interior design were transferred from the old structure of 1859, and many remain to this day.

In 1967, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary took over the administration of the Parish.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish has witnessed many changes during its long history. The growth of the Black and Hispanic population has transformed the Parish into a multicultural community.

The Parish Staff along with the members of the dedicated, closely-knit parish have become a truly active community, with a place for the individual to share their gifts and talents.

The PARISH COUNCIL provides leadership to make the Mission of Christ a lived reality in our community. The Council makes clear goals and objectives which will enable the Parish to accomplish its mission as a faith community. The spirit of the Council is one of service to the family of God.

MINISTRIES

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL DAY CARE CENTER

will provide a program designed to help young children of our neighborhood develop fundamental skills for successful learning.



THE DAY CARE CENTER will accomodate 3 to 5 year old children, following a school-year calendar.

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

is designed to awaken and enlighten each student in their faith journey. We accomplish this through Bible Study, reinforcing Christian daily living skills, engaging students in service projects, and by providing a loving atmosphere in which the students can deepen their faith.

Classes are scheduled on SUNDAYS after the 10:45 Mass



FUN IN THE SON

(F.I.T.S.)

is a summer program of Christian growth for children and teens.

The goals of YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY are to foster the spiritual and personal growth of each person we touch and to draw them into responsible participation in the life, work, and mission of the faith community.

The Saints Peter and Paul

PRAYER GROUP

meets on THURSDAY evenings at 7:30 p.m.

The ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM is a learning and sharing experience for adults, presenting the basic message of Jesus Christ, as found in the Sacred Scriptures and in the Catholic Church.



We meet on TUESDAY evenings at 6:30.

The word EVANGELIZATION means, very simply, to PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS and the GOOD NEWS is this: we are loved by our Creator GOD. The VISITORS of our parish will visit people bringing this Good News,

SAINT PETER'S KITCHEN invites all God's children to table fellowship, without regard to race, religion, economic or social status. It not only meets the need of feeding the hungry, but it also brings people together in table fellowship.

SAINT PETER'S CLOTHES CLOSET

extends the Kitchen ministry to fulfill the Gospel mandate to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

It is open from 9:30 to 11:00 every SATURDAY morning.



we are called and sent

