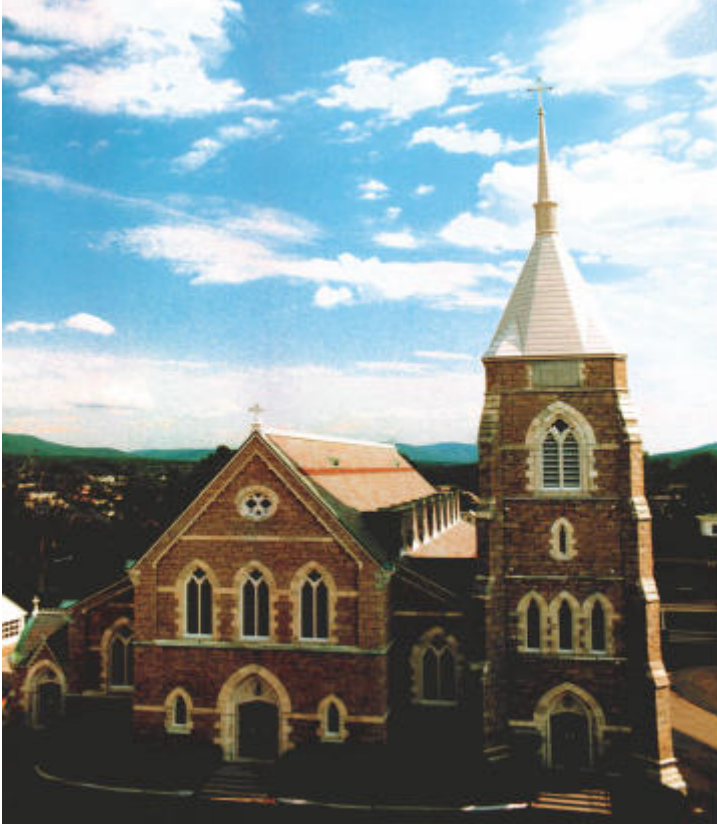


Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 19, 2020

St. Peter Parish

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Saturday – 4:15 PM
Sunday – 11:00 AM

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Weekday Masses

Chapel of our Lady

Monday—4:45 PM—Except Holidays

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 PM—or by appointment

New Parishioners

Please call Parish Office to register.

Religious Education

Parish Website-www.StPeterRutland.org

Or contact Michael Audette:
maudette@msjvermont.org

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ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE:**Saturday, January 18**

4:15 Birthday & Ann: Kimberly & Richard A. LeFevre by Mom, Dad, Joe, Crissy, Brian, Noah & Shelby
and Mem: Fr. Raymond Walsh by Joe Tilden

Sunday, January 19

11:00 3rd Ann: Theresa Fraumeni by Carol & Joe Barbagallo

Monday, January 20

No 4:45 PM Mass today

Saturday, January 25

4:15 Birthday Mem: Anthony "Tony" Flory by Family

Sunday, January 26

11:00 Wedding Ann: Laura Rotella by Guido & Children
and Mem: Richard & Lucille Bartlett and Gerald & Marguerite Bartlett by Family

**CANDLES FOR THIS WEEKEND:**

Birthday & Ann: Kimberly & Richard A LeFevre by Mom, Dad, Joe, Crissy, Brian, Noah & Shelby



The Rectory Office will be closed on
Monday, January 20th.

CHOIR REHEARSALS ON A HIATUS

Due to the flu season and many being ill and the very small number of choir members the choir rehearsals will be on a hiatus until further notice.

JANUARY 2020 MONTHLY MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP COLLECTION

This past weekend, St. Peter's Monthly Maintenance & Upkeep Collection was taken up. Your kind and generous support of this collection is deeply appreciated.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE TAKING

Once again this weekend, you are invited to feel free to take home the remaining poinsettia plants. With proper care, these plants still can have a long life. In taking the plants, **please take only the plant, and not the plastic container dish beneath the plants.**

**ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT
WEEKEND OF JANUARY 11/12**

83 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$793.00	3,023.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 1,477.00
Last Year—Same Date	3,435.00
Monthly Upkeep Collection	772.00

From the Pastor's Desk...

As many of you may know, Frank and Colleen D'Auria are anticipating retirement and relocation closer to their daughter in late spring. As a result we will be losing our organist/music director and Sacristan/Cantor, just to name a few of the important areas in which they have been so actively involved.

As a result of their moving into the next phase of their journey, and the uncertainty of what our Liturgical music scene will be at the time of Confirmation on May 19th, the Confirmation Mass and ceremony has been moved to Christ the King.

This is by no means our farewell to Frank and Colleen. It is simply to keep all of the parishioners informed of what we know at this time. We will be extending our very best wishes to Frank and Colleen at a future date and time, but for the time being, let us keep Frank and Colleen in prayer as they continue to move forward in their plans for the future.

ST. PETER'S ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

On Thursday, January 9, 2020, a small group of St. Peter's parishioners met for the second time to establish a committee to plan various fun activities to bring parishioners together, for more fellowship, and for the enjoyment of each other's company. The group decided to name this committee "Parish Life Committee". At the previous meeting activities such as pot luck dinners, kids sliding and kite flying, talent show, sing along/ caroling, picnic, family crafts and others were mentioned. In order for any of these activities to take place to enhance our parish life, more people are needed for continued planning and executing of these activities. In the coming weeks, the St. Peter Parish Life Committee (formally Activities Committee) will be conducting a survey to gauge interest in potential parish activities and events. On the weekends of 2/1—2/2 and 2/8—2/9 you will find the surveys at the ends of the pews. Please take a moment to fill out and return them in the collection baskets or in the baskets near the entrances to the Church labeled "Parish Life Survey". These surveys will help us determine which activities and events our parish would most like to pursue. Thank you for your participation. If you are interested in joining the Parish Life Committee please contact Nichole Peterson (802) 773-0370 or timbercraft98@gmail.com. We hope that we can count on you, our parishioners, to take an active interest in this.

DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN

There is a deadline each week for information to be put into our bulletin. It is Monday by noon. Holiday bulletin deadlines may vary.

St. Peter's TD Bank's Affinity Membership Program—Code = AF605



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 19

10:00 AM—Faith Formation Classes today.
Next session will be on 2/2/20

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. HOLIDAY
OFFICE CLOSED
NO 4:45 PM MASS TODAY

Saturday, January 25

10:00 AM—Baptism of Emma Hogan

Sunday, January 26

NO Faith Formation Session today.
Next session will be on 2/2/20

CAUTION PLEASE FALLING SNOW AND ICE

For those who park behind the church—a word of caution—snow and ice does fall from the roof of the church. Please walk away from the church and friary buildings, and please **DO NOT PARK ALONG SIDE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING** during these winter months due to the danger of falling snow and ice; you could be seriously injured and your car could sustain serious damage with this falling snow and ice. **AND PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE GARAGES.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PARKING ON MEADOW STREET

In order to allow easier access to the church from the Meadow Street parking lot, it would be greatly appreciated to refrain from parking directly in front of the steps leading to the friary and church. The elderly or the handicapped can be dropped off at the handicap entrance and parking in the back of the church should be reserved for those vehicles.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Saturday, January 18th—Saturday, January 25th is designated as the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. Prayer cards and daily Scripture Prayer Guides have been donated and placed near the Bulletins so we invite all who wish to pray in the course of this week for Christian Unity to take these home with you as you leave the church today.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION

Got game? Girls and boys ages 9-14, are invited to participate in the 2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship January 26th. Registration starts at 11:30 and first shots at 12:00 at Christ the King Gym in Rutland. Beat Fr. Matt's total and win an extra prize. Refreshments provided.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS

St. Augustine Church— Montpelier—
Saturday, January 18th 9:30 AM

All are invited to participate in this event, beginning with Mass at 9:30 AM celebrated by Diocesan Vicar General, Monsignor John McDermott. Reception to follow. Vermont Right to Life will then sponsor a prayerful walk to the State House with program to follow inside.

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord this past Sunday, January 12th, the Christmas season came to a close. Immediately after the 11 AM Mass the Christmas decorations were taken down. Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, for example, Advent-Christmas season, or Lenten-Easter season, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays.

This period is known as “*Ordinary Time*” on the Church calendar. Ordinary Time thus began this past Monday, January 13th, when we found ourselves in the first week of Ordinary Time, and continues through Tuesday, February 25th, the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. Ordinary Time will then resume Monday, June 1st, when the Easter season ends on Sunday, May 31st, Pentecost Sunday, at which time we will be in the 9th week of Ordinary Time.

“Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity.

But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and the best of players. Creative activity is playful, and **creative people do not feel that what they do is a job**. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are the gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as gift or grace. Our thankful response we call worship or eucharist.

We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. **Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time**, the celebration of Sunday, **is the identifying mark of the Christian community** which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. **How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe** about redeemed time now and forever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. ***This is not ordinary at all.*** This is the fabric of Christian living.”

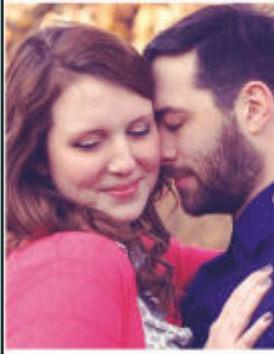
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