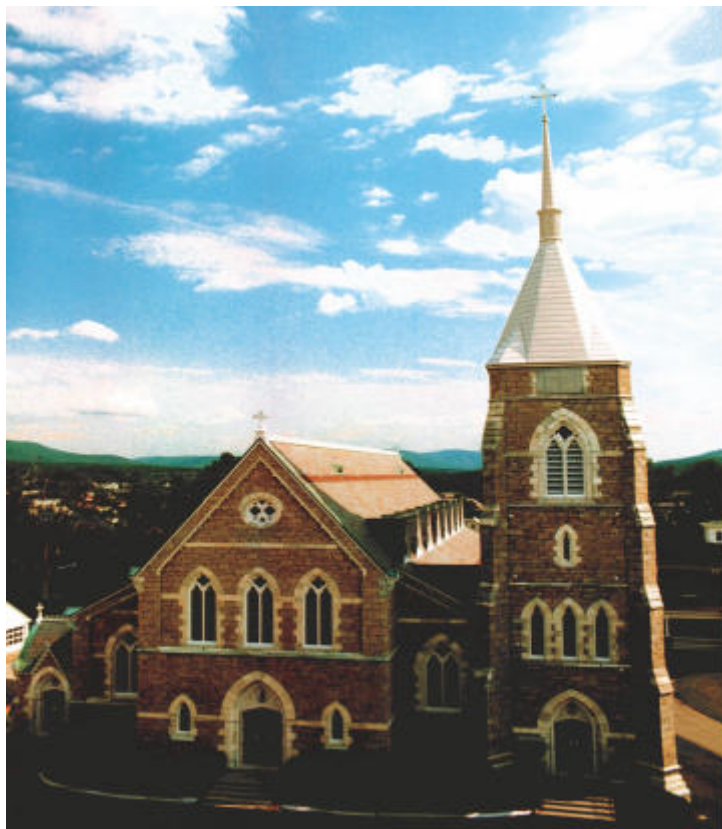


Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 23, 2020

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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, February 22

4:15 4th Ann: Al Flory by Children
 and Mem: Thomas Mazzariello, Jr. by the Baker Family

Sunday, February 23

11:00 1st Ann: Millie Steingress by Carol & Joe Barbagallo

Monday, February 24

4:45 Mem: Charles & Carmen Menduni & Laura Benincasa & Family by Nancy Turchi
 and Mem: Henry Schilling by Tom Giblin

Wednesday, February 26—ASH WEDNESDAY

12:15 PM In Honor of his Birthday: Liam McGrath by Serena Kim

6:00 PM Ann: Rose Valente by Grace

Saturday, February 29

4:15 Mem: Tom Navin by Gary & Carol Randall

Sunday, March 1

11:00 Ann: Christine Tedesco by Husband & Family
 and In Honor of her Birthday: Serena Kim by Serena Kim



CANDLES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

Mem: Teresa Lanahan & Robert Lanahan by Teresa Cool

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LENTEN RETREAT DAY FOR ALL PARISH MINISTERS

A Lenten retreat day for anyone who works for, or ministers in the parish including administrative assistants, bookkeepers, religious education teachers, maintenance personnel, music directors and cantors, parish volunteers, ushers, EEM's, Lectors and other parish staff will be held on **Wednesday, March 18th** from 9:30 AM—3:00 PM at St. Stanislaus Church in West Rutland. This retreat is facilitated by the Diocesan Department of Evangelization & Catechesis. To register or for more information: Valerie Parzyck (802) 845-5813; vermontcatholic.org/retreats.

ASH WEDNESDAY ALMSGIVING COLLECTION

There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday—February 26th—to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachel, and Residential Care Homes. A portion of the collection will go to help fund the Bishop deGoesbriand grants which are awarded to Vermont nonprofits who are making a difference in their communities. Envelopes will be available in the churches. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 15/16

67 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$557.00	2,805.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 1,695.00
Last Year—Same Date	3,724.50
Fuel Collection	441.00

SAVE THE DATE—MARCH 29, 2020

Plans are underway for a fun and entertaining evening to honor Frank and Colleen D'Auria on Sunday, March 29th, from 4:30 PM ~ at the American Legion, 33 Washington St., Rutland. To celebrate their more than 40 years of dedicated service and commitment to St. Peter's Church, the Buffet Dinner will begin serving at 5:00 PM, and will consist of Bruschetta, Shrimp Cocktail, Cheese & Crackers, Tossed Salad, Chicken with Lemon Butter Sauce, Roast Pork with Mushroom Pork Gravy, Pesto Pasta, Eggplant Parmigiana, Glazed Carrots, rolls and butter, Cake, coffee & tea. **Tickets for the event must be purchased in advance**, and the cost is \$20/person. The price includes tax and room rental fee. **We MUST give the numbers attending by MARCH 21ST**, so tickets will no longer be available for purchase after March 20th. Tickets are available for purchase before and after each weekend Mass, as well as from the Office at the Friary, during regular business hours.

From the Pastor's Desk

Some few years back, Dcn. Bob had requested to not serve at the altar as a deacon primarily due to health issues. In the past 13 months, he has been under a regiment plan of treatment dealing with those issues. He has made tremendous progress, and both he and his doctors agree that he can safely resume full time ministry.

Having recently met with Dcn. Bob, he formally requested, that in addition to his nursing home visits as well as assisting on communion call visits, to return to serving as a deacon, at the altar; so on weekends, he would like to alternate serving, as deacon, at the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, and preaching at both weekend Masses once a month. In consultation with the Bishop, I warmly and happily welcome Dcn. Bob to serve in his fullest capacity in the diaconate ministry here at St. Peter's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning this Friday, February 28th, as a Lenten devotion, St. Peter's will be offering the Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 6:00 PM. Won't you consider joining in prayer for this beautiful and traditional Lenten devotion.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY DISMAS HOUSE BACKPACK PROGRAM

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent begins this week, on February 26, 2020. Once again this year, St. Peter's would like to sponsor its annual **DISMAS HOUSE & BACKPACK PROGRAM**. We are invited to assist newly arriving residents at Dismas House by contributing personal toiletry items/gift cards/or donations towards backpacks. In order to assist the parishioners in needed items, baskets will be prepared at the church entrances with items written on slips of paper of the needed items. Simply take the slips that you would like and place the items in the boxes that will be provided. These items will then be placed in the backpacks and given to residents as they arrive at Dismas House.

This weekend, February 22nd and February 23rd, we welcome Eric Maguire (new Director of the Rutland Dismas House) at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday and Geraldine Burke at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday along with a resident at each Mass to speak to us about Dismas House.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 23

No faith formation session today due to winter break.
Next session 3/1/20

Wednesday, February 26

ASH WEDNESDAY—BEGINNING OF LENT

12:15 PM—Mass with Imposition of Ashes

6:00 PM—Mass with Imposition of Ashes

DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Friday, February 28

6:00 PM—Stations of the Cross

**NEXT FAITH FORMATION SESSION IS SCHEDULED
FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020 AT 10:00 AM**

ST. ALPHONSUS' 41ST ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

The parish of St. Alphonsus in Pittsford, VT will be hosting its 41st St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Sunday, March 15th, from 4:00 PM—6:00 PM. Please check out their flyer posted on the Bulletin Boards of the Church listing their menu. Cost: Adults \$13.00, Children 6-12, \$7.00, under 6, \$3.00. Meals to go are also available.

3rd ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 3rd Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 28th, 2020**, from 9:00 AM—3:15 PM, at St. Anthony's Church, White River Junction. The Keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain, Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5½ years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic. Other speakers will include Msgr. John McDermott and Paul Kendall. There will also be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship, and Mass with Bishop Coyne. Registration and more info at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men.

"40 DAYS FOR LIFE"

From February 26 through April 5, during the Season of Lent, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the local Planned Parenthood, across the street and on the sidewalk from 11 Burnham Ave., Rutland, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information—and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Delia Warnecke (802-287-0354) havefaith180103@yahoo.com or 40daysforlife.com/Rutland.

ARE YOU AGING WELL? DOES AGING FEEL LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT?

The Ageless in the Lord Lenten Retreat has nothing to do with age, but everything to do with attitude! Join us on Mondays (3/2-4/6) from 10 AM-noon, at Engle Hall, Christ the King in Rutland. Cost: \$10 includes materials and light refreshments. Registration: Christ the King Rectory, 66 S. Main Street, Rutland—773-6820 or rwcatholic@gmail.com. For more information or questions, please contact Terri McCormack at 282-8809 or Susan Roland 438-2606.

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.

MSJ-CKS ANNUAL AUCTION & DANCE

SAVE THE DATE for the **MSJ-CKS Annual Auction & Dance at the Holiday Inn on Saturday, March 21, 2020** from 7 to 11 PM. This is an adult-only, fun-filled evening that kicks off with a *Silent and Live Auction, followed by dancing with music provided by MC Sounds!* Donations, large or small, are also welcomed. If you are interested in donating an item; vacation rental or a service, please contact Mary Lou Tedesco Harvey at mharvey@msjvermont.net or by phone 802-236-3485.

LENT AND SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS

This Wednesday, February 26th, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Church's Lenten Season, a time given to us to examine our lives and prepare for our most sacred day of Easter, which will be on Sunday, April 12th. During the 40 days of Lent (not counting the Sundays of Lent) we are encouraged to make every effort to spend time engaging in activities that will help us become more aware of Christ in our lives. It is a penitential time of **prayer, fasting, almsgiving** and **personal sacrifice** meant to draw Christians more deeply into the sacred mysteries of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Certain disciplines and devotions are associated with Lent, such as Fast and Abstinence, and the Stations of the Cross. Fast and Abstinence are obligatory practices for all Catholics, unless of course, due to health reasons, age or other medical or unavoidable reasons or circumstances dictate that they cannot be observed, common sense must be applied.

Abstinence: Catholics of age **14 and older** must abstain from meat/chicken on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and **all Fridays of Lent.**

Fasting: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age **18-59** must fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, and refrain from eating in between meals.

Of course, if due to age or health issues, taking medications, the above cannot be followed you are dispensed from fulfilling these disciplines. If you are in reasonably good health and are able to observe these disciplines, then these disciplines should be observed.

On all Fridays of Lent, beginning this week, February 28th, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed beginning at 6:00 PM in the church.

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.

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