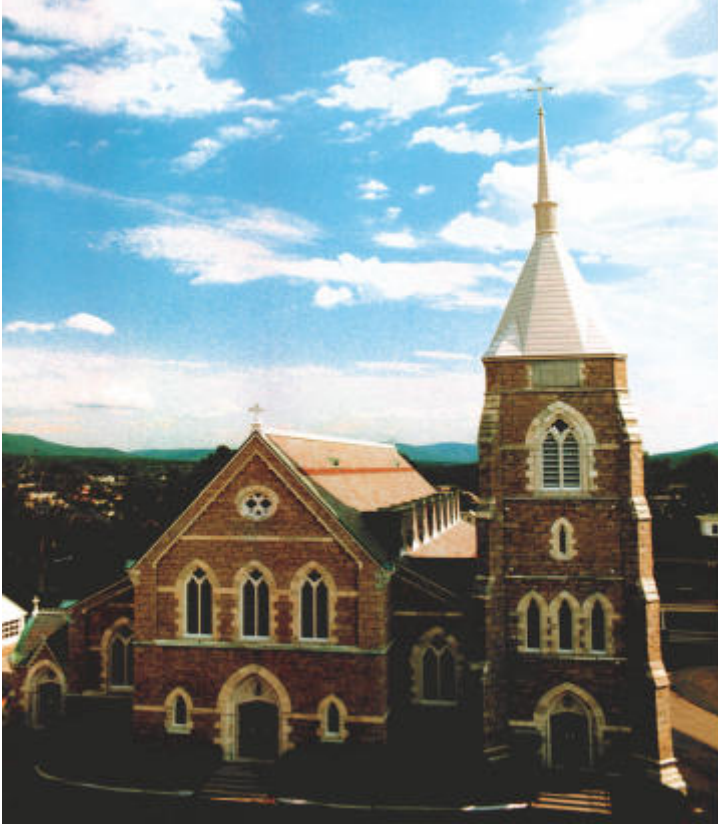


First Sunday of Lent—March 1, 2020

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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 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

Monday, March 2

4:45 Ann: Sharon Bedard by Mom & Dad
and Mem: Jean McGinnis Clifford by Family

Saturday, March 7

4:15 Birthday Mem: Janet LaBelle by Carla
and 18th Ann: Clelia Marro by Sarah Valente, Josephine Flory and Luigi Mainolfi

Sunday, March 8

11:00 Mem: Polina Yoo by Serena Kim



CANDLES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

For Parishioners

From the Pastor's Desk

I am very pleased to announce that Sr. Pauline Gratton, a member of the Daughters of the Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has accepted to be our organist for weekend and Holy Day Masses beginning after Easter.

**RESULTS OF PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
 FEBRUARY 19TH MEETING**

Six members of the Parish Life Committee met with Fr. Tom on Wednesday, February 19th and went through the surveys that had been turned in; it was a very exciting meeting because it involved the participation of a good number of parishioners who responded to the survey. As a start, the committee came up with the following plan of activities, based on the survey responses: **today on March 1st**, a sledding party, including snacks, will take place immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass. Should it be inclement weather, it will be re-scheduled for Sunday, March 8th. **Sunday, April 5th**, immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass, an Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the religious ed program, inviting all to participate. **Sunday, June 14th**, following the 11:00 AM Mass, an ice cream social; our annual parish picnic will be on **Sunday, August 16th**, and a Harvest Pot Luck Dinner will be scheduled for **Saturday, October 17th** immediately following the 4:15 PM Mass. We hope that all will mark their calendars.

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 COLLECTION REPORT
 WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 22/23**

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| 80 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$787.00 | 3,964.00 |
| Need | 4,500.00 |
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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 ministry 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, **\$10 for children 7-10, and free for children under 6 years of age**. 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

**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.

**LENT AND THE DISMAS HOUSE
 BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Lent is underway and so is the annual **DISMAS HOUSE & BACKPACK PROGRAM**. Baskets have been placed 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 have also been provided. These items will then be placed in the backpacks and given to residents arriving at Dismas House.

**WE’VE BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
 THE SOUL OF FORMER ST. PETER’S PARISHIONER,
 MICHAEL MASLACK**

The daughter of Mr. Michael Maslack, formerly a long time and devoted parishioner of St. Peter’s, has informed us of her Father’s death on February 19th, and asked that he be remembered in our prayers. Due to declining health, Michael has been living in Burlington for the past several years. May he rest in peace.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 1

10:00 AM—Faith formation session today.

Next session 3/15/20

**SLEDDING PARTY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
11:00 AM MASS**

Friday, March 6

**DAY OF ABSTINENCE FOR ALL 14 YEARS AND OLDER
= NO MEAT OR CHICKEN**

6:00 PM—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

SET CLOCKS ONE HOUR AHEAD BEFORE RETIRING

Sunday, March 8

NO Faith Formation Session today.

Next session 3/15/20

LENT AND SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS

This past Wednesday the Church's Lenten Season began. This is 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 these cannot be observed, common sense must be applied.

Abstinence: Catholics of age **14 and older** must abstain from meat, including chicken, on **all Fridays of Lent**, as well as on **Good Friday**.

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.

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.

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.

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. Deadline to register is March 13.

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.

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

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 rwecatholic@gmail.com. For more information or questions, please contact Terri McCormack at 282-8809 or Susan Roland 438-2606.

UNPLANNED—THE MOVIE

St. Alphonsus will be showing the movie, *Unplanned*, today, **Sunday, March 1st at 2:00 PM** in the parish hall. This is the true life journey of Abby Johnson, one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors who became one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America. All are invited.

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