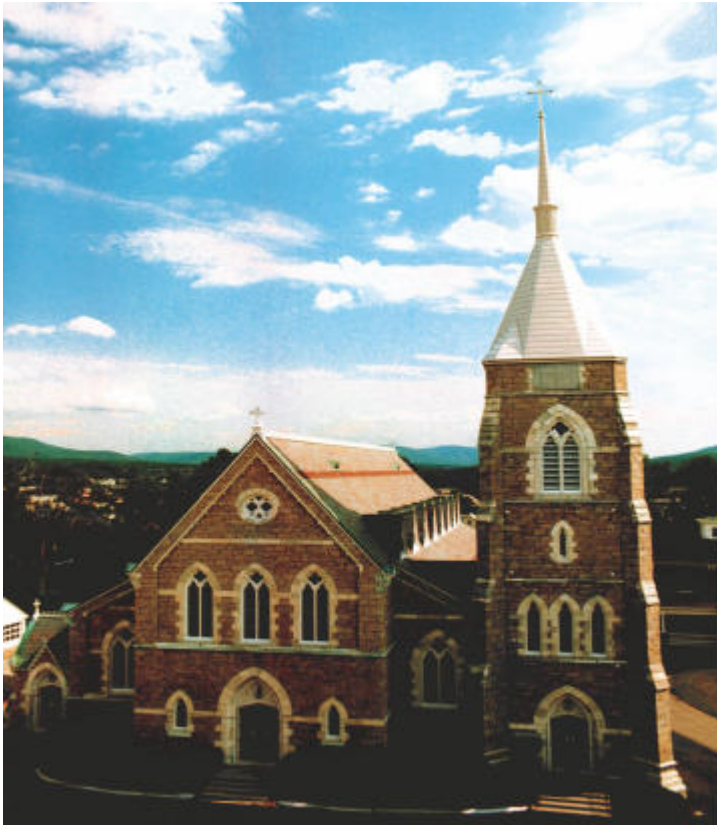


Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 22, 2020

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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

By appointment

New Parishioners

Please call Parish Office to register.

Religious Education

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BISHOP COYNE SADLY ANNOUNCES SUSPENSION OF ALL PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS OF THE MASS, SACRAMENTS, AND DEVOTIONS

- Effective Friday, March 20, all regularly scheduled public celebrations of the Catholic Mass, sacraments and devotions are suspended until further notice. Priests of the Diocese of Burlington will continue to celebrate Mass privately for the intentions of their community and the Church. Baptisms, funerals and weddings may take place but will be strictly limited in attendance to immediate family members.
- All social events, fund raising activities or other functions should be canceled or postponed until further notice.
- All field trips, service trips, youth group trips and retreats should be canceled or postponed until further notice.
- Extra ordinary ministers and clergy will suspend normal service to nursing homes, private homes and hospital visits until further notice. Clergy may provide necessary pastoral care as needed.
- The Capital Campaign is suspended.

I have taken this course of action following the advice of local public officials and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to limit gatherings to 10 people. While this is a difficult time for the faithful, we must all do our part to ensure the health and well-being of the larger community by helping prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as necessary.

Plans are moving forward to “live-stream” a local celebration of the Mass daily beginning with this Sunday, March 22, at 10 AM. Please check the Diocesan website at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/covid-19/> for all TV Mass options, resources to keep Sunday Holy and the latest updates.

I ask that you pray daily the Pope’s prayer to the Virgin Mary for protection from this pandemic (see above [https](https://www.vermontcatholic.org/covid-19/)). Please continue to support your parish and the Diocese by giving online or via mail to ensure we remain financially stable during these difficult times.

Let us pray for one another and for all those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we look forward to being able to return to normal when the epidemic is over.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My **Jesus**, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You *into my soul*. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

DINNER AND CELEBRATION TO HONOR FRANK & COLLEEN D’AURIA HAS BEEN CANCELED

This dinner has been canceled due to the Corona virus. To receive your refund, please bring your ticket to the Rectory Office during regular business hours. Thank you.

NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY ABOUT YOUR UPCOMING MASS THAT WAS SCHEDULED. THANK YOU.

BULLETINS

Please note that our weekly bulletin is always available at the Church entrances outside.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Effective immediately we will **NOT** be having the Stations of the Cross.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions here at St. Peter’s by appointment only until further notice.

**ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT
WEEKEND OF MARCH 14/15**

51 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$218.00	1,868.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 2,632.00
Last Year—Same Date	4,068.00
Monthly Upkeep Collection	502.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 22

Faith formation sessions are canceled until further notice due to COVID-19

Friday, March 27

DAY OF ABSTINENCE—14 YEARS AND OLDER = NO MEAT OR CHICKEN

NO Stations of the cross

Sunday, March 29

NO Faith Formation Sessions till further notice

LENT AND SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS

Abstinence: Catholics aged **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.

MSJ-CKS ANNUAL AUCTION & DANCE **POSTPONED TO JUNE 26, 2020**

For any questions, please contact Mary Lou Tedesco Harvey at mharvey@msjvermont.net or by phone: 802-236-3485. Thank you for supporting Rutland County's Catholic Schools!



Envelopes are available at all the entrances of the Church to be used to remember a loved one by making a donation for the purchase of flowers for Easter. Please drop it off at the Rectory during the week, or mail it by **March 29**. Please **print the names clearly.**

ADDITIONAL RAILING INSTALLED ON SANCTUARY STEPS

Thanks to the generosity of Frank and Colleen D'Auria, a second railing has been installed on the sanctuary steps, in memory of the deceased members of the D'Auria and McDonough Families; this railing is also a parting gift from the D'Auria's to St. Peter's. A plaque is in the process of being made. Thank you so much, Frank and Colleen, and thanks to Angelo Tedesco, Jr. for installing the railing.

ST. PETER'S MARCH 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.

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.

LENT AND THE DISMAS HOUSE BACKPACK PROGRAM

Lent is underway and so is the annual **DISMAS HOUSE & BACKPACK PROGRAM**. **We will continue to receive your donations for the Backpack Program. Handicapped Church door entrance is open during business office hours.** 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.

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