

Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 29, 2020

St. Peter Parish

**A ministry of the Capuchin Franciscans,
Province of St. Mary, New York and New England**



**Fr. Thomas R. Houle, O.F.M. Cap.
Pastor**

**Fr. Maurice Moreau, O.F.M. Cap.
In Residence**

Sunday Masses:

Saturday—4:15 PM

Sunday—11:00 AM

Suspended until further notice

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Weekday Masses

Chapel of our Lady

Monday—4:45 PM—Except Holidays

Suspended until further notice

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

DRE, Michael Audette

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(Saint Peter Parish Religious Education)

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From the Pastor's desk...

It occurred to me during some quiet times of meditation, as well as in celebrating private Masses, that the isolation that many of us are feeling at this time due to the Corona Virus is something new to many of us; however, for so many of our home-bound brothers and sisters, those in nursing homes and hospitals and in other health care facilities, this has become a daily way of life for them. I believe that God has a message for us in all of this. Through quiet time, prayer, reflection and meditation, God will speak to us. Let us open our hearts to hear his voice. I also would like all of our parishioners to know that if there is anything that we can do for you, we are here for you. A group of parishioners called "Helping Hands" has formed and they would like to help anyone in need, whether it's to do shopping or helping with any of your needs. It would be good if we all could check in on our neighbors with a phone call to one another; so many of you have called me to ask how I am doing—I am doing very well—and so I am ever so grateful to all of you for that.

PALMS

Next weekend, April 5th, 2020 is Palm Sunday. Palms will be available for you to pick up either on the Friary Porch or in the vestibule of the church handicap entrance from Sunday morning after 10:00 AM.

VISITS TO THE CHURCH

People have been stopping by the church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, to pray before the Blessed Mother, asking for her intercession; others have been coming to pray the Stations of the Cross; how inspiring it is to observe these visitations. The Church, as it has always been, has the handicapped entrance door unlocked during daily business office hours. Michael Audette has also set up lights to shine on the shrine of the Holy Family; there is a marble kneeler there also; perhaps another place to stop by at any time during the day, or at dusk to pray. This is a good time for us to be renewed in our prayer life and devotion to God, Our Blessed Mother and the Saints. May peace and healing come to us through their intercession.

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO FRANK AND COLLEEN D'AURIA

It is unfortunate that we will not be able to have a formal farewell for Frank and Colleen due to the Corona Virus. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks, on behalf of all the parishioners of St. Peter's, for their more than 40 years of service/ministry/presence to the parish. They have both used their talents so well and so faithfully throughout these years. Their many years of volunteering in so many ways has truly enriched the parish. As they embark on a new chapter of their lives, we would like to wish them, happiness, good health, peace, and a safe journey as they travel to the West Coast. Thank you Frank and Colleen for having been such a vital and important part of the St. Peter Family and faith community. Not only will we from St. Peter's miss you, but so many from the Rutland community will also miss you for the services that you provided from your wonderful dental practice. We are happy for you that you will be so much closer to your Daughter, Amy. God bless you.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN BRINGING THEIR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Many of the parishioners have either been bringing their weekly offerings to the Friary, or mailing them in. We are very thankful to you for doing this. We encourage everyone to continue to support the parish by either bringing in your weekly offerings or mailing them in, to help the parish meet its budget.

HELP/ASSISTANCE IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY

If you, or someone you know is in need of help or assistance in any way, St. Peter's parishioners are available to assist you; perhaps you need someone to shop for groceries, or pick-up prescriptions, or perhaps need a ride to a doctor's appointment. Perhaps a home cooked meal can be dropped off to you. Please call the Friary office—775-1994—to notify us and we will happily arrange for assistance.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

—Pedro de la Cruz

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE INFECTED WITH COVID-19

Jesus, during your ministry on earth you showed your peace and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE AT HIGHER RISK OF DEVELOPING THE DISEASE

Dear Lord, we lift to you our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19—the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty.

PRAYER FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, CAREGIVERS, RESEARCHERS AND LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISIONS ABOUT FIGHTING THE NEW CORONAVIRUS

Father, we seek your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. Inspire and invigorate people developing better tests to diagnose the virus, vaccines to prevent it, and protocols and communication to eliminate the disease's spread. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers...

2 Corinthians 1:10-11

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In these days when Mass is not publicly celebrated, thereby Holy Communion is also not available, spiritual communions may be offered. If you are able to watch Mass on TV, at communion time you can offer the following prayer to make this spiritual communion.

*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.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR DECEASED

We have received word from his sisters, Sandra & Sue, of the death of their brother Walter Wilk, Jr. on Saturday, March 21st, 2020; we've also received word of the death of Edward Wojcik. Let us pray for the repose of their souls, and for the consolation of the Wilk and Wojcik Families.

BULLETINS

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

FOOD SHELF SUNDAY

The first Sunday of the month is Food Shelf Sunday. The food items that we collect at church are taken to the Community Cupboard to be distributed to people who do not have the means to buy food. One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is Feed the Hungry. "A generous person will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor—Proverbs 22:9. As little as one item each month can make a difference. You can leave food items inside the handicap entrance door.

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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