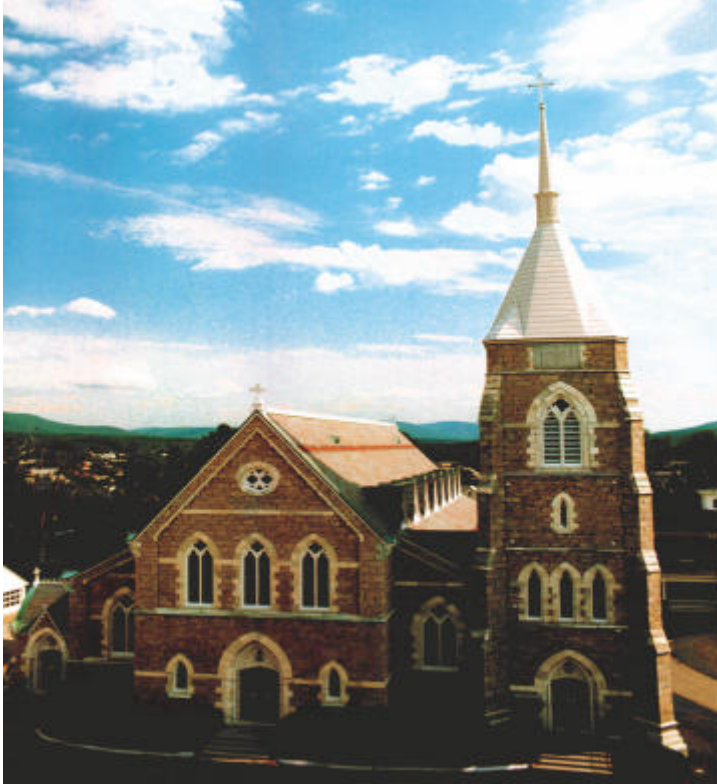


Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 10, 2020

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Weekday Masses

Chapel of our Lady

Monday—4:45 PM—Except Holidays

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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.

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Today, Sunday, May 10th is Mother's Day; as we celebrate this day we wish all Mothers a very special and Happy Mother's Day, filled with God's blessings and graces not only today, but each and every day. We thank you Lord for the special place our Mothers hold in our lives, especially for their caring and loving ways. And so on this day we offer the following Mother's Day Prayer:

Lord Jesus, please bless all Mothers with the gentleness of Mary, who held you in her arms with love, and with a wisdom for teaching us how to live loving, praying forgiving lives. Lord Jesus, bless all Mothers with inspiration when discouraged or in doubt, and with a steadfast faith, with ways of seeing, doing, and bearing with humility and grace. Lord Jesus, bless all Mothers with a willingness to share in their children's triumphs or tears, with knowledge of blessings Mothers bring to those who hold them dear.

AMEN.

OFFICE CLOSED TILL FURTHER NOTICE

In accordance with the Governor's "Stay Home—Be Safe" Executive Order, our parish staff is not permitted to come in to work, and so the office is closed. Fr. Tom is abiding by this order to the best of his ability as well, so he is almost always available, and delighted, to take your phone calls.

THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

So many parishioners have been so faithful in sending in or dropping off their weekly Offertory envelopes. Thank you so much. Your continued contributions are very deeply appreciated.

CALVARY CEMETERY APPEAL FOR HELP

The season is upon us when Calvary Cemetery needs to be mowed and kept up to par on a regular basis. Between now and the end of October, it will cost the cemetery approximately \$5,600/month to maintain it. The only other sources of income during these next 6 months or so, is from burials, the buying and opening of lots, and whatever other donations that are offered. If you find it in your heart to assist Calvary Cemetery in some way, any donation towards the upkeep of the cemetery would be greatly appreciated.

THE LORD JESUS AWAITS YOU AND IS LOOKING DOWN UPON US

ANOTHER DRIVE-THRU/IN OPPORTUNITY

It's already been far too long that many of us have felt so distanced from the Lord in not being able to make church visits as a result of having to keep the church doors locked, in order to keep the Coronavirus out; some churches may begin to have their church doors re-opened, so long as they follow the proper protocol of sanitizing the church after people have visited; this will obviously require monitors in the church, and people available to do the sanitizing. In place of having our church doors opened at this time, beginning on Sunday, May 10th, St. Peter's will make Jesus present and visible to his people by placing a Tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament in a window of the Friary facing the Meadow Street Parking Lot, awaiting visitors to come and pray and meditate from their cars or from the street. Please feel free to come by St. Peter's, (perhaps while you are out doing your grocery shopping or going to the pharmacy, or simply out for a drive) to make a visit to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament 24/7 as there will be a light shining on the Tabernacle. The hope is that Jesus' presence and visibility in this way will provide all of us comfort, consolation, and solace during these unprecedented and difficult times.



A PRAYER WHILE VISITING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

I place myself in the presence of Him, in whose Incarnate Presence I am even before I place myself here. I adore You, O my Savior, present here as God and as man, in soul and in body, in true flesh and blood. I acknowledge and confess as I kneel (*stand, sit*) before that Sacred Humanity, which was conceived in Mary's womb, and lay in Mary's bosom; who grew up to twelve, wrought miracles, and spoke words of wisdom and peace; who in due season hung on the cross, lay in the tomb, rose from the dead, and now reigns in heaven. I praise, and bless, and give myself wholly to Him, who is the true Bread of my soul, and my everlasting joy. **Amen.**

John Henry Cardinal Newman (1801-1890)

WEEKLY BULLETINS AVAILABLE

Even though we are not able to meet as a congregation, the weekly Bulletin is a good means of communication; please know that they are available at 2 of the church entrances—one at the handicapped entrance and the other at the side door entrance nearest to our outdoor sign announcing Mass times etc. as well as being online on our parish website.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT AND PRAY ABOUT IN THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

God's word says...**Never will I leave you...**

“So do not fear; for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

My dear people, as we and our community deal with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, please know that I am praying that we will all know of God's presence, that we will see His provision, and that we will be filled with His peace. In the midst of whatever you are experiencing right now, may you feel God's Mighty Hand grasping yours. I ask God to give you strength for today, and hope for tomorrow. Let us continue to pray for one another in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**“Comfort,
comfort My people,
says your God”**

Isaiah 40:1 (NIV)

CALL OUT FOR E-MAIL ADDRESSES

With the onslaught of Coronavirus, we have learned many things and we have been forced to re-think our norms of normalcy. It isn't over yet, and there is still much to be learned. One lesson that we've learned is how to be able to stay in touch and keep one another informed, especially at a time like this; more and more, means of social media are being used; news is more instantaneous than ever before; Facebook is one means that disseminates so much information. We are asking that whoever has an e-mail address, if you would be so kind as to send it to the parish at stpeterrutland@comcast.net so that we can assemble an e-mail listing in order to be better able to communicate more quickly with you. Please continue to check the parish website—StPeter.VermontCatholic.org—for other newsworthy items as well as the Diocesan website as often as you can for the latest information.



Overheard during a parish church tour for kindergarteners:

Tour Guide: The tabernacle is where Jesus stays in the church. Let's say a prayer and then listen to what he might want to tell us.

Kindergartener #1: How does he fit his legs in there?

Kindergartener #2: Shhh, he's sleeping.

Kindergartener #3: If he wants to go away, does he blow out the light to let us know he's not there?

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.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD DRIVE THRU FOOD DRIVE

Several parishioners passed through to drop off their donations for Rutland's Community Cupboard this past Sunday; lots of food items and commodities were received and delivered to the Food Shelf on River Street. Thank you to all who were able to donate and participate in this event. With the system that was so well planned we were able to observe the "Social Distancing" guidelines, so that Fr. Tom, Dcn. Bob, Sheree Bloch and Daughter Sarah and Sue Audette, all wearing facial masks and gloves, were able to be on hand to receive and greet the parishioners.

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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