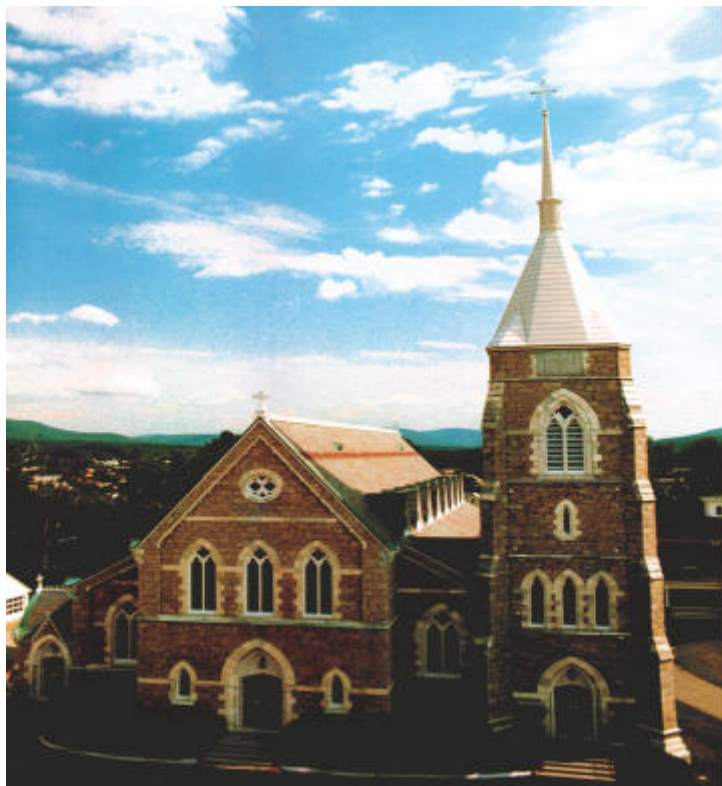


**Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 17, 2020**

## **St. Peter Parish**

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In Residence at St. Alphonsus  
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### **Sunday Masses:**

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Sunday—11:00 AM

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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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**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020**

Thursday of this week is the feast day of the Ascension of the Lord; sadly, due to the continued Coronavirus epidemic, we are not able to celebrate this feast day publicly. On this feast day Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that **he is always present through his Spirit**. During this time of continued isolation and “Stay at Home” Order, it would be a good time to remind ourselves of the presence of the Lord in our lives. Perhaps a drive-by the Friary with a few moments of prayer and reflection from the Meadow Street parking lot spent in adoration of the Tabernacle containing the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament would be a good way to honor this feast day.

**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; the report in today’s Bulletin of the past several weekends reflects your generosity and loyalty to the parish so very clearly, even during these most difficult times. 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.

**ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT**  
**WEEKENDS OF MAY 02/03 AND MAY 09/10**

Offertory

5,588.50

**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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.*

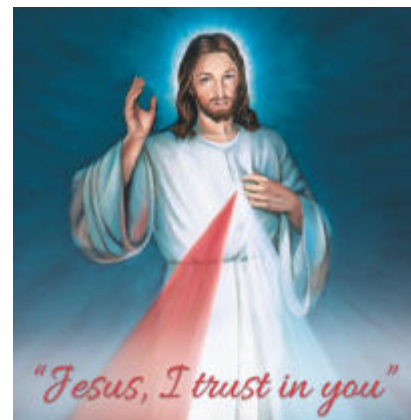
*Amen.*

### 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](mailto: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](http://StPeter.VermontCatholic.org)—for other newsworthy items as well as the Diocesan website as often as you can for the latest information.

### 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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