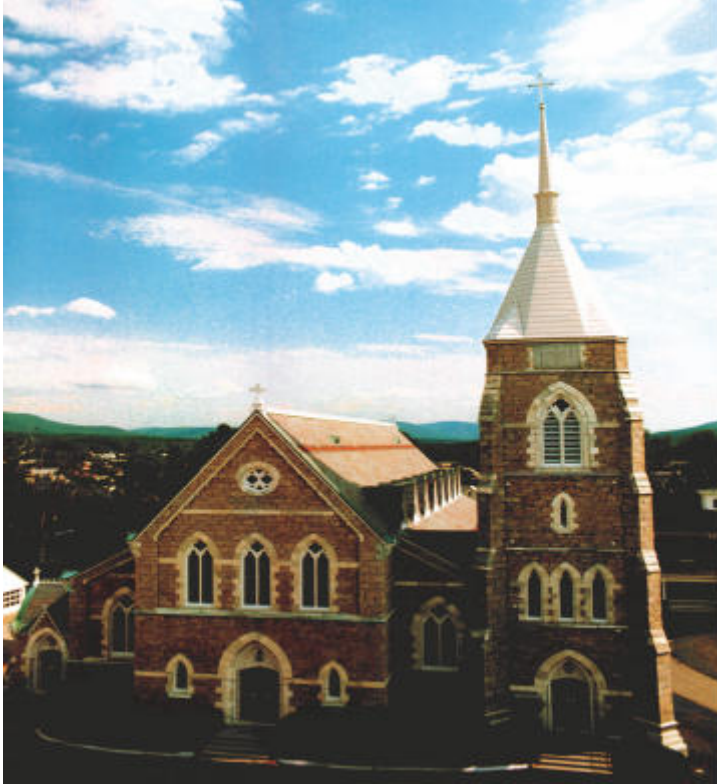


Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 24, 2020

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Weekday Masses

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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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PENTECOST 2020
SUNDAY, MAY 31ST

Next Sunday, May 31st, our Church calendar celebrates the feast of Pentecost; how sad and disappointing that this is another “big day” on our Church calendar and in our lives as Christians that we will be missing out on a communal celebration due to the Coronavirus. Once again, we are reminded of the serious impact that COVID-19 is having on our lives. It was on Pentecost that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples—this was the Spirit of God that descended upon Jesus at his Baptism, and the same Spirit that Jesus promised to send to his disciples and us. That same Spirit continues to be in our midst. Perhaps this would be another beautiful occasion to come and pay a visit to the “**Tabernacle in the Window**”.

OFFICE RE-OPENED

Although Governor Scott’s “Stay Home—Be Safe” Executive Order, has been extended to June 15th, our parish staff (Linda and Eileen) will be permitted to come in to work, but it is extremely important that the guidelines set forth by the State be enforced. Therefore, only absolutely necessary visits to the office must be adhered to; if you come to the office, masks/facial coverings **MUST** be worn, and you **MUST** maintain the safe distance guidelines set forth by the State. Upon entering, remain at the door, and inform Linda who you wish to see, then proceed down the corridor to the conference room to the right, and be seated at the far end of the table. Whoever you wish to speak with will then be seated at the opposite end of the table, thereby maintaining the required safe distance.

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 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. Thank you to so many of you who have already been attentive to this need and have made contributions.

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.



**The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday
 May 25 in observance of Memorial Day**

**ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT
 WEEKEND OF MAY 16/17**

Offertory

2,112.00

**THE LORD JESUS AWAITS YOU AND IS
 LOOKING DOWN UPON US**

A 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 do have their church doors re-opened, but they must follow the proper protocol of sanitizing the church after people have visited. Having begun on Sunday, May 10th, St. Peter’s has made Jesus present and visible to his people from the “**Tabernacle in the Window**” that was placed in a window of the Friary facing the Meadow Street Parking Lot, awaiting visitors to come and pray and meditate. Please feel free to come by St. Peter’s and make a visit to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament 24/7 with the Tabernacle visible for night visits as well; perhaps while you are out doing your grocery shopping or going to the pharmacy, or simply out for a drive, you may wish to make a visit. 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. *I am happy to note that I have observed, at various times, cars parked in the parking lot with occupants of the cars looking up to “The Tabernacle in the Window”.*



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)

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIOCESAN NEWS

In the last several weeks, Bishop Coyne and Msgr. McDermott have been hosting a Webinar with the priests in the Diocese. This is a “Virtual Presentation” by the Bishop to stay in touch with the priests of the diocese. In the latest Webinar held on Wednesday, May 13th, with 54 priests participating in this event, Bishop Coyne expressed some of his hopes for the future as Governor Scott continues to issue forth the State’s guidelines and recommendations for the further re-opening of Vermont. The Bishop informed us that a few sub committees comprised of priests, deacons and laity have been formed. Some of the points of discussion thus far have been regarding the Mass as follows:

- Use of Masks by attendees
- Use of hand sanitizer/hand washing by attendees
- Maintaining social distancing inside and outside the church buildings
- Encouraging those in at risk categories to stay home for now
- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be suspended until a vaccine is developed and readily available. This means individuals are free to choose to either come to Mass, or not to come

While no firm date has been set for the re-opening date for public Masses, the Bishop expressed hope that we might be able to commence daily Masses sometime in June, followed by the celebration of Sunday Masses. It is likely that there will need to be a restriction on the number of attendees based on the occupancy level of the individual churches. As a diocese we will continue to look to the State of Vermont’s recommendations for capacity percentages for guidance in this area. **Please remember that things will be different from what they were so we need to be prepared.** The next Webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th.

St. Peter’s various Council members are currently in discussion about the how of re-opening, especially to follow the proper protocol once public Masses and functions begin. On the front of the Bulletin, the names of these council members are listed so if you wish to contact any one of these members, to offer your thoughts or concerns, please feel free to do so.

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.

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.



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.

**When things go right
God is close beside us.
When things go wrong,
He is closer still.
When we feel we are alone,
God’s presence surrounds us.
When we can’t find the path,
He walks on before us,
and when we feel
the least deserving
of His love and guidance,
that’s when He is
with us the most,
and gently reminds us,
“Surely
I am with you
Always,
To the very end
Of the age.”**

FEAST DAY OF ST. PAUL VI, POPE

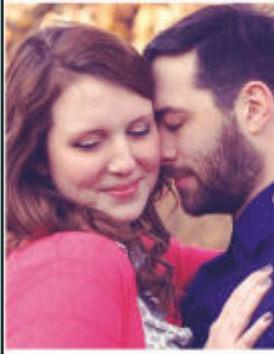
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020

Pope Paul VI, baptized Giovanni Battista Montini, was born on September 26, 1897 in Concesio, Italy. Soon after his ordination to the priesthood in 1920, he began his service to Popes Pius XI and Pius XII. During World War II, he worked to find shelter for persecuted Jews and refugees. Appointed Archbishop of Milan in 1954, he worked with great care for the diocese. Four years later, in 1958, he was created a Cardinal by Pope St. John XXIII, and, following Pope John the XXIII’s death, was elected to the See of Peter (Pope) on June 21, 1963. Immediately continuing the work begun by his predecessors, he brought the Second Vatican Council to its completion and began many initiatives that showed his solicitude (concern) for the Church and the contemporary world. He exercised his Supreme Magisterium favoring peace, ecumenism, and liturgical reform. By his authority he promulgated the Calendar, the Missal, the Liturgy of the Hours, the Pontifical, and nearly all of the Ritual for the Roman Rite. He died at Castel Gandolfo on August 6, 1978. Many of us lived during his Pontificate (his time of having served as Pope) and so he is just one of many of our modern day Saints that we celebrate this Friday, May 29th. Perhaps this would be another good occasion to come and pray before the “**Tabernacle in the Window**” from the Meadow Street Parking Lot.

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