

Pentecost Sunday—May 31, 2020
CHURCH RE-OPENING ON JUNE 6/7

St. Peter Parish

**A ministry of the Capuchin Franciscans,
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In Residence at St. Alphonsus
During the Corona Virus**

Sunday Masses:

Saturday—4:15 PM
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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Please visit parish website or Facebook
(Saint Peter Parish Religious Education)

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ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 6

4:15 Mem: Thomas Johnson by Mary Ellen Johnson

Sunday, June 711:00 Mem: Brooke Cassidy by Cort & Teri Corsones
and Ann: Arcangelo Valente by Grace**Monday, June 8**

No Monday Masses at this time

Saturday, June 134:15 25th Ann: Jennie Cioffi by Family**Sunday, June 14**11:00 8th Ann: Grace Reed by Family
and Birthday Mem: Rose Valente by Grace**CANDLES FOR THIS WEEKEND:**

Mem: Timothy Fitzsimmons by Family

**PENTECOST 2020
SUNDAY, MAY 31ST**

Today, Sunday, May 31st, our Church calendar celebrates the feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church; 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**”.

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.

**ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT
WEEKEND OF MAY 23/24**

28 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$512.50	2,779.50
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 1,720.50
Last Year—Same Date	3,305.00

**THE LORD JESUS AWAITS YOU AND IS
LOOKING DOWN UPON US****THE TABERNACLE IN THE WINDOW****A DRIVE-THRU/IN OPPORTUNITY**

Have you taken the opportunity to make a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in **The Tabernacle In The Window**? It is in the 2nd Window, on the top floor of the Friary towards the right of the building from the Meadow Street Parking Lot. The red sanctuary lamp indicating the presence of the Lord in the Tabernacle is also visible from the parking lot. As you pass by, you may want to stop, say a prayer, and ask the Lord to keep everyone safe and healthy. *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 stpeter Rutland@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.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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 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
- **Time and format of receiving Holy Communion**
- **More than likely a simple processional and recessional with only the priest**
- **No Offertory Procession**
- **Probably no singing. Just music**
- **These are just possibilities at the time of this writing; much will more than likely be last minute changes coming about according to the Guidelines of the State, the CDC and the Diocese. We must simply be prepared**
- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is 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
- **No use of restroom due to the inability to properly sanitize after each use**

The weekend of June 6/7 is set for the re-opening for public Masses. **Maximum attendance at each Mass will be approximately 115 people. Please remember that things will be different from what they were so we need to be prepared.** The next Webinar was held on Wednesday, May 27th. Details from that Webinar will be given at a future date.

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.

A MILLION THANKS TO SR. MIRIAM

CALVARY CEMETERY ALTAR HAS BEEN CLEANED

Sr. Miriam took it upon herself to clean the altar at Calvary Cemetery, and what a beautiful job she did on it! It looks brand new. Sr. hoped, and thought that just maybe we'd be able to have Mass there for Memorial Day weekend so she wanted it to be ready for that but unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we were not able to have Mass there this year. Thank you Sister Miriam for your time, trouble and efforts in doing this.

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.



Voice of the Creator

Enter the hearts of God's people.

Never abandon the faithful

Imploring your guidance.

Comforter in times of affliction;

Reconciler in times of brokenness;

Enlightenment in times of uncertainty;

Aid in times of inner struggle;

Truth in times of doubt;

Ointment in times of sickness;

Radiance of God's unending love,
light and grace.

Source of being, we pray;

Pour forth your sevenfold gifts

Inspiring us for life's journey;

Responding to Christ's message

Inventing us to be witnesses.

Timeless and ever present Spirit,

Unite us in harmony, peace, and love

Singing the Creator's praise.

Bro. Tobias Dammert, O.S.B.

THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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