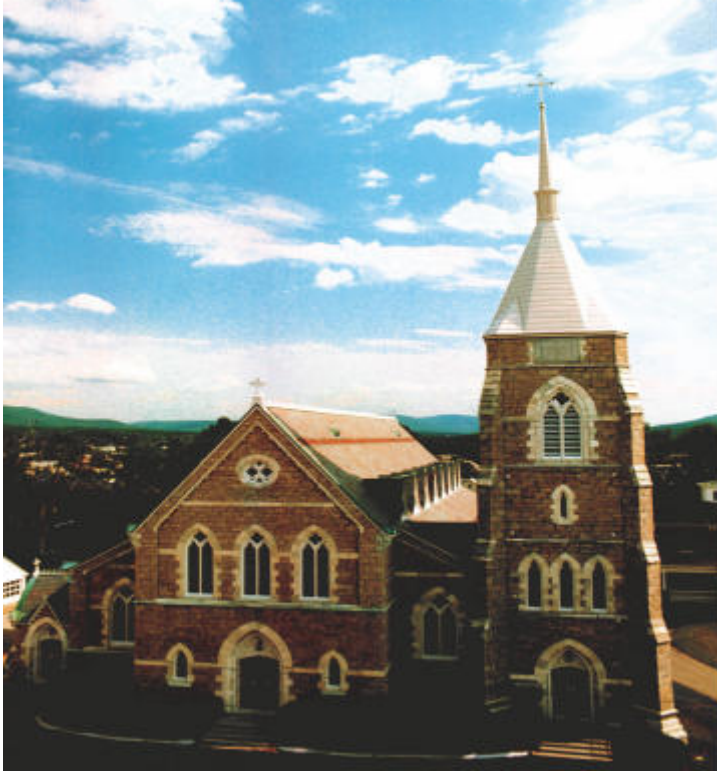


The Most Holy Trinity—June 7, 2020

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During the Corona Virus

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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
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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

WE WELCOME...THIS WEEK**Tom Peppard**

Music Teacher at MSJ, who has graciously accepted the position to be St. Peter's Organist at our weekend Liturgies, and on an as needed and availability basis for funerals etc.

Fr. John Tokaz

Fr. John is due to arrive this week and will become the third Capuchin Pastor of St. Peter's, effective as of July 1, 2020.

**ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT
WEEKEND OF MAY 30/31**

23 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$330.00	2,630.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 1,870.00
Last Year—Same Date	3,225.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

I am so happy and delighted to welcome everyone back. It has been 2½ months since we have been able to gather together as a worship community. You will have noticed very clearly after having participated in these first Masses this weekend that things are different from where we left off; there are no processions, there is no singing to prevent a greater possibility of spreading virus particles, if they are present; all books, worship aids and paraphernalia have been removed, due to concerns of cross-contamination; clearly marked offertory collection boxes for your donation envelopes or cash have been placed at the entrances of the church; all movement is being guided and limited by ushers; the church has been cordoned off in ways to maintain the required social distancing; there is no kneeling; the receiving of Holy Communion **in the hand only has been decreed by the Bishop**, as well as the reception of Holy Communion to be done at the end of Mass, following the final blessing. Entrance into the church building will be either from the front handicapped door, or from the center doors **ONLY** of the back of the church; exiting will be from all 4 doors. It has been recommended that the Mass be kept as short as possible, while being celebrated reverently. For all of the changes implemented, they have been done in a spirit of charity and as due caution, protection, respect, and safety for all. None of this has been done arbitrarily, and without reason, in consultation with the Bishop, priests, deacons and the laity. And so, your understanding and cooperation in all of this is so very important.

As a "vulnerable" individual myself, I have been and will continue to live a limited lifestyle; all protocols and guidelines need to be observed; anyone who considers themselves "vulnerable"—this can be by virtue of age, illness, fear or anxiety—can and should feel free to absent themselves from attending Mass; the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays has been lifted by the Bishop, and so **NO SIN IS COMMITTED** in choosing not to come to Mass.

Since six foot social distancing is mandatory, masks/face coverings are highly recommended, you may sit as an individual, a couple or a household. Our seating has been modified for just that purpose. As you arrive you should have your mask on, use the hand sanitizers that have been installed inside the church at all entrances, and be guided to take a seat in the church by the ushers.

Since charity and generosity towards others should always be a hallmark of ours as Christians, and members of St. Peter's, I implore you to kindly follow the directions of the ushers, remembering that these rules and guidelines are not designed to be arbitrary or difficult. They are the end result of the Bishop's consultation with the relevant authorities, and have been set forth in consultation with the entirety of the priests of the diocese. Each parish then has to apply them with care as to the size of the building, its facilities and safety needs. I, as your pastor, have consulted with members of the parish council, finance council and Liturgy committee members, all composed of your fellow parishioners. Several of these committee members have worked very hard and have done much preparatory work so that we could all come together safely, and comfortably.

Anyone who does not feel comfortable or safe coming to Mass is dispensed; don't feel guilty about staying at home if you are not well, feel the need to stay home, or are vulnerable or distancing.

Your needs and intentions have been in my prayers at all my private masses that I have celebrated during these months of social distancing. I am so happy to welcome you back, and to have the opportunity to once again celebrate our faith together, as a community.

Sincerely and in prayer,

Fr. Tom

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

As this point and time, there are no meetings or events planned. In order to have a slow-reopening of the churches, we will simply have our regularly scheduled Saturday 4:15 PM Vigil Mass, and the Sunday morning 11:00 AM Mass. Please note that at any given Mass in order to follow the guidelines issued by the State, the CDC and the Diocese, we can only have **115** people in attendance. We would ask that you follow the directions of the Ushers and we ask for your patience, understanding and cooperation.

WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- A second railing with a plaque donated by Frank and Colleen D'Auria, in memory of their deceased Family members and as a parting gift to the parish, has been installed. They left for Nevada on April 16th, and have arrived safe and sound and send their regards to all. If you missed their "Good-bye" letter, it appeared in the April 26th Bulletin, which can be found on-line.
- The Easter candle for this year has been donated by Lena and Angelo Tedesco in memory of the deceased Family members of the Tedesco and Ciccotelli Families.
- Throughout the 2½ months of this epidemic, St. Peter's has been publishing its weekly Bulletin so if you wish to review what you may have missed you can do so from our website, where our weekly Bulletins appear.
- In the May 3rd Bulletin, Fr. Tom printed his letter to the parishioners about his having been transferred. Fr. Tom will be retiring to the Capuchin Fraternity of St. Clare's in Yonkers, NY at the end of this month. His successor here at St. Peter's will be Fr. John Tokaz who will be arriving during this second week of June. Depending on whether or not he has to quarantine, we can at least expect that both he and Fr. Tom will celebrate at the Masses on the weekend of June 27th and 28th.

A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUPPORT AND SUPPORT OF CALVARY CEMETERY

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have so kindly and generously supported the parish throughout these past 2½ months with your Offertory Envelopes; like everyone who has had to pay bills, even in these unprecedented and difficult times, so hasn't the parish; we've been able to do so because of your continued generous support. Some of you mailed in your envelopes, others took the trouble of hand delivering them to the friary; however you chose to do it they reached us. How heart-warming it has been. A sincere and heartfelt "Thank You". Thank you also to so many of you who continue to send in donations in support of **Calvary Cemetery**.

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.

CALL OUT FOR E-MAIL ADDRESSES

With the onslaught of the Coronavirus, we discovered the importance of better "instant communication"; there were times when information came in to us and we were not able to disseminate that information on a timely basis; if we had had so many more of our parishioner's e-mail addresses, with a data base for that here at the office, it would have been most helpful; we would like to establish such a data base, and so we are asking that if you have an e-mail address would you send it to us at:

stpeterrutland@comcast.net

Please do take the time to check regularly our parish website at: StPeter.VermontCatholic.org as well as the Diocesan Website. You will find more newsworthy items there, and from there you can go to our Facebook.

ST. PETER'S MONTHLY MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP COLLECTION

Next weekend, June 13th and 14th, is our designated weekend for the June Monthly Maintenance & Upkeep Collection. Whatever you wish to donate towards this special collection, please either use the envelopes provided for this collection or simply write on a plain envelope—Monthly Maintenance Collection—and place these envelopes into the Collection Boxes at the church entrances.

IN NEED OF USHERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS

For anyone who did attend the Masses this weekend, you saw the importance and kind of "new" role for ushers; we do need more parishioners who would be willing to assist in serving as ushers; those of you who have been serving as ushers, particularly in taking up the collections, we could use your help in continuing your roles in the way that ushers will now be serving. Anyone interested in serving as ushers, or continuing to serve as ushers, and would be willing to be placed on a list, please call the friary at 775-1994, or simply pitch in when you are here.

We also need volunteers to help in sanitizing the church after each Mass. For this, the more help we can get the quicker it will be to get this done. It is most especially needed for after the Saturday afternoon Mass. Please call the Friary—775-1994—if you are willing to be placed on a list as a volunteer in this area, or simply stay after the Masses, and pitch in.



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