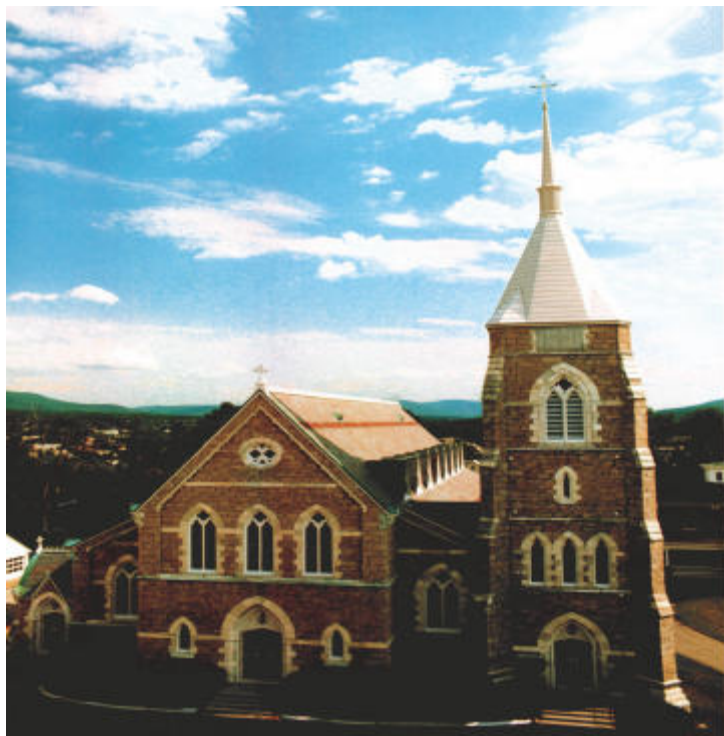


**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 23, 2020**

## **St. Peter Parish**

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**Fr. John Tokaz, O.F.M. Cap.  
Pastor**

**Fr. Maurice Moreau, O.F.M. Cap.  
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### **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**

Saturday 3:00 PM—or by appointment

### **New Parishioners**

Please call Parish Office to register.

### **Religious Education**

DRE, Michael Audette

Email: [maudette@msjvermont.org](mailto:maudette@msjvermont.org)

Please visit parish website or Facebook  
(Saint Peter Parish Religious Education)

### **Parish Council Members**

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### **Liturgy Committee Members**

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Michael Audette	Joe Eno

**ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE:****Saturday, August 22**

4:15 Mem: John & Ann Bizzarro and Mr. & Mrs.  
Leonard Librizzi & Grace by Family  
*and* Mem: Peter Giancola by Gary & Carol Randall

**Sunday, August 23**

11:00 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann: Mary Scruton by Rose & John

**Monday, August 24**

**No Monday Masses at this time**

**Saturday, August 29**

4:15 Birthday Mem: Bob Liscinsky by Family  
*and* Birthday Mem: Louis DiBlasio by Wife &  
Children

**Sunday, August 30**

11:00 Mem: Perley & Teresa McPhee by Family



**CANDLES FOR THE WEEKEND  
OF AUGUST 22/23**

Mem: Mary Scruton & John & Filomena DiPalma  
by Rose & John

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Volunteers are still needed to make follow-up phone calls to our parishioners concerning the campaign. These phone calls will be made over a period of 8-9 weeks. There is a simple script for these calls which will be provided. Please consider volunteering. We need about twenty—twenty five volunteers. Please call the Rectory if you wish to volunteer.

**CALVARY CEMETERY NEWS**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We do not allow any dumping of any kind in Calvary Cemetery. If anyone sees this happening, please call the Rectory.

Also, please do not leave empty flower pots near the vault for us to dispose of. Please take them home for disposal. Thank you.

**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.

**ST. PETER OFFERTORY REPORT  
WEEKEND OF AUGUST 15/16**

68 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$429.00	4,342.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 158.00
Last Year—Same Date	3,564.00

**The Keys of the Kingdom**

The Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of God, “the Kingdom” is a constant and re-occurring theme in the preaching and teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Why was Jesus Our Lord so focused on the notion of the Kingdom of God—the Kingdom of Heaven? Our Lord’s parables are predominately about the Kingdom. He spends much effort, by use of story and image, to make sure that the people of His day, and consequently the people of our day, understand clearly the nature of the Kingdom. This is due to the fact that the Kingdom of God according to Jesus Christ is often very different than our concept or idea of Kingdom. It is not a political or social phenomenon. It is not a territory based on military power or presence. It is not an organizational reality. For Jesus the Kingdom of God is in the Human Heart. It is a way of living rather than a place to live.

In this Sunday’s Holy Gospel St. Peter is given the “keys” to the Kingdom of Heaven. This gift is only made after St. Peter expresses his belief that Jesus is the Son of God and the Christ (a greek word meaning “chosen”). In other words, St. Peter believes in all that Jesus is and all that Jesus teaches. He has opened his heart to Jesus. He has allowed the Kingdom to come into his heart. It is then that Our Lord gives him the “keys” to unlock other human hearts to enable them to allow the Kingdom of Heaven in. For the Kingdom is meant to be shared. In his faith and belief St. Peter has the power of example. He will share his faith in word and action so that others can believe as well and become “Church”.

We all have the ability to share our faith in Jesus Christ. We all have the ability to hold the Kingdom of God in our hearts. We too have the “keys” of good example and charitable living which can open other hearts to be the Kingdom of God. Let’s practice our faith in Jesus Christ this week so that our world, in some way, can be opened to Hope and Courage which are the keys to Spiritual consolation especially in the midst of pain and difficulty.

Fr. John

**NO KNEELING**

We are asking that the kneelers in the church **NOT** be used; the reason for that is if they are used, it means more work and time to sanitize them; if they are left in their upright position than a simple spraying will take care of it and our volunteer “sanitizers” will be able to finish much more quickly. Thank you for your understanding and observance of this.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Sunday, August 23 the Rosary will be prayed in front of the Holy Family Shrine after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. Everyone is welcome.

### **IN NEED OF USHERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS**

We still need parishioners who would be willing to assist in serving as ushers; those of you who have been serving as ushers, taking up the collection, your continued help would be most appreciated. Anyone interested in serving as ushers, or continuing to serve as ushers, 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 volunteers we have, the easier it will be on everyone. **“Sanitizers”** are most needed after the Saturday afternoon Mass, and on Sundays when there is something else going on in the church in the course of that week. It takes 2 volunteers just 30 minutes, from beginning to end, to sanitize the whole church with the equipment that has been obtained for this purpose. Please call the Friary—775-1994—if you are willing to volunteer to be **“Sanitizers”** in this area, or simply stay after the Masses, and pitch in. Thank you.

### **2020 CENSUS**

People who live in Vermont could miss out on a lot if everyone is not counted in the Census. Vermont could lose out on the political representation it deserves and people and communities could be denied money that they need for schools, community health care, jobs, and transportation.

In 2016, Vermont received more than \$2 billion from federal spending programs guided by data derived from the 2010 Census. Vermont can't afford to miss out!

A complete and accurate count in the 2020 Census could mean more funding for vital services in your community—and this chance comes along once every 10 years.

Currently, Vermont ranks close to last (46<sup>th</sup> out of 50 States) in the percentage of people who have completed their Census forms. If you have not yet filled out the form, please go to **Census.gov** to file and be counted. It's quick, it's easy and it's important.



The *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign is underway! Teamed with the rest of the parishes across the state, we come together in our effort to strengthen our Catholic Church in Vermont and renew our own parishes.

You should have received a letter with a document of Frequently Asked Questions that hopefully answered many of your questions about the campaign and why we need to do this now.

This week every registered parish household will receive a packet of campaign information from our parish. The mailing will include a gift request letter signed by Bishop Coyne and me, Fr. John Tokaz, with instructions on how you can invest in the future of St. Peter's and strengthen the Catholic Church in Vermont

Please note the gift request included in the letter is an invitation **not** an expectation. We understand these are difficult times, but, as a Church, our needs have not diminished and for many they have increased.

We first ask you to make the gift of prayer for the success of the campaign. We then ask you to consider our shared responsibility for the needs of our spiritual home, our parish, and the future of our Catholic Church in Vermont. Finally, we invite those who can give to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift beyond their usual offertory and bishop's appeal contribution.

To learn more about the campaign visit:  
[www.christourhopevt.org](http://www.christourhopevt.org)

### **SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging's grocery delivery program has been helping older Vermonters stay safely at home during the pandemic and have their groceries safely delivered to them. The need for this service continues to grow, but our volunteer base started to shrink when the state started to open up and allow people to go back to work. We need volunteers and this is a non-contact service. If you can volunteer, please call 802-786-5990 and ask for Ellen. Thank you.

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