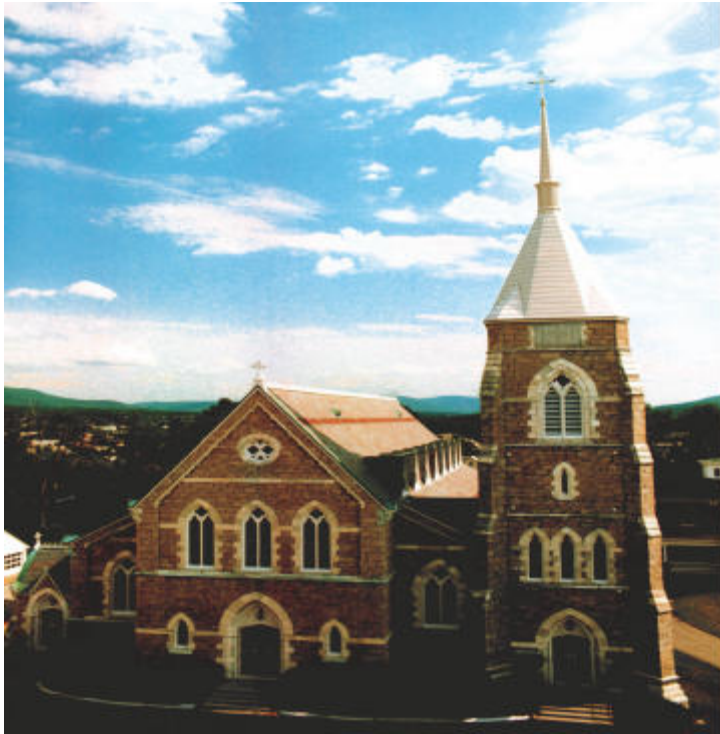


Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 13, 2020

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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

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ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 12

4:15 22nd Ann: Basilio Valente by Wife, Sarah

Sunday, September 13

11:00 11th Ann: Mary Beth Pisanelli by Husband & Children

and Mem: Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Ciccotelli & Mr. & Mrs. John Tobia by Lena Tedesco & Tony Ciccotelli

Monday, September 14

No Monday Masses at this time

Saturday, September 19

4:15 4th Ann: Dr. Thomas LaPlaca by Family

and Birthday & Ann: Richard A. & Kimberly LeFevre by Mom, Dad, Joe, Crissy, Brian, Noah & Shelby

Sunday, September 20

11:00 Birthday Mem: Christine Tedesco by Husband & Family



**CANDLES FOR THE WEEKEND
OF SEPTEMBER 12/13**

Mem: Jack Clifford, Jean McGinnis Clifford & John Clifford by Family

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.

REPAIR OF WROUGHT IRON RAILINGS

We're in the process of having the wrought iron railings repaired and repainted at the front entrances of the church. One side of the iron railings at a time will be removed at each entrance and they will be temporarily replaced by wooden railings until the iron ones are repaired. Please be careful and thank you for your understanding.

**ST. PETER OFFERTORY REPORT
WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 5/6**

55 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$1,243.00	3,927.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 573.00
Last Year-Same Date	3,829.00
Monthly Upkeep Collection	472.00

Acting Like God

Like most things that are worthwhile, Christianity has some definite challenges. One of these challenges might seem, at first consideration, rather presumptuous. That challenge which Our Lord Jesus Christ presents to his disciples is to act like God.

This challenge might appear to be absurd yet it is at the very core of our Christian life. For example in the Lord's Prayer, the only prayer which Jesus gave his disciples and gives to us, there is the phrase, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". We ask God to forgive us according to the way we forgive. When we imitate God's forgiveness God forgives us. When we act like God we receive blessing from God.

The important word in this consideration is "like". We do not pretend to be God or try to "run the show", we are simply invited by Jesus Christ to reflect in our own lives, in our own limited way, the goodness of God. We have the ability to do this, with the help of the Holy Spirit. If we did not Our Lord would not present us with such a spiritual challenge.

For the Jewish people at the time of Jesus and even now God is completely "other". In the Jewish tradition one could not "see" God and live. God is perfect, infinite, all powerful and magnificent, everything humanity is not. One could not even pronounce the name of God without being irreverent. However, Jesus Christ adjusts that concept of God without negating it. Our Lord affirms all the traditional ideas of God yet adds to them by allowing us Christians to call God "Father". When we call God "Father" the remoteness of God is lessened and the ability to be intimate with God is given to us. In Jesus, God is now our loving parent.

Children can imitate their parents for better or worse. As God's children we can imitate God always for the better. When we imitate God's mercy, understanding, compassion, and forgiveness we become better human beings and our world becomes a better place. Acting like God gives hope to our world. Let's choose an attribute of God to imitate this week, knowing that when we do so we are living our religion to the fullest and meeting the challenge of the Gospel.

Fr. John

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALVARY CEMETERY REMINDERS

We ask that all flowers, shepherd poles, and ornaments be removed from the cemetery by **October 1st** and please take them with you; do not leave them or discard them in the cemetery, please. Calvary cemetery will be closed on **December 1st** and re-opened on **May 1st, 2021**, following the cemetery rules and regulations. Note that **weather permitting**, burials will continue in the winter months and the cemetery will open the day of the funeral **only**. Thank you for helping to keep Calvary Cemetery beautiful as the final resting place of our loved ones and friends.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary will resume their meetings starting Monday, September 14 at 2:00 PM in the Friary. You must wear a mask and social distancing is required.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 23 through November 1, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside "Planned Parenthood", 11 Burnham Ave., Rutland and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information—and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Delia at 40daysforlife.com/rutland.

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 (46th 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.



Philippians 4:19: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Now is the time for all of us to contemplate how we can offer support to the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. Remember a successful campaign provides great benefits to St. Peter's. Most of the funds—60%—will return to our parish allowing us to address our needs to repairs to our bell tower, bells and maintenance to the bells.

The Diocese will direct the remaining dollars into two endowments, including one to support Catholic education. Our school system educates roughly 2,000 students yearly. Some families need tuition assistance. Funding an endowment to support education allows us to continue to offer financial support to those who need it.

BISHOP'S FUND UPDATE

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2020. To date we have raised \$12,500.00 towards our goal of \$30,089.00. For information and to make your gift, please visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline.

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.

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.



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