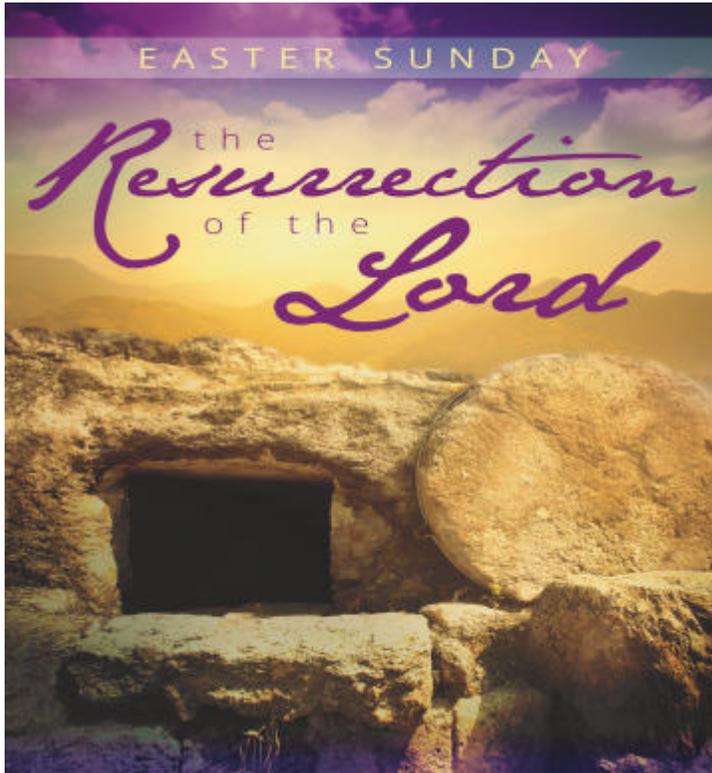


Easter Sunday—April 12, 2020

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Chapel of our Lady

Monday—4:45 PM—**Except Holidays**

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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.

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A BLESSED AND SPIRITUAL EASTER TO ALL

This Easter will hopefully be a once in a lifetime way of celebrating one of our most important feast days. Like the apostles who came running to an empty tomb, we may want to come running to our churches—but we find them empty and locked! We want to tell our friends and neighbors the “Good News” - **He is risen!** - however, we are all sheltered away in our homes. In the days to come, we may better realize that this may just be the very best Easter we will have ever had the opportunity of experiencing. To be in our homes, surrounded by our family members, hopefully being able to catch a Mass celebrated on TV or via our computers, cell phones—whatever other technological resources are available—and making our spiritual communions, praying through the intercession of our Blessed Mother that we may soon be able to return to our normal routine schedules, and that the ravages of this virus will no longer need to consume so much of our thinking, our being and our lives because we will have found a remedy to control it, rather than **IT** controlling our lives. May you and your loved ones cherish these precious moments of being together, and may the spirit of the Risen Lord come upon all of us, bringing us healing, peace and joy.

OFFICE CLOSED TILL FURTHER NOTICE

In accordance with the Governor’s “Stay Home—Be Safe” Executive Order, our parish staff is not permitted to come in to work, and so the office is closed. Fr. Tom is abiding by this order to the best of his ability as well, so he is almost always available, and delighted, to take your phone calls.

THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Many parishioners have been so faithful in sending in their weekly Offertory envelopes; thank you very much for doing this. As in your own households, in spite of COVID-19, and the “Stay At Home” executive order, bills that need to be paid, continuing to fill your mailboxes; it is no different for the parish. And so your continued contributions are all the more very deeply appreciated.

**2020 PASCHAL (EASTER) CANDLE IN MEMORY OF THE TEDESCO AND CICCOTELLI FAMILY**

I am very happy to inform you that this year’s Easter Candle has been donated to St. Peter’s by Lena and Angelo Tedesco, Sr. in memory of their Parents Mr. & Mrs. Alberico Ciccotelli and Mr & Mrs. Gaetano Tedesco. Thank you very much, Lena and Angelo. This is the seventh year that parishioners have purchased and donated the Easter candle to the parish in memory of their loved ones. The Easter candle is prominently placed by the Lector’s Ambo, to the left side of the altar as you are facing it. The Easter candle is lit at all Masses from Holy Saturday throughout the Easter season (April 11-May 31), as well as at all funeral liturgies throughout the year. This past year’s candle had been donated by Grace Valente in memory of her Parents, Rose and Arcangelo; and so once again thank you Grace. That candle will now remain in our chapel for this year. There is a plaque by the handicap pews and entrance listing the names of those in whose memory the Easter candles have been donated.

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.

CALVARY CEMETERY

As is posted at the cemetery, and in accordance with the book of rules and regulations, Calvary Cemetery officially re-opens on May 1st. Prior to that date, our cemetery caretaker (Tom Poczobut) prepares the cemetery for its official opening by doing a spring cleaning. He will remove all boxes and wire flower holders that are remaining in the next few weeks and place them at the vault, where they can be retrieved if you wish to keep them. Whatever remains at the vault and is not claimed by April 30th will be discarded. As long as we are at a “Stay Home and Be Safe” executive order, due to the Corona Virus, there will be no funerals or burials until this order is lifted.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY

PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

—Pedro de la Cruz

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE INFECTED WITH COVID-19

Jesus, during your ministry on earth you showed your peace and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE AT HIGHER RISK OF DEVELOPING THE DISEASE

Dear Lord, we lift to you our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19—the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty.

PRAYER FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, CAREGIVERS, RESEARCHERS AND LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISIONS ABOUT FIGHTING THE NEW CORONAVIRUS

Father, we seek your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. Inspire and invigorate people developing better tests to diagnose the virus, vaccines to prevent it, and protocols and communication to eliminate the disease's spread. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers...
2 Corinthians 1:10-11

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.

RUTLAND DISMAS HOUSE DINNER AUCTION POSTPONED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the professional recommendations regarding community safety practices, the Dinner Auction Committee has decided to postpone our annual celebration. We are hopeful that, with time, we will better know how and when to plan an alternate date. Certainly we did not come to this decision lightly. Our community's safety is of utmost importance, especially since our protection from the virus is dependent on the full cooperation of each of us as citizens. **The rocking chair raffle drawing will take place on May 31st as planned. If you wish to participate, send your raffle money and tickets to Rutland Dismas House, 103 Park Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701.** Thank you and our love and prayers to all, especially for those who are afflicted with COVID-19.

HARD TO KEEP UP WITH THINGS

As you know, and as we are experiencing, day by day, things are in constant change and flux due to the Corona Virus. A letter was sent the week of March 24th, and no sooner was this letter written and sent, things in the letter had already changed, such as all churches needing to keep their doors locked! As was stated in the letter, as a parish we want to stay connected; the parish does have some e-mail addresses of some parishioners, but not all of those who do use e-mail; if all who have e-mail could give us their e-mail addresses at stpeterrutland@comcast.net this would help to be another way of being able to keep in touch, as well as communicating the latest developments. Please try and check the parish website—StPeter.VermontCatholic.org—as well as the Diocesan website—as often as you can for the latest information.

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