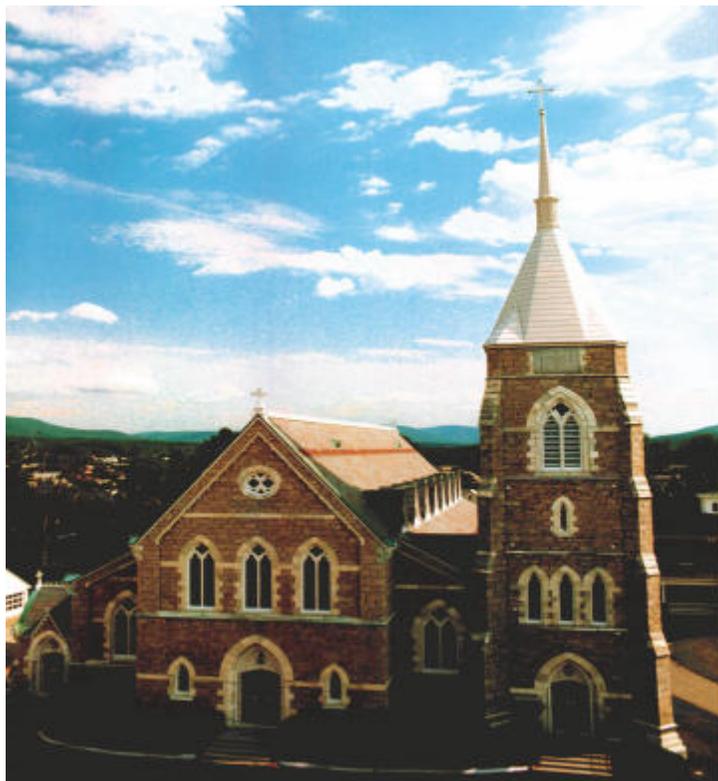


Third Sunday of Easter—April 26, 2020

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Weekday Masses

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.

Religious Education

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Good bye for now...

Frank and Colleen left to travel westward on Thursday, April 16th; prior to leaving they wrote a note to the Liturgy Committee members of which they had been a part of since the beginning of this committee. I think it also clearly speaks to all parishioners, and so I asked if I could reprint this note and so here it is.

“It is time to say goodbye dear friends. We can’t thank you enough for your dedication to St. Peter’s Liturgy committee. Your presence throughout the years has meant so much to Colleen and me. We have always strived to make our worship space “feel Holy.” We believe we have done that most of the time.

Our worship space is always beautiful—thanks Michael and Sue Audette! Without their stellar efforts, we would not have the beautiful sanctuary that we have.

Your dedication to learning more about liturgy and Catholic worship has been a blessing. The Mass is such a beautiful prayer and your hard work translates to a profound holy and religious, spirit filled experience for those that wish to participate.

So, today (Wednesday, April 15th) Colleen and I stepped into our beautiful church for the last time as your servants here. We decided that it would be fitting to add another recording to the repertoire we placed on to YouTube in the last two weeks. (Please go to St. Peter’s website—StPeter.VermontCatholic.org, click on Ministries to hear these recordings) - This one is our gift to you and the parish. We hope you can enjoy hearing this from us as we move westward. You will always be in our thoughts, prayers and hearts. Truly you have been the best there is. May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. Pray for us as we begin our journey westward tomorrow (Thursday, April 16th) and may our paths cross again—under better circumstances. Good health to you all!”

Frank and Colleen D’Avia

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**

So many parishioners have been so faithful in sending in or dropping off their weekly Offertory envelopes. Thank you so much. Your continued contributions are very deeply appreciated.

**ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT FOR
WEEKENDS OF APRIL 18/19 AND APRIL 25/26
WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND’S BULLETIN**



APRIL—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 and burials are limited until this order is lifted.



Calvary Cemetery is a final resting place for our loved ones. In order to maintain the grounds at a high standard and low cost we ask that the following rules be observed.

NO WIRE ORNAMENTS, NO ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS NOR ANY GLASS THINGS

All of these pose a safety hazard to the maintenance crew. Flying wire as they are working around the stones could cause a possible injury.

NO INGROUND PLANTING

Flowers and shrubs are beautiful, but also need a lot of “TLC”. Many might maintain them, but many others will not and they make for an unsightly area.

NO SOLAR LIGHTS

These are beautiful, but they are also light weight and blow over. This poses an obstacle for mowing and can be dangerous if hit by the mower blade.

NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE CEMETERY GROUNDS

This has always been a rule of the cemetery, as it is in all cemeteries, but unfortunately not always obeyed. The maintenance crew has found dog waste on top of flat head stones! Dog walkers have been warned, but do not always heed the warnings. This is very disrespectful and unsightly for anyone visiting the cemetery.

We ask that everyone respect these rules in order to help us keep the cemetery beautiful and safe for the crew that takes care of it, and we promise to do our best to maintain it.

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.

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.

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.

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