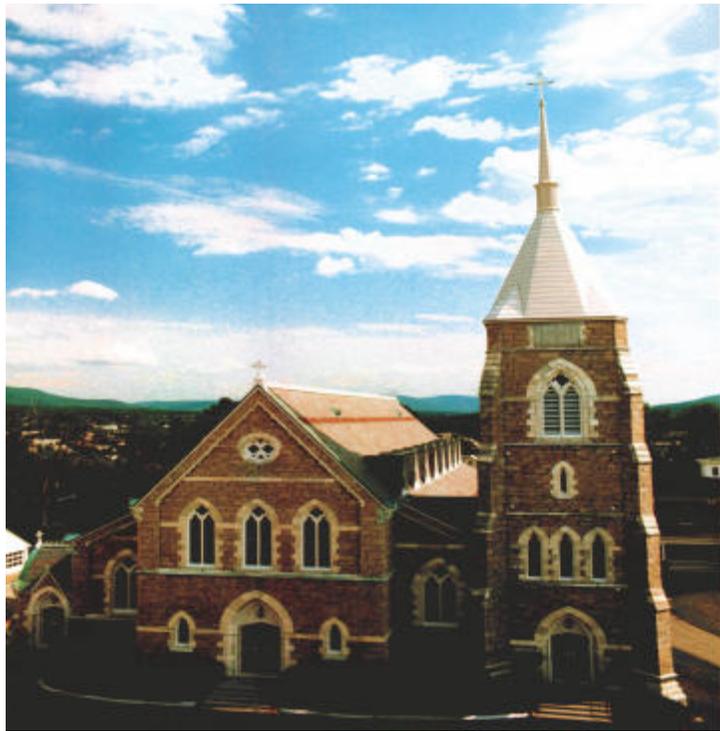


Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 19, 2020

St. Peter Parish

**A ministry of the Capuchin Franciscans,
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**Fr. John Tokaz, O.F.M. Cap.
Pastor**

**Fr. Maurice Moreau, O.F.M. Cap.
In Residence**

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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

Saturday 3:00 PM—or by appointment

New Parishioners

Please call Parish Office to register.

Religious Education

DRE, Michael Audette

Email: maudette@msjvermont.org

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

Parish Council Members

Sue Ahearn, Chair	Nick Denardo
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Michael Audette	Joe Eno

ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 18

4:15 Birthday Mem: Elaine & Richard Fitzsimmons
by Family

Sunday, July 19

11:00 Mem: Frank & Rose Susco by Grace
and 5th Ann: Jim Ley by Family

Monday, July 20

No Monday Masses at this time

Saturday, July 25

4:15 Mem: Leslie Eno by Stan & Rebecca Blicharz

Sunday, July 26

11:00 Mem: Kim Scott by the Audette Family
and Mem: Peter Giancola by Tony Ciccotelli &
Mary Dalto



**CANDLES FOR THE WEEKEND
OF JULY 11/12**

Ann: J. William McGinnis by Family

WELCOME FATHER JOHN

Say Hello to Father John

You are invited to an ice cream social to welcome Father John on Sunday, July 26 after the 11:00 Mass. We have tents, tables and chairs that we will put in the front of the Friary on the lawn as well as on the porch. What a fun way to meet and greet Father John!!

It will also be fun trying to eat ice cream and wearing masks while also keeping the 6' social distancing. *But we can do it!!*

We have servers to help with the ice cream which by the way, will be served with toppings!!! We will also have water to drink.

We will need help after the social with taking down the tents, putting away the tables and chairs and general clean up.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

**ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT
WEEKEND OF JULY 11/12**

36 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$541.50	1,707.50
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 2,792.50
Last Year—Same Date	2,718.00
Monthly Upkeep Collection	287.00

“Let them grow together until the harvest”

In today's Holy Gospel from St. Matthew we are given yet another parable or story to illustrate the nature of the Kingdom of God. The Jews at the time of our Lord were anxiously expecting that God's Kingdom would come soon. The Jews had many varied ideas and notions of what the Kingdom of God would be like. These concepts ranged from expectations of a socio-economic political entity based on religious truths to a totally other worldly reality which would be overwhelmingly spiritual establishing Israel as the religious spiritual mentor for the world. Our Lord Jesus desired to have his people understand the notion and true character of the Kingdom of God and consequently offers substantial teachings on the Kingdom of God throughout the Gospels. The Gospels are filled with Kingdom of God parables.

These parables offer us different aspects of the Kingdom of God and descriptions of what the Kingdom of God truly is and truly can be. A single parable on the Kingdom of God may contain many descriptions of attitudes and behaviors which members of the Kingdom of God should strive to attain and live. For basic to all the teachings of Jesus is the truth that above all the Kingdom of God is to be found in the human heart.

There is a poignant phrase in today's parable “let them grow together until the harvest.” This phrase refers to the fact that the servants of a master have discovered that weeds were sown with good wheat. Subsequently they want to pull the weeds out. However, the master cautions that they could possibly pull out the wheat as well and so he says, “let them grow together until harvest...”, in other words, “Live and let live!”

How often do we find an urge in our hearts to “correct” “fix” “rescue” or “save”. We see something that is not right and we want to make it right. We want to rid our world of those “weeds” which are wrong, harmful or hurtful. These are noble and good aspirations. Yet the parable reminds us that the first “weeds” that need to be tended to are not outside of us, but in us. We must discover those negative aspects of ourselves that need to be “pulled out” first. This self centered spiritual work is difficult, necessary and time consuming. Nevertheless unless we begin with ourselves our focus on others can become blurred with anger and resentment and self-righteousness.

We can not change others. We can change ourselves. Our work for the Kingdom begins with ourselves. We must allow others the dignity to make their own choices and exercise their God-given gift of free will. God is the best judge and at the “harvest” will sort things out with perfect wisdom. Our job is to change ourselves and bring energy for good into the world by lives we lead.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 PM—Parish Council meeting

Sunday, July 26

**Ice Cream Social to welcome Fr. John
After the 11:00 AM Mass
On the lawn in front of the Friary**

T-SHIRTS AND QUILT SQUARES

At the 125th Anniversary of St. Peter's, we had t-shirts made and we did a Quilt Project. These t-shirts and quilt squares have been in storage since then. On July 26, at the ice cream social for Fr. John, these items will be available. There are several sizes of the t-shirts. Also, if you did one or several quilt squares and you would like the one you did, please take yours home. Thank you.

ONE LAST FAREWELL TO FATHER TOM!

We have a guest book and invite everyone to write a note in it for Father Tom. You'll find it on the table near the hand sanitizer in the back of the Church. It will be there through the month of July. There will be a pen with the book, but for safety sake, please sanitize your hands before using it. There will be a supply of wipes, or you can use the paper towels and hand sanitizer on the table. At the end of the month, we will mail it to him. What a pleasant surprise for Father Tom!!!

If you are not able to come to Mass, the book will be in the Friary during the week.

If you would rather type or write a note at home, please send it to me either by email or regular mail and I will put it in the book.

Email: susanahearn@jsvt.com

Mail: Susan Ahearn, 61 Ives Ave., Rutland, VT 05701

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.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Peter:

May the peace of the Lord be with you!

It's been a little over two weeks since I've arrived at St. Clare's Friary in Yonkers, NY, and have departed from St. Peter's. It was only last week that my computer was hooked up, so now that I am back on-line I wanted to send you a note of thanks via the Bulletin.

The send-off that you gave me on Sunday, June 28th, by way of the "Drive-by-car parade" was such a fantastic idea; I got to see each car with its passengers, and blessed to receive everyone's good wishes; I will never forget that.

There are many things, events, occasions that I will never forget about my 9 years at St. Peter's; they were filled with so many happy memories, etched in my mind. Whether it was baptisms, weddings, Confirmations or funerals, the re-emergence of the Religious Ed Program, parish picnic, jubilee celebrations they were special moments and occasions shared with all of you. The Peter Huntoon print of St. Peter's Church will soon be hanging in a prominent place on one of my walls that will be a constant reminder to me of nine beautiful, blessed and happy years.

Thank you to all of you for your gifts, cards and good wishes. Be assured of a special remembrance in my daily prayers. Until we meet again, may God bless you and keep you well and safe, always.

Sincerely and in prayer,

Fr. Tom

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.

ST. PETER'S MONTHLY MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP COLLECTION

Last weekend was our monthly maintenance and upkeep collection. Thank you to all who so generously contributed to this collection.

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.

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