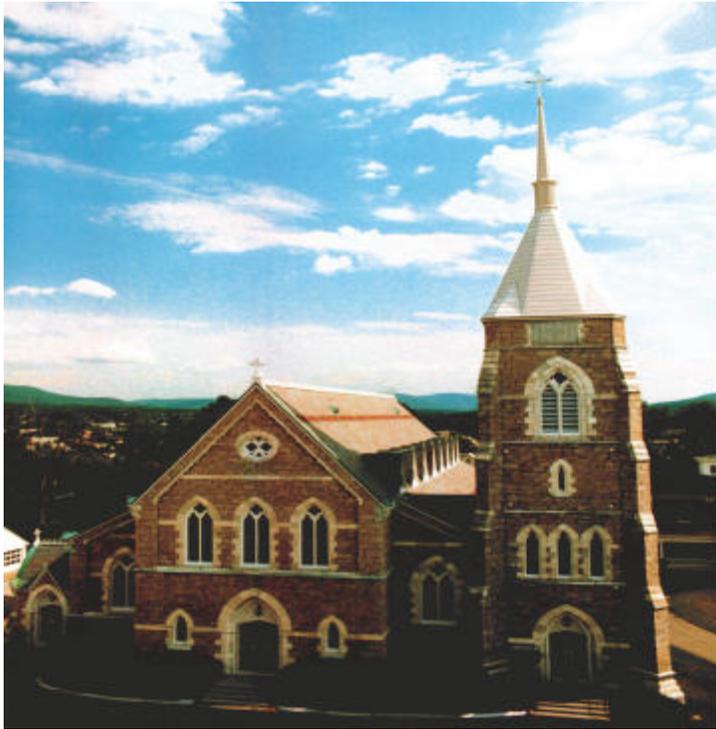


**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 6, 2020**

## **St. Peter Parish**

**A ministry of the Capuchin Franciscans,  
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### **Sunday Masses:**

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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  
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### **Parish Council Members**

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**ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, September 5**

4:15 Mem: Charles (Birthday) & Doris Cannon by Daughters

**Sunday, September 6**

11:00 Birthday Mem: Gaetano Tedesco & Dorothy Fabian by Family

*and* Ann: Jeannette Earle by Family

**Monday, September 7**

**No Monday Masses at this time**

**Saturday, September 12**

4:15 22<sup>nd</sup> Ann: Basilio Valente by Wife, Sarah

**Sunday, September 13**

11:00 11<sup>th</sup> Ann: Mary Beth Pisanelli by Husband & Children

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



**CANDLES FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 5/6**

Ann: Natalina Zullo by Family

Mem: Guido & Laura Rotella by Kathy & Don Matrale

**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 AUGUST 29/30**

47 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$358.00	2,759.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 1,741.00
Last Year—Same Date	2,471.00

**A reading on Conflict Resolution according to the Gospel of Saint Matthew**

Because we live in an imperfect world filled with imperfect people our lives are going to inevitably have some conflict in them. Conflict is simply part of living on this planet. As much as we try to we cannot avoid conflict. We may deny the presence of conflict. We may run from conflict. Yet conflict exists simply because human beings are human beings. We may wish conflict was absent from life however life without conflict is not life. Conflict has always been present in the human condition.

Conflict, like so many other unhappy parts of life, must be dealt with, for if we don't deal with conflict it will deal with us psychologically, emotionally and even physically. Conflict, which is ever present, was part of the experience of the followers of Jesus and so Our Lord gives his disciples a simple spiritual way to deal with conflict, to resolve it as it were. The Lord also indicates what is to be done when conflict cannot be resolved. For sadly, not all conflict is resolvable.

Since for us Roman Catholic Christians the Gospel is the ultimate truth the Gospel teaching about conflict is most pertinent for us today. There are three steps that Jesus recommends to be followed in order to deal with conflict. The first, second and third steps are steps involving communication. For communication is the key to resolving conflict.

Communication of feelings, of facts, of impressions, or expressions and of interpretations is the best way to reach understanding. Without clear and face to face communication genuine understanding is impossible to achieve. Understanding is the foundation of conflict resolution. The Gospel indicates that communication first takes place between individuals, one on one. However, if this fails, communication must continue but with the help of an arbitrator or two, who would be a neutral party. Should this fail the communication can continue within a group setting or as the Gospel states "The Church". In fact, groups can enhance communication by offering different options, possibilities and directions to conflicting parties which might not surface with only one or two arbitrators. Lastly, should this fail to bring about a resolution detachment is the only answer. However, detachment based on acceptance of differences must be done with charity and love since our Lord never stopped loving those who were "Gentiles or tax collectors" despite the different worlds they lived in. It seems Our Lord loved them all the more.

Not all conflict can be resolved. Nevertheless, as disciples of Jesus Christ we must never stop trying to resolve it. Honest and open communication accompanied by a loving respect can heal many divisions. The Gospel assures us that although we cannot resolve every conflict we can live with conflict peacefully.

Fr. John

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 7

### MSJ CASH RAFFLE

The MSJ Athletic Association would like to especially thank everyone that bought a ticket this year. The Cash Raffle drawing was very different this year because of the Pandemic. We drew the numbers on Saturday, August 29 with a limited number of Athletic Association members and witnesses present. The money raised provided athletics at MSJ. The Athletic Association is a group of volunteers that raise money to fund athletics at MSJ. This year's big winners are: David Perry—\$5,000, Jim Trapani—\$3,000 and Roz Rogers—\$1,000.

### 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.

### 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](https://www.census.gov) to file and be counted. It's quick, it's easy and it's important.

### 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](https://vermontcatholic.org/giveonline).



*Deuteronomy 15:10—“You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.”*

The *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign is now underway. This fundraising effort is our call to follow the earthly ministries of Christ—healing, preaching and teaching. For details on how we will achieve this goal, please review the case statement you recently received in the mail. Our parish will receive 60% of the funds we raise so we may address our needs to repairs to our bell tower, bells and maintenance to the bells.

God asks us as stewards to give with generosity and sacrifice in mind. Please review the “Budget Your Gift” page on page 11 of the case statement with your family to determine if and how you might be able to contribute over the next three years through small sacrifices. Your sacrificial gift will be used for the glory of God, who has given us everything we need.

Volunteers have begun to make outreach calls to discuss the campaign and answer questions. Once you identify your gift, please complete and return your pledge form. You may also give on line by visiting this website: [christourhopevt.org](https://christourhopevt.org).

Don't forget you can join Bishop Coyne Sept. 9 at 3 PM for a virtual coffee hour as he discusses the campaign. Just click the link to register: [christourhopevt.org/events](https://christourhopevt.org/events).

### 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.

Happy Labor Day



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