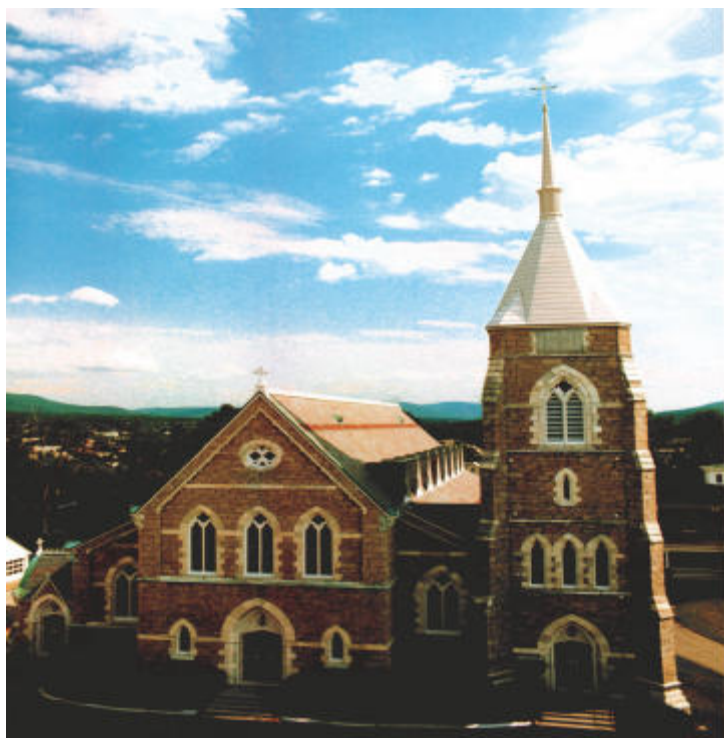


All Saints—November 1, 2020

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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

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ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE:**Saturday, October 31**

4:15 Ann: Howard Loso by Family

Sunday, November 1

11:00 Mem: Gaetano & Maria Tedesco by Family
and Mem: Deceased Members of the William H.
 McGinnis Family by Family

Monday, November 2**No Monday Masses at this time****Saturday, November 7**

4:15 Ann: Bob Liscinsky by Family

Sunday, November 8

11:00 Mem: Alfredo & Martina Vitagliano by Son
and Mem: Peter Giancola by Joe & Carol
 Barbagallo

**CANDLES FOR THE WEEKEND
OF OCTOBER 31/NOVEMBER 1**

Mem: Domenico Marro by Sarah Valente

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Next Sunday, **November 8th** at the 11:00 AM Mass, we will be remembering our deceased brothers and sisters who have died from our parish since November of last year. We read their names and light a candle in remembrance. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to have the Book of Remembrance.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we have been doing the Thanksgiving Baskets different this year. Please give a monetary donation to offset the cost of the items that we will be purchasing for the basket items. **We must have the donations by November 15.** We greatly appreciate any donation you could give.

**ST. PETER OFFERTORY REPORT
WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 24/25**

59 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$779.00	2,808.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 1,692.00
Last Year-Same Date	2,992.00

Holy Holy Holy

People who are new to our religion or who are preparing to become Catholics or who are simply inquiring about Roman Catholicism can astound and surprise us with their questions. Often times this is because they are fascinated (or puzzled) by an aspect of our religion which we take for granted since we are very used to that particular aspect of our Faith.

Several years ago I was conducting a program for people who were interested in becoming Roman Catholics. After one of the classes a young man who played baseball and was very devoted to the game asked, "Father, what's with all these saints in the Catholic religion? You have thousands of them and you pray to them and ask them to pray for you. I don't get it. Why don't you just go right to God and ask God. It would be less complicated."

Having grown up a Catholic the Saints were simply a given for me. They were part of the Faith and I had never given much thought to what they really meant for us. I paused a bit, thought a bit and asked myself how I could explain our amazing Saints to this young man, to this young man who loved baseball.

A small voice from within me (undoubtedly the Holy Spirit) repeated "Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame". "Yes, of course," I thought to myself, "the Saints are the Catholic Hall of Fame". I then proceeded to tell him that the Saints, although not perfect, worked long and hard at progressing in the Catholic Christian Life. They became outstanding in Catholic Christian living because of years of practice, many spiritual stops and starts, intense religious and spiritual discipline and overall continuous training in Gospel values. They progressed to such a level that their lives became distinctive and the way that they were living became noticeable to those around them. Nevertheless, despite their goodness and progress they were still human beings and they were still imperfect. Yet they were and are living examples that any human being who is willing and open to God's help can attain excellence in spiritual living. Therefore, the saints are proof that a life with and in God is attainable. Their example gives us courage to continue on our religious path. The sincere efforts of the Saints provide inspiration for us that if they could be holy with their imperfections, so can we. The saints, while outstanding, are still human beings. They are human beings who tried hard, worked hard, and progressed. They compose the Catholic Hall of Fame. Yet the most wonderful part is that there is still room in that Hall of Fame for you and me.

Fr. John

ALL SAINTS

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Due to postal costs and the amount of envelopes that are in each bi-monthly packet that is sent out to our parishioners who use envelopes, we will now go to a monthly offertory packet instead of bi-monthly packets. **Starting with December**, you will receive only December envelopes in your packets and only January in the January packets etc. If you have any questions, please call the Friary office. Thank you.

MSJ NEWS

OPEN HOUSE—Mount St. Joseph Academy will hold an Open House and welcomes prospective students and families from 5 PM to 7 PM on Wednesday, November 4. The Open House will include Student-Led Tours and Teacher-Student Presentations. Families will be greeted by a student ambassador who will lead them through a guided tour of the school. Faculty and staff will be on-hand to answer questions and share insights into joining the MSJ family. Light refreshments will be provided.

MOUNTIE FOR A DAY—MSJ also welcomes area students to be a Mountie for a day on Wednesday, November 11. MSJ welcomes area students, currently in grades 7 and up, to visit Mount St. Joseph Academy for a school day. Middle and High School-aged prospective students who are interested in learning more about MSJ are invited to meet our students, faculty and staff and to participate in our school day, from 8 AM to 3 PM. Lunch will be provided.

MSJ is located at 127 Convent Ave., Rutland, VT. If you have any questions about either day, contact Bill Bruso in Admissions at wbruso@msjvermont.org.

MSJ AT A GLANCE

- More than 95% of Mount St. Joseph Academy graduates go on to college.
- MSJ welcomes students of all faiths.
- MSJ offers a variety of Advanced Placement courses.



Matthew 14:18-20: "...Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied..."

When raising big sums of money, it is natural for us to think "my small donation won't make a difference." However, as we see in Matthew 14 when Jesus feeds five thousand followers on just five loaves of bread and two fish, God can put small gifts to work and accomplish great things.

There is never a gift that is too small. Never a gift that won't make a difference. Each received, regardless of the size, is reason for celebration. Each takes us a step closer toward campaign success. Please consider how you can make a difference for the Diocese and St. Peter Parish with your commitment to the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign.

St. Peter Parish has raised \$1,475.00 of our Parish Goal of \$251, 576.00. Thank you.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
YOUR CHECKS MUST BE MADE
PAYABLE TO CHRIST OUR HOPE
NOT ST. PETER'S

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Sunday, November 1, is the last day to join other Christians for prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray 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.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary has resumed their meetings on Monday's at 2:00 PM in the Friary. You must wear a mask and social distancing is required.

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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