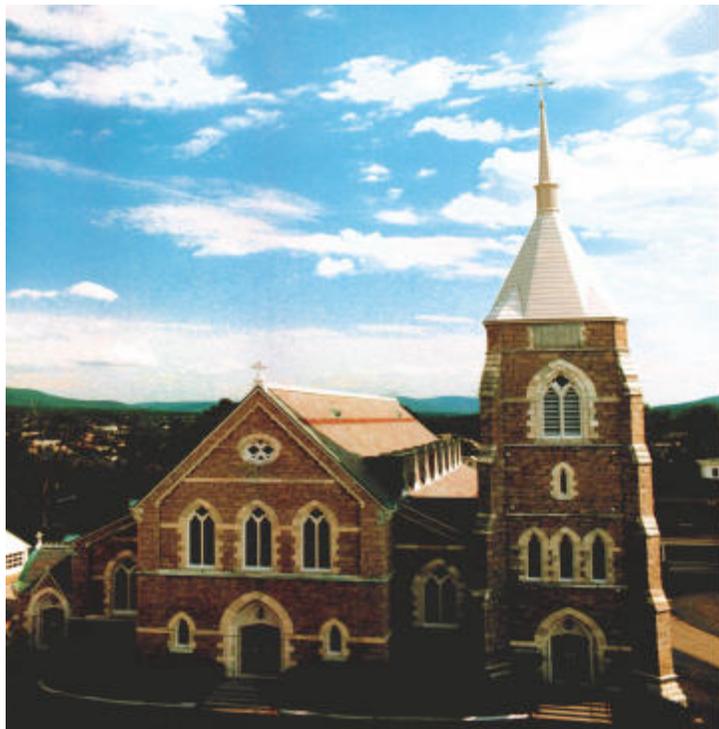


First Sunday of Advent—November 29, 2020

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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, November 28**

4:15 Birthday & Ann: Kevin & Richard Fitzsimmons
by Family

Sunday, November 29

11:00 Ann: Gaetano & Maria Tedesco & Dorothy
Fabian by Angelo & Lena Tedesco and Family
and Mem: Lucille Vitagliano and John & Nancy
Benincasa by Joseph Vitagliano

Monday, November 30

No Monday Masses at this time

Saturday, December 5

4:15 5th Ann. & Birthday: Lorraine Canty by Terri
Clyne & Family, Brad & Laurie Canty and Jason
Canty & Family

Sunday, December 6

11:00 Ann: Edward Earle by Family
and Mem: Joseph & Jeanne Zingale by Family



**CANDLES FOR THE WEEKEND
OF NOVEMBER 28/29**

24th Ann. & Birthday: Charlotte Franzoni by Chub

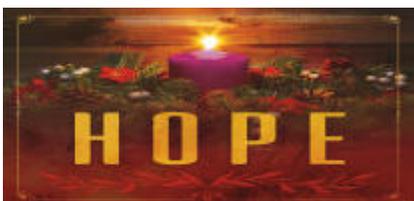
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St. Peter Parish is looking for a part-time secretary.
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mation or to apply.

**ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT
FOR NOVEMBER 21/22 WILL BE IN NEXT
WEEKEND'S BULLETIN**

FUEL COLLECTION

The monthly fuel collection for December is scheduled for
December 5/6. Thank you for your donation to this collec-
tion.



Grateful For Gratitude

When a human being is experiencing difficulty, adversity, pain or frustration it is very difficult to focus or even acknowledge the positive aspects of life. When in the midst of problems our whole perspective and outlook seems to be centered on the negative aspects that the problem or problems bring to our lives. Our vision seems to be completely clouded by what is wrong and we can become consumed by what is broken and deficient in our lives. Our attitude becomes pessimistic and life seems to be more of a chore than a gift from God.

Presently our whole world is caught up in the difficult, painful and negative experience of the covid virus. News broadcasts are filled with descriptions of local, state, national and world wide suffering brought on by the virus. Newspapers and magazines give us ever increasing numbers of cases and fatalities. Because the bad news is all pervasive it can all seem like a bad dream that will go away when we "awake" yet being "awake" we are acutely aware of the reality of the situation. All we need to do is to see a person or ourselves masked, hand sanitizer at the door of our favorite store, or printed reminders to "social distance" to remind us of the negative situation we are all in.

For us who have been gifted by God with faith and spirituality there is a solution. The solution is not to deny reality but to begin to look at it differently. For even within the most negative of realities there are blessings of goodness. For us who believe in God there is always something good because God is good and God is always present in creation. Therefore, it is our spiritual and religious task to look for and acknowledge what is good while accepting what is broken, imperfect and bad. This acknowledgement is called Gratitude.

We can begin being grateful for the basics of life which so many people lack. We can be grateful for the ability to function even if our functioning is limited. We can be grateful for the power to give love and receive love. Above all we can be grateful that we have the capacity to believe and enjoy Faith in God. We can be grateful for Gratitude.

Gratitude invites us on a daily basis to ask ourselves the question "What is good and right in my life today?" Gratitude urges us to take account of all the things that are in place and that are blessings from God. When we begin to consider positive aspects of our lives the negative aspects lose their power to dominate our thoughts and behavior. Gratitude nourishes our belief in the good and consequently, our belief in God. This Thanksgiving let us be grateful for gratitude and the ability to believe and hope.

Fr. John

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we will be doing the Christmas Giving Tree different this year. Please give a monetary donation so that families in need will have a gift at Christmas. The ushers will have envelopes for you to take to put your donation in and then drop the envelopes into the Offertory box, or mail your donation to the Rectory or bring your donation in to the Rectory during normal business hours **before December 13**. We will then give these donations to the Council on Aging and Vermont Cares. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

The ushers will be giving out envelopes for names and donations for the flowers at Christmas. Please print the names clearly and put the envelope in the Offertory box, mail it or drop it off at the Rectory Office during normal business hours **before December 6**.

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.

BISHOP'S FUND UPDATE

To date we have raised \$14,785.00 towards our goal of \$30,089.00. For information and to make your gift, please visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline. Thank you for your support.



Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."

It's with great joy and excitement that we welcome Advent and the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. Jesus is God's greatest gift to mankind. He is the perfect present received every Christmas. John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"—serves as a reminder of God's love and the sacrifice made on our behalf.

Along with celebrating God's wonderful gift, Advent is a time when we enjoy giving a little more. It is an opportunity to give a little more of our time, a little more of our love and a little more of the gifts we've received from God.

So we invite you this Advent season, to join your brothers and sisters in Christ with a campaign commitment. Remember your gift will make a difference as we address our needs at St. Peter Parish. But don't forget it will also support the many needs of those most vulnerable among us, while enhancing our ability to educate others. Please return your complete pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make you gift.

St. Peter Parish has raised \$3,190.00 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**

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

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