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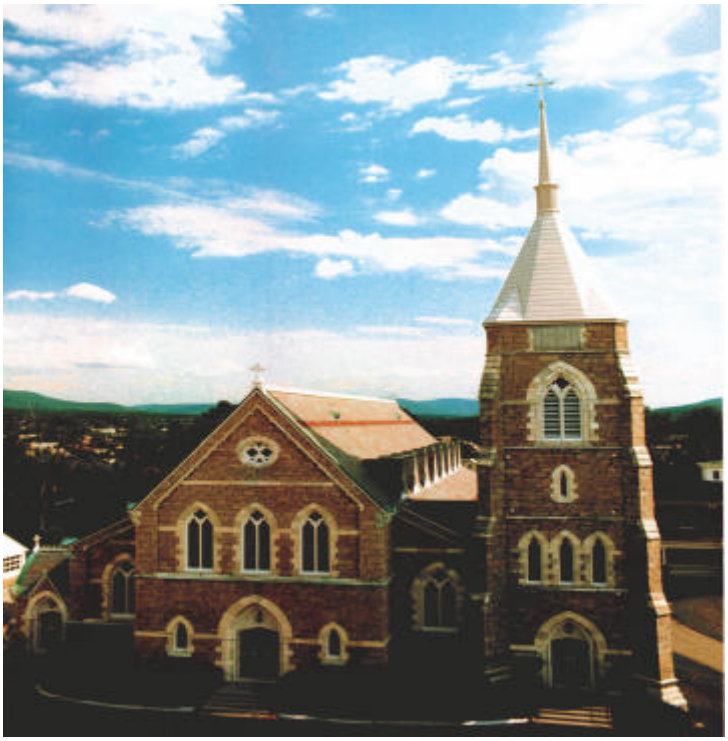

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Saturday—4:15 PM
Sunday—11:00 AM

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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.

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(Saint Peter Parish Religious Education)

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ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, January 2

4:15 Ann: John Edward, Angeline & Julie Savery & Pearl Savery Lavoie by the Phillip Savery Family

and Mem: Giovanni, Annamaria, Armando, Constantino & Pellegrino Adamo by the Phillip & Giulia (Adamo) Savery Family

Sunday, January 3

11:00 Mem: Mary Wood by Family

Monday, January 4

No Monday Masses at this time

Saturday, January 9

4:15 Ann: Maureen Layden LaPenna & Francis P. LaPenna by Children

Sunday, January 10

11:00 Ann: Nancy McGinnis, Mildred & Raymond Leonard, Sr. & Bob Vignoe by Family

and Mem: Salvatore Barucco by Daniel & Janice Magro

CANDLES FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 2/3

Ann: Ernani Zullo by Family

Birthday Mem: Lucy Abel & Rose Sofia by Carol

ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 19/20

44 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus $443.00		3,077.00
Need		4,500.00
Difference	-	1,423.00
Last Year—Same Date—Offertory		3,689.00
Monthly Upkeep Collection		338.00

ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 26/27

48 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus $350.00		2,518.00
Need		4,500.00
Difference	-	1,982.00
Christmas Collection		3,746.00

"Where is the new-born King…?"

The Christmas story of the three magi, or kings, or wise-men is a story about us! The Jewish people were definitely chosen by God. God, thru Moses, called them out of slavery, entered into a covenant-relationship with them and gave them the land. They had been chosen. However one of the fundamental messages of Our Lord Jesus was that although the Jews were chosen, they were not the only chosen people, they were simply the first chosen. Our Lord makes it clear from the very beginning of His life that all people, both Jew and Gentile, have been chosen and given the invitation to find Him, to follow Him and to honor Him as God and King. Our Lord was born for the benefit and Blessing of all people. The wonder-filled feast of the Epiphany celebrates that fact of Christian Faith.

The word epiphany means manifestation. The three magi (a Latin word meaning magicians!) were not Jews. The gospel states that they arrived from the East so one can conclude that they were from outside of Israel. However, despite being Gentiles, they were fascinated by a star which indicated to them (as astrologers perhaps) that the Jews had a new King who deserved not only their attention but their homage. In other words this new-born King had something great and amazing to offer them. They were willing and eager to find out. They had been chosen by God to find out.

The magi represent all of us Gentiles who have also been chosen and invited to experience the wonders of Jesus Christ. We have been called by God to Look for Jesus in our everyday lives. It may take time and effort to discover His presence just as it took the magi time and effort to find Him. Yet when we do the blessings of His Kingdom can be ours, the blessings of Peace, Understanding, Confidence, and Hope. Let us be willing to look for Jesus in our world everyday and upon finding Him let us enjoy being part of His Kingdom of Truth and Light.

Fr. John

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

CAUTION PLEASE
FALLING SNOW AND ICE

For those who park behind the church—a word of caution—snow and ice does fall from the roof of the church. Please walk away from the church and friary buildings, and please **DO NOT PARK ALONG SIDE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING** during these winter months due to the danger of falling snow and ice; you could be seriously injured and your car could sustain serious damage with this falling snow and ice. **AND PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE GARAGES**. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The Rutland Boy Scout Troops 105 and 120 will be picking up your Christmas trees on Saturday January 2 and 9. To schedule a pickup, please call 802-438-8721 or email RutlandBSTreeCollection@gmail.com. Donations greatly appreciated and are accepted at pickup. This is a MAJOR fundraiser!

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.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Christmas Giving Tree here at St. Peter's. We collected $3,424.00 in monetary donations. We have sent a check for $1,712.00 to the Council on Aging and $1,712.00 to Vermont Cares. Thank you again for you continued generosity.

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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To our *Christ Our Hope* campaign supporters, we offer a sincere thanks during this giving season. We cannot carry out our mission and realize our dreams without your help.

We are continuing our fundraising efforts as we try to reach our campaign goals. If you are still praying over your decision and discerning how you might help, please know that soon you will receive a follow-up mailing asking to consider a gift.

You can return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift. Your donation of any size will help address our needs at St. Peter's but also support fellow Catholics across the state.

St. Peter Parish has raised $4,340.00 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

BISHOP'S FUND UPDATE

To date we have raised $18,270.00 towards our goal of $30,089.00. For information and to make your gift, please visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline. Thank you for your support.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP COLLECTION

The Monthly Maintenance and Upkeep collection will be on the weekend of January 9/10. Thank you for your generosity.

MONTHLY FUEL COLLECTION

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