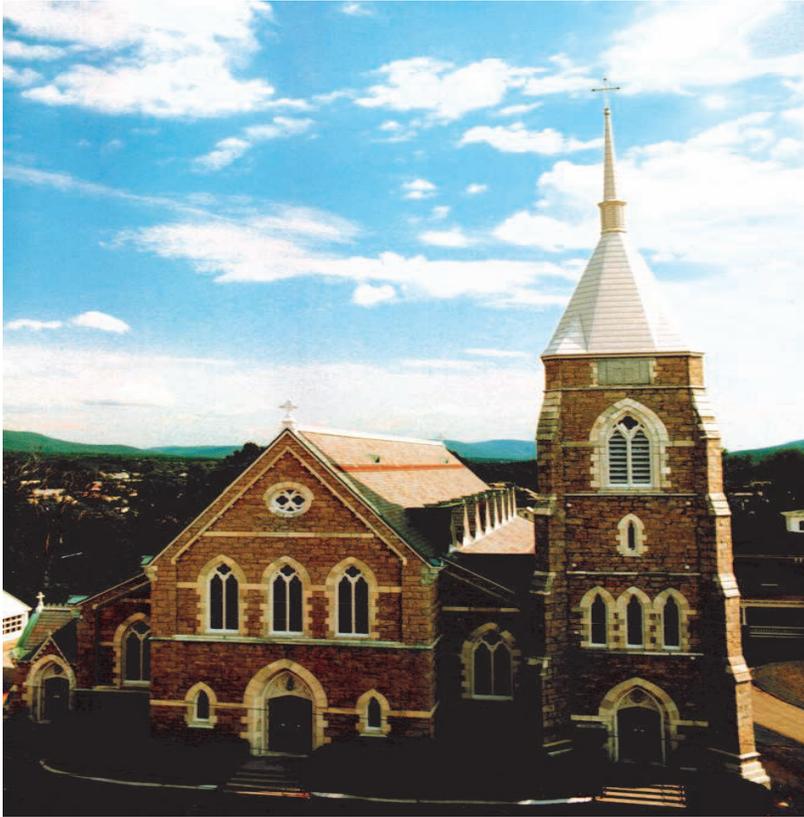


First Sunday of Advent—December 2, 2018

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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

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

Parish Website—www.StPeterRutland.org

Or contact Michael Audette: maudette@msjvermont.org

ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 1

4:15 Birthday & Anniversary: Kevin & Richard Fitzsimmons by Family
and Mem: Bobbi Bizzarro by Gary & Carol Randall

Sunday, December 2

11:00 Ann: Gaetano & Maria Tedesco and Dorothy Fabian by Angelo & Lena Tedesco & Family

Monday, December 3

4:45 Mem: Helen Gallagher by James & Janet Gallagher & Family
and 15th Ann: Nicholas Flory by Family

Friday, December 7—FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

6:00 PM—For Parishioners

Saturday, December 8

4:15 Birthday Mem: Lorraine Canty by Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, December 9

11:00 Mem: Joseph & Jeanne Zingale, Sr. by Family
and 20th Ann: Edward Earle by Family



SYMBOLISM OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The use of the Advent wreath with four candles has been an Advent ritual for hundreds of years. The Advent wreath is a symbol of the four-week wait for Jesus' birth. The green branches remind us of the new life we have in Jesus, the circle represents the eternity of God's love for us (with no beginning and no end), and the candles represent the light and hope Jesus brings into a dark world.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Envelopes are available at all the church entrances. Please print the names clearly. Please put the envelope in the offertory basket, mail it or drop it off at the Rectory Office during the week before **December 10**.



St. Peter Church Christmas Giving Tree

In the spirit of Christmas, those who wish may select a gift card from the baskets at the entrances of the Church. The cards have been made to reflect the specific needs of those families that we will be helping at Christmas. If gift purchasing and wrapping are a problem, just put the gift card and your donation for the gift in an envelope and put it in the offertory basket. It is very important that the gift card be attached to the gift.

PLEASE NOTE: these gifts MUST be brought in on or before December 16



CANDLES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

Mem: Carmen Leggette by Bryan Lanahan

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, falls on Saturday, December 8, 2018; St. Peter's will celebrate this feast and holy day with a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th, at 6:00 PM.

ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 17/18

77 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$584.00	3,274.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 1,226.00
Last Year—Same Date—Offertory	3,534.00

ST. PETER COLLECTION REPORT WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 24/25

72 Envelopes (242 sent out) plus \$704.00	3,181.00
Need	4,500.00
Difference	- 1,319.00
Last Year—Same Date—Offertory	2,551.00

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers (EEM's) have been **appointed** and **commissioned** for a term of three years as ministers of the Eucharist by Fr. Tom, as the Pastor. St. Peter's is very blessed to have very dedicated EEM's who have been serving faithfully and continue to do so. Their terms will expire at the end of **December, 2019**. Some parishioners have asked to be able to bring Holy Communion to their homebound family members. Since there is still one year before current terms expire, and since there appears to be a need for more EEM's, instructional sessions will be given after the 4:15 PM and 11:00 AM Masses on the weekend's of December 8th/9th, and December 15th/16th. At these times the Profession of Faith will be made as well as the filling out of the necessary paper work for the new EEM's. If any current EEM's wish to participate in these instructional sessions, they are most welcomed. The commissioning of the new EEM's will take place at both the 4:15 PM and 11:00 AM Masses, whichever is more convenient for the new EEM's, on the weekend of December 22nd and 23rd, so that you might be available for the Christmas Masses. You must be a registered member of the parish, and must be willing to be of service in this ministry for ANY of the celebrated weekend Masses at St. Peter's.

REFRESHMENTS THIS WEEK AFTER THE 11:00 AM MASS

Refreshments are available after the 11:00 AM Mass today. It is always so refreshing to enjoy the refreshments as well as the fellowship that takes place. Your participation is welcomed, and deeply appreciated.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 2

10:00 AM—Faith Formation session today in the Friary. Next session will be Sunday, December 16th, along with First Penance
10:30 AM—Choir rehearsal

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 11:00 AM MASS TODAY

Friday, December 7

Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:00 PM—Holy Day Vigil Mass

NOON EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT CHRIST THE KING EVERY FRIDAY, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Sunday, December 9

No Faith Formation session today

10:30 AM—Choir rehearsal

2019 CALENDARS

Through the generosity of Rutland Fuel (Scott Sullivan) 2019 Calendars have been made available to the parishioners of St. Peter's. The calendars have been placed near the Bulletins, and there are still a few left, so please feel free to take as needed. Every home ought to have a religious calendar. Thank you Scott for providing these calendars.

BRINGING HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

In order to bring Holy Communion to those who are homebound and not able to attend Mass, you MUST be a commissioned and appointed Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister of St. Peter's, or must have been given permission to do this by Fr. Tom. If you are coming to Mass with a pyx to be able to bring Holy Communion to someone who is homebound, you MUST receive the host from Fr. Tom at Communion time. EEM's have been instructed to no longer place a host in a pyx, and a host must NEVER be placed in anything other than a pyx. Also, the practice of receiving the host, proceeding to the chalice, and dipping the host into the Precious Blood is a very serious abuse of the Eucharist. This is a forbidden practice. The EEM's have been instructed to cover the chalice with their hand should someone attempt to follow in this practice. Nursing Homes are also being visited by the surrounding parishes, by both the priests and EEM's, so that the spiritual needs of these residents are also being provided.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give generously.

St. Peter's TD Bank's Affinity Membership Program—Code = AF605

SEASON OF GIVING—2018 ADVENT APPEAL

Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Help people like Sharon avoid homelessness. Sharon is a mom of a four-year-old girl and recently left an abusive relationship. Due to this turmoil, she had fallen behind on rent and faced an eviction notice. We assisted her with her rent so she and her daughter could remain in their home. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1,000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Dr., So. Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.

PROPER MANNER OF RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

It is always the decision of the recipient of Holy Communion to choose to either receive the host in the hand or on the tongue. If you choose to receive Holy Communion in your hand, you must place one hand on top of the other, thereby forming a "throne" to receive the Lord in the Eucharist; normally, if you are right handed, you would place your left hand on top of your right hand, and after the Minister of the Eucharist has placed the host in the palm of your hand, take one step to your right or left, and place the host into your mouth with your right hand thumb and index finger before proceeding. If you are left-handed, please follow this procedure in the opposite way with your right hand on top of your left hand. The host should not be taken from the minister of the Eucharist with your thumb and index finger, as though one is reaching for a cookie. If you are receiving in your hand, gloves or nothing else should be in your hands. If you are receiving on the tongue, you must extend your tongue, with your head slightly tilted upwards and back, in such a way that the Minister of the Eucharist may carefully place the host on your tongue. While approaching the Eucharist in the Communion line, this is not a time to greet people but rather a time to welcome the Lord into your heart either through song or silent meditation; nor should one be greeting people after having received holy communion; rather we should be saying a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for coming into our hearts. Kudos to the parents/grandparents who have so properly taught the young children receiving a blessing at communion time doing so with such reverence.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Conduct yourself to please God." Please God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is Mar. 15-17, 2019 in Isle LaMotte, VT. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://www.mevtw.org/>.

THE INLAND SEE

Please take note of this week's bulletin insert "The Inland See". There is a beautiful reflection on Advent and it lists many activities that may be of interest to you.



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