St. Peter's and St. Ambrose Catholic Churches

Reverend Yvon J. Royer, Pastor

85 S. Maple St.
Vergennes VT 05491

September 12, 2021
Twenty Fourth
Sunday of ordinary time

11 School Street
Bristol, VT 05443

CHURCH SCHEDULE

St. Peter's: Vergennes
Saturday: 4:30pm & Sunday: 11:00am

St. Ambrose, Bristol:
Saturday: 6:30pm & Sunday: 8:30am
Daily Mass/Holy Days: Announced in bulletin

Sacrament of Penance:
Saturday 3:30-4:20 pm at St. Peter's
Sundays 7:30-8:20am at St. Ambrose

Baptisms:
We look forward to the Baptism of your child. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Marriages:
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick:
If you know of someone who is sick and needs a hospital or home visit, please call the Rectory.

Religious Education:
Please call the parish office to register your child.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Please call the parish office for more information.

Brothers and sisters, let us however keep the certainty that, even when we are tempted to turn away, God still continues to bestow his gifts."

Pope Francis

Grandparents create memories that the heart holds forever!

Parish Information

St. Peter's Church 85 South Maple St. P.O. Box 324, Vergennes 05491
Phone: 877-2367 **Email:** stpeter@vermontcatholic.org
Web Page: http://stambrosestpeter.vermontcatholic.org
Office Hours for Dawn: Mon. 8-4:30, Tues, Wed 1-4:30pm, Thurs. 8am-12:30pm
Office Hours for Sue: Mon. 8:30-5:00pm
St. Ambrose: 11 School St. Bristol 05443
Phone: 453-2488 **Email:** stambros@comcast.net
Web Page: http://stambrosestpeter.vermontcatholic.org
Office Hours: Tues. 8:30am – 5:00pm Wed. 8:30-12noon

Parish Staff Information

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Fr. Yvon will be celebrating some Masses privately others will be taped and uploaded to our webpage.

Weekly Masses at St. Peter's

Saturday, September 11 4:30pm	Lawrence Booska and Marc Lapete By Yvette LaPete
Sunday, September 12 11:00am	Birthday remembrance of Gary Scott by the Scott family
Monday, September 13 6:00pm	For our parishioners
Wednesday, September 15 12:05 Live Stream	Kathleen McNulla by the McNulla family
Saturday, September 18 4:30pm	49th Birthday remembrance of Sheri Smith by her family
Sunday, September 19 11:00am	Anniversary remembrance of Sam E Tatro, Sr by the Scott family

Weekly Masses at St. Ambrose

Saturday, September 11 6:30pm	Fr. Pierre By his Estate
Sunday, September 12 8:30am	Birthday remembrance Darrell Godard By Donald and Cheryl Godard
Tuesday, September 14 12:05pm Live Stream	Birthday remembrance for Jay Masterson By Susan & John Masterson
Saturday, September 18 6:30pm	Magloire Audet by the Family
Sunday, September 19 8:30am	Edna Ball by Suzanne & Mike Bushey

Masses are live streamed at St. Ambrose on Tues. @ 12:05pm. And at St. Peter's on Wed. @ 12:05pm. Please note the time change of our Tues. & Wed. Masses. These Masses are open to the public. Adoration is from 3-6pm on Mondays at St. Peter's followed by Mass.
For St. Ambrose & St. Peter's Parish Masses please go to: stambrosestpeter.vermontcatholic.org

St. Peter's Closet is looking forward to the Fall season! Stop by and see what's new!

Come visit our refreshed shop for clothing, household goods, jewelry, books, puzzles and more!
Reasonable prices for the whole family!

Store hours:
Tuesday 10:00-3:00pm
Thursday 10:00-3:00pm
Saturday 10:00-3:00pm

St. Peter's Offertory

Parish Finances for the week of 9/5/2021	
Ordinary	$ 1733.00
On-Line Giving-	$ 1447.00
Total	$ **3180.00**
Fuel collection	$ 260.00
Monthly Collection	$ 65.00

This weekend's 2nd collection is for for Catechetical Sunday
Next weekend's 2nd collection is for the Monthly Collection. **We thank you for your generosity.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF ST. PETER'S:
Patrick Murphy, Oliver Tanguay, Marjorie & Russell Stupp, Lori Desautel, Olin Flynn, for a sick friend, Paul Arthur, Albert Choquette, Adele Coyle, Jane Huizenga, Ann Russett, Sean Henry Sullivan, Gerry Senesac, Nancy Barber, Ed & Cecile Gebo, Harry Washburn, Jean Cass, Noela Brunet, Michelle Aubin, Elliot Bushey, Tina Yaw, Jean Lasher, Trent Campbell, Hayley Slayton, Pat Kellogg, Marcia Dabney, Patrick Ringer Sr., Patricia Ringer, Cohen Martin, Theresa Clark.

St. Ambrose Offertory

Parish Finances for the week of 9/5/2021	
Ordinary	$ 2008.00
On-Line Giving	$ 655.00
Total	$ **2663.00**
Fuel	$ 205.00

This weekend's 2nd collections will be for Religious Education Program. **We thank you for your generosity.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF ST. AMBROSE:
Robert J., August and Gilmore Lang, Heather Gevry, Erin Dunn, Tom Cousino, Evelyn Cousino, George Cousino, Cindy Hood, Matthew Glebus, Jean Cass, Reggie Blaise, Kathy & Louis DeFranco, Paul Greco III, Evelyn Adams, Peter Cousino, Harold DeRagon, Faith Macia and all who serve our country in Military Service.

CHICKEN POT PIE TAKE-OUT DINNER
We are looking to serve a Chicken Take-Out Dinner in Mid to Late October. We are looking for good cooks. Please call Sue at 802.453.2488 or cell 802.233.8552 if you're willing to help. THANK YOU!

This Week at St.Peter's

Sunday 9/12
6:30pm K of C meeting

Monday 9/13
4pm Cemetery Meeting (Parish Hall)
6:30pm Parish Council
(Mike& Lynn Donnelly's home)

Tuesday 9/14
10:00 am Joint Liturgy meeting
6:00pm Migrant Outreach (Parish Hall)

Wednesday 9/15
6:30pm RCIA via Zoom

Sunday 9/19
Religious Education classes begin

This Week at St. Ambrose

Tuesday 9/14
4:00pm Financial Committee via Zoom

Sunday 9/19
Religious Education classes begin

Thanks again Amazon Shoppers who have selected St. Ambrose Parish Charitable Trust as their non-profit of choice to support. You have raised another $51.04 in three months of April, May & June. It costs nothing to join &everybody wins! Sign up today!

CLOSET UP-DATE

We are in **need** of **cashiers** on **Tuesdays** from **10am-3:00pm**. You do not have to sort clothes or price them – just be friendly & assist the customers. We **recommend two people** working together, so if you have a friend to help you, that would be great. If **interested**, please **call** the rectory at **877-2367. Thank you.**

Knights of Columbus St. Peter's & St. Ambrose: You know of the great support the K of C provides for our parishes and for this reason all men, 18+, are encouraged to consider joining as an act of Catholic witness.
For more information at St. Peter's: Call Grand Knight David Austin @ 349-4948
For more information at St. Ambrose: Call Grand Knight Andrew Rainville @ 802-349-4024
Ladies of St. Anne's: for more information call: Loretta Lawrence @ 877-2737
Parish Cemeteries: Reasons to Pre-Plan and Pre-Pay: Assists your family in decision making at the time of need: Locks in price of grave purchase, Peace of mind knowing one's eternal resting place. Urn Vaults need to be used for cremation burials. We have the vaults on hand.
St. Peter's Cemetery: Mike Ferland @ 877-3426 **St. Ambrose: Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery:** Craig Scribner Sr. @ 453-3551
St. Ambrose Have-A-Heart Food Shelf: Please consider donating: canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, soup, cereal, pasta, canned fruit, meat or fish, macaroni & cheese, beans. To Volunteer call Kathy Burritt @ 453-2453 or Allison Pouliot @ 453-4577
St. Peter's is always in need of the same items listed above for the Vergennes Community Food Shelf. You may drop your items off in back of the Church. We also need toiletries, such as shampoo, deodorant, & toilet paper.

ST. AMBROSE HOLIDAY PIE BAKE AND ST. AMBROSE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Don't need to remind you of all the effects of COVID, but for fundraising it did put a damper on our "favorite things". Also the "Ways & Means" committee took a severe hit: as near as I can tell, we're down to 1 member! We are looking for 1) new members, or 2) volunteers who'd like to work the Holiday Pie Bake [selling starts in October & actual baking on Nov 20th] and/or the St. Ambrose Christmas Bazaar [Dec 3&4]. It's really not too soon to start organizing these events. **PLEASE give me [Sue Grover] a call at the rectory [Tues/Wed 453-2488], or 802.233.8552.**

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Peter's Church,

My name is **Arran Stokes**. I can **help folks** with **back rent** issues to **avoid evictions**. I can **help people fill out an application** to VERAP, a **federal program** that **helps** with **back rent**. The funding came through a COVID bill, and each state is hosting the program. Folks can **reach me at 802 877 2677, and at arran@johngrahamshelter.org**. If you or anyone else has any **questions please reach out. Anyone can apply (as long as they are residents in Vermont).**

Arran A Stokes, Landlord Liaison
John Graham Housing and Services
(W) 802 877 2677 (E) arran@johngrahamshelter.org
69 Main St. Vergennes, VT. O5491

The St. Nicholas Project is conducting its fall fundraiser, "Shoes for St. Nicholas." They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lance W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting: www.thestnicholasproject.com and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: lwharlow@sover.net. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels. God bless you!

An evening of Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman on Sunday, October 10th, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4 - 8:00 pm. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. $10 per person/$15 for two/$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 3rd: VermontNewman@gmail.com

Rice Memorial High School's boys' Prep Hockey team is in immediate need of host families. Students are currently living in short-term housing while awaiting long-term placement. Host families are required to provide the necessities for our student-athletes; a room, bed, access to the internet, 3 meals a day, and transportation to and from school (as needed). To help offset expenses, host families are given $600/month for approximately 10 months. Players are fully vaccinated and hail from all over the world, although the students currently in need of housing are from Canada. To learn more, contact Coach Dennis Vickers at vickers@rmhsvt.org or 862-6521 ext. 219.

Religious Education Update!

Our regular religious education program will be back, in person, beginning September 19th. Parents will receive a welcome letter in the mail in the coming weeks. Our Confirmation program for students entering 6th grade and up will have their first joint class at St. Ambrose on Sunday, September 12th, beginning with the 8:30am Mass. This year both parishes are happy to offer classes for all grade levels, Pre-K/Kindergarten, 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, and Teens after Confirmation.

Registration forms will be going out soon.

Lisa Grover
Director of Youth Ministry and Family Faith Formation.
St. Ambrose (Bristol) 453-2488
St. Peter's (Vergennes) 877-2367 Email: saspministry@gmail.com

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
August 28 – September 3, 2021
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Religious education *update*

Shown is the woodcut, "Christ preaches in a room" attributed to the Master of Delft, 1503, in the collection of the Rijksmuseum, Netherlands. — Creative Commons image

The purpose of evangelization and adult education is to invite people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. "That invitation and the foundation and meaning such faith offers is all the more relevant given the isolation, unrest and confusion that is so prevalent in our current time," said Deacon Phil Lawson, executive director of pastoral ministries for the Diocese of Burlington.

Religious education did not stop even in the Covid-19 pandemic. "Our faith is based on a relationship with Jesus Christ, which is fostered in part through religious education," he said. "The best way to kill a relationship is to stop communicating, right? And so we can never stop inviting people to that relationship with Jesus and do everything we can to foster that relationship, especially when times are the toughest."

Parishes used online learning, virtual classes and some in-person (following Covid protocols) classes to provide religious education during the pandemic and will continue to follow diocesan safety protocols.

Every parish should either have its own religious education program or cooperate with a neighboring parish to provide religious education for young people. Deacon Lawson is optimistic that there will be an increase in enrollment in religious education classes over last year, given the progress that has been made regarding the pandemic.

Numerous parishes continue to use the classroom model for educating children in the faith. "However, this continues to decline due to the realization that for various reasons this model has not borne the fruit desired, the renewed focus on families being the primary venue for the faith to be taught and lived and a continued challenge in recruiting qualified catechists for each grade," Deacon Lawson pointed out. An increasing number of parishes are using family-based religious education programs.

Asked about the lower age at which Vermont Catholic children are making their confirmation, he said that all transitions are challenging, "but we are moving in the right direction, both in terms of giving young people the graces necessary to live a life of faith earlier, while emphasizing that the growth and education in faith are lifelong."

Meghan Tracy Cade, director of religious education at Christ the King-St. Anthony Parish in Burlington, noted that since elementary-age students are now receiving confirmation, she sees the process more closely of their spiritual growth: "I am very proud of our confirmandi; they strengthen my faith in the future of our Church."

Adults enter full communion with the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. "There are as many beautiful ways and stories as there are people. Interestingly, and perhaps not surprisingly, the pandemic forced many people to re-examine priorities and the deeper meaning of life," Deacon Lawson said. "And that lead many of our RCIA participants to the Church."

Evangelization, he continued, is best done one person at a time, which is what Jesus is seen doing throughout the Gospels. It is important, then, to inspire and equip Catholics to be ready to answer questions about the faith and invite others into the life of the Church.

There are many resources available, like Ascension Press' "Bible in a Year" podcast that has been near the top of the Apple Download list since it debuted in January. "I don't know that Catholics have ever had so many good and enjoyable resources at their fingertips," Deacon Lawson said. "And it is encouraging to see local parishes and groups exploring and creatively utilizing them in communities in person and online."

Cade has been encouraged in the various resources the Diocese has provided. "Deacon [Lawson] gifted me with an excellent series of meditations on The Eucharist. Their emphasis on helping our students to understand The Real Presence has been very helpful in guiding my lesson-planning," she said.

Catechetical Sunday was scheduled for Sept. 19 this year with the theme "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed."

"This is a fitting theme for the year as Jesus offers all of us and the world the healing it so badly needs and desires. Our call is to continue to offer that 'Word' to all," Deacon Lawson said.

The Office of Evangelization & Catechesis is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

VTC - *Cori Fugere Urban*

Upcoming Events

09|01, 15, 21, 10|13, 27, 11|10 WED
Living Joy Discussion Group
Online • 7 pm
Join us for Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Life Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact pturnley@aol.com for more information.

09|04 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
Rosary, Confessions and Mass.

09|11, 10|02 SATURDAYS
Padre Pio Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass and an opportunity to learn more about Padre Pio.

09|18, 10|09 SATURDAYS
National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Babies
All Saints Cemetery, Richford • 9 am
Join us for a prayer service with scripture reading, hymns, and recitation of the Holy Rosary.

09|25 SATURDAY
Vermont Catholic Daughters of America Retreat
Our Lady of Angels, Randolph
9:30 am - 1:30 pm
Deacon Gesualdo Schneider will lead us in a retreat as we spend a day with "Jesus' Family." This event is free, will include lunch, and is open to all women aged 18 and over. There will be an opportunity for a goodwill donation to support the K of C's purchase of an ultrasound machine for a mobile clinic in the Burlington area. Registration is required. Registration is open to all women 18 years of age and older. Please email: Deb, dgbrown264@gmail.com by Sept. 17.

10/02 SATURDAY
A Life Symposium
Doubletree, Burlington • 8 am - 3 pm
This day-long conference focuses on issues related to Proposal 5, a dangerous amendment aimed at enshrining the right to abortion in Vermont's Constitution.
FORE MORE INFO: vrlc.net.

10|09 SATURDAY
Ordination Mass
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am
The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to the diaconate. Mr. Michael Knowles will be ordained to the permanent diaconate and Mr. Brandon Schneider will be ordained to the transitional diaconate. This event is open for all who wish to attend. For those unable to be with us physically for the liturgy, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.

10|10 SUNDAY
Evening Honoring the Life and Teachings of St. John Henry Newman
Holy Family Church Hall, Essex Junction • 4 - 8 pm
Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch cordially invite you to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman. $10 per person/$15 for two/$5 for each additional guest.
RSVP by October 3 to: VermontNewman@gmail.com

10|10 SUNDAY
Annual Women's Retreat
St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne
8 am - 3:30 pm
Save the date! More information will be released soon.

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St. Mark Parish, Burlington: Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

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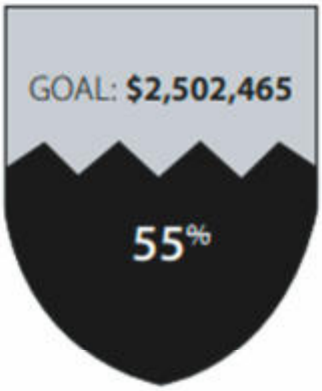

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AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

HONOR

How do you honor each other in your marriage? Are there vices that dishonor your spouse? This week take time to fast from one vice that is a detriment to your relationship and replace this with an act of love or service for your spouse.

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