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## Weekly Masses for St. Peter's & St. Ambrose

Saturday	4:30 pm	Birthday remembrance of Nancy Vanier by hr husband Serge and for Annemarie, Joseph & Gerry by David Gebo & family
	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	8:00 am	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	10:30 am	Fern Martin by Solange Martin
Monday	8:30am	NO MASS at St. Ambrose
	6:00pm	NO MASS
Tuesday	9:00 am	NO MASS
	6:30pm	NO MASS at St. Ambrose
Wednesday	8:30 am	NO MASS at St. Ambrose
	7:00pm	<b>Thanksgiving Mass/ Mary Wrona by Freida Wrona &amp; family and for all that we are "Thankful For"</b>
Thursday	9:00am	<b>Thanksgiving Mass at St. Ambrose</b>
	6:30pm	NO MASS at St. Ambrose
Friday		NO MASS
Saturday	4:30 pm	69 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Olin & Eunice Flynn by the Flynn family
	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	8:00 am	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	10:30 am	John & Frances Dempsey by Jean & Bill Lasher

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Jack Tynan, Chris Perron, Jerry & Joel Senesac, Cohen Martin, Sandra Guyette, Terry Flynn, Michael Thomas, Theresa Clark, Gerry Wager, Theresa Daigle, Shirley Garon, Dee Papagni, Maya Mullen, Maeve Keogh, Shannoah Addis. And we pray for all who are listed in our Book of Prayers.

**Prayers & Sympathy for the Families of:**  
Hermance Viau & Richard Austin

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S:

Monday	6:30pm	K of C Officers Meeting
Wednesday	2:30-4:30	Mothers Club in the hall
	7:00pm	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Mass</b> Please bring items for the Foodshelf as part of the offertory.



## Mass Assignments

### November 21, 2015 4:30pm Mass

**Lector:** Pat Emerson  
**Lay Minister:** Bob Biegen, Tom Jackman, Jeanne Senesac  
**Altar Servers:** Chloe Mailloux

### November 22, 2015 10:30am Mass

**Lector:** Ruth Fearon  
**Lay Minister:** Linda Panella, Vina Norton, Sue Hayes  
**Altar Servers:** B. & A. Kachmar, Parker Kayhart

### November 25, 2015 Thanksgiving 7:00pm Mass

**Lector:** Pat Emerson **Lay Minister:** Ingrid Peterson, Bob Biegen, **Altar Server:** Anya Sonwaldt

## Thanksgiving Prayer Something to Consider

*Bless us, O Lord...*

Pause to consider the ways God has blessed you this day. How have you known the grace of God's love?  
*...and these your gifts...*

Pause to consider the gifts laid before you – a lovely meal, the people you love, the grace of a table around which to gather. What other gifts have graced your life?  
*... which we about to receive...*

Pause to consider the way you will receive with gratitude the food you are about to eat. How can you savor each bite, mindful of those whose works and generosity have brought it to your table?  
*...from your bounty...*

Pause to consider the abundance that is set before you. How do the sight, smell and anticipation of good food stir a sense of gratitude in you?  
*...Through Christ, our Lord...*

Pause to consider the presence of Christ in your midst. In what ways will you reflect the love of Christ during and after the meal you are about to eat?  
*Amen*

## Offertory Collection for November 15, 2015

# Envelopes used – 64

Offertory Collection

4:30pm	\$ 722.20
10:30am	\$ 1,009.50
Total	\$ 1,731.70

Fuel Collection

\$ 857.00

The *Collection for Bishop deGoesbriand Fund* will be taken up this weekend. The *Collection for Building and Maintenance* will be taken up next weekend.

*Thank you for your generosity!!!*

## Online Giving

### Would you rather give the Usher your envelope or a big Smile?

It may be time to give them a BIG smile by signing up for our Online Giving Program! It's easy!! Go to St. Peter's Web-Page [www.stpetersvt.com](http://www.stpetersvt.com) Click on the online giving icon on the bottom of the home page. Then go to create a new account. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the rectory @ 877-2367. Thank you, Fr. Yvon

**Bishop deGoesbriand Advent Appeal:** Support this weekend's Second Collection - 100% of the collection stays in Vermont "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty!" -Pope Francis. Your support of the Bishop deGoesbriand Appeal for Human Development makes a real difference in the daily lives of Vermonters. Please donate to the second collection this weekend so we can continue to provide financial assistance to worthy agencies.



**St. Ambrose Church** presents "Sleigh Ride" Christmas Marketplace!  
Fri. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm and  
Sat. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm Featuring:

Craft Shop, Bake Shop, Mercy Creation Gift Shop, Wonder jars, Silent Auction, Attic Treasures and Fabulous Raffles. Silver Tea on Fri. @ 2:30pm A visit from Santa on Sat.

**St Anne's Society:** Will meet on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. at 6:30pm at Mickey Senesac's house. A soup supper will be served.



**Giving Tree:** We have had many people ask "Where do all the gifts go that we as a parish provide"? Thanks to Alice Reynolds we have the answer. The following is the number of families that were helped during the 2014 Christmas Season.

Addison 15	Bridport 34	Bristol 106
Cornwall 11	E. Middlebury 5	Ferrisburgh 11
Hancock 17	Leicester 33	Lincoln 14
Middlebury 185	Monkton 4	N.Ferrisburgh 2
New Haven 24	Orwell 4	Panton 7
Ripton 18	Salisbury 24	Shoreham 18
Starksboro 31	Vergennes 96	Weybridge 3
Whiting 17		

**Total Families helped 676**

**Families helped in our area from Addison, Panton, Ferrisburgh, N. Ferrisburgh and Vergennes totaled 121.**

Thank you for helping so many have a brighter Christmas. Again this year we asking you can take one or more ornaments from our Giving Tree and return the **un-wrapped** gift with the ornament attached .You will also see that we have **baby bottles** on the tree again this year. Our **religious education students** will be collecting items for infants. Such as diapers, blankets, bottles and other items needed for new born babies. These items will be disturbed to new moms in our area as needed. Our Giving Tree will be going up next weekend. The First weekend of Advent. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

## Food Shelf



### Vergennes Food Shelf

**Report:** the Vergennes Area Food Shelf served a total of 472 households during October 2014 – September 2015.

We would like to thank our parishioners for your donated items or money donations during the past year. As we continue to be thankful for the food on our table, please think about donating the following items: toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, and canned meals, like chili, stews, ravioli, baked beans, etc..plus potatoes either in bags or packets. Your generosity is a Blessing to all those in need!!!

## What are you looking for?

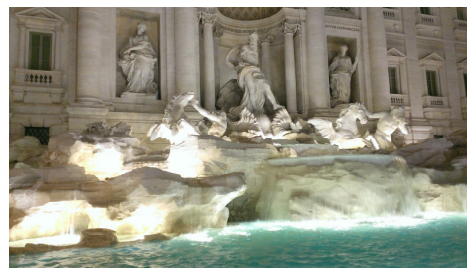
*My friends,*

This is the question that Jesus asked Andrew and John as he was beginning His public ministry and it is the question that He continues to ask us! To help us answer the question I would like to quickly talk about the Sistine Chapel. Michaelangelo begins with the creation of Adam. He seems very lazy and relaxed – but filled with potential and hope – just waiting for that explosive moment – (it is the image of God's finger extending to Adam's) and life begins. But then it all begins to unravel – the Fall – the light is fading away. This is the image in front of the Sistine Chapel. The scene continues down the side aisle with the sacrifice of Noah – the Flood – then it ends with Noah drunk and disgraced. Compare Adam & Noah – and look at what we have become – from all that hope and potential. Now as an aside, a disturbing news story this week – since 1998 mortality rates across the world are generally getting better – but not in USA – not for middle aged whites with limited education – the mortality rate is increasing – suicides – drug overdoses, alcohol related liver disease. Since 1998 ½ million people who should be here are gone. Some say it is due to financial issues? Loss of jobs? Manufacturing gone? However, Ross Dowthat - notes a decline in marriage rate & religious attendance. His take is that this suggests a loss of meaning and purpose! A growing darkness, emptiness, and despair. My friends, we do not need to look any further for evidence of this than what happened in Paris last weekend. When there is a loss of hope people will grab onto anything trying to find meaning and purpose. As I have said many times, if we do nothing- nothing is going to change. We need to show all people that we value our lives and theirs. Now back to Michaelangelo. Michaelangelo does not let the story of Noah end with despair. We are being drawn back to the front of the church down the other side and the last figure he paints is Jonah which is bright - almost falling off the ceiling – and if he fell, where would he land? The altar!

This past week our Sabbatical program focused on the new Evangelization which is basically sharing with others how God has touched our lives and made a difference. We have the answer to darkness – emptiness – for those who have lost hope! The answer to the question which I posed in the beginning is Christ for he has come to offer us the hope that we are all longing for! How do we share that message? Our efforts make a difference. A difference literally between life and death. May we be able to share that message of hope with those around us.

God's continued Peace, Fr. Yvon

**Fr. Yvon at the Trevi Fountain**



**Next Sat. Evening** at our 4:30pm Mass we will be having our Memorial Mass in remembrance of our deceased parishioners who have passed away from December 2014 – October 2015. We hope many of our parishioners will be able to attend this beautiful Mass.