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

Saturday	4:30 pm	birthday remembrance of Lawrence Booska & Marc LaPete by Rita Booska and for the birthday remembrance of Romeo & Georgianna Derway by Lorraine Goddette & family
Saturday	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	8:00 am	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	10:30 am	8 th anniversary of Wayne Hobbs Sr. by his wife Connie & family and for Marion & Larry Dempsey by Jean & Bill Lasher
Monday	8:30am	at St. Ambrose
Holy Day Vigil	7:00pm	Noel Smith by Thomas Turley
Holy Day Masses..This is a Holy Day of Obligation.		
Tuesday	9:00 am	for St. Peter's parishioners
	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Wednesday	8:30 am	at St. Ambrose
	6:00pm	for the sick in our parish
Thursday	12:05pm	Wayne Goddette by Gisele Bolduc
	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Friday		NO MASS
Saturday	4:30 pm	Gerry & Mickey Senesac by the family and for William Sr. William Jr. & Stephen McCay by Rose Plankey
Saturday	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	8:00 am	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	10:30 am	James McNulla and for the intentions of Patrick Mc Nulla by the McNulla family

PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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, Shanniah Addis. And we pray for all who are listed in our Book of Prayers.

Prayers & Sympathy for the Families of:

Hermance Viau, Richard Austin Sr. & John Tynan

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S:

Monday	11:00am	Liturgy Meeting
	7:00pm	K of C Meeting
Wednesday	2:30-4:30	Mothers Club in the hall
Sunday	8-10:00am	K of C Breakfast

Fr Yvon's Weekly Reflection The Year of Mercy

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis has called for a Year of Mercy which will begin on Tuesday, December 8th which is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. What this Year of Mercy is about is probably pretty obvious. However I would like to highlight two areas that I think that we should all focus on. The first thing that I would like to focus on is the importance of accepting the Gift of God's Mercy for ourselves. I believe that Pope Francis wants all of us to know the wonder and power of God's healing Grace. Let us spend this Year of Mercy rediscovering the Joy of being set free from the guilt that has a tendency to hold us down. May we be able to do this because we have rediscovered God's great love for us, for you! The second focus of this Year of Mercy is that as God has forgiven us for our failures we are called to help others be set free by offering them the Mercy that God has shared with us. God's continued Peace, Fr. Yvon

Offertory Collection for November 29, 2015

Envelopes used - 74

Offertory Collection

4:30pm	\$	1,406.50
10:30am	\$	1,210.75
Total	\$	2,617.25

Building and Maintenance

\$ 885.91

On line giving for November

\$ 1,485.00

The **Collection for Christmas Flowers** will be taken up this weekend. The **Collection for Retired Religious Fund** will be taken up next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Online Giving

It's easy!! Go to St. Peter's Web-Page 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

Mass Assignments

December 5, 2015 4:30pm Mass

Lector: Tim Buskey

Lay Minister: Jeanne Senesac, Sharon Allen, Ingrid Peterson

Altar Servers: Anya Sonwaldt

December 6, 2015 10:30am Mass

Lector: Cecile Gebo

Lay Minister: Dorothy Perron, Mindy Donnelly, Theresa Phillips

Altar Servers: Lea Krause, Maria Delgadillo

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This is a Holy Day of Obligation

December 7, 2015 7:00pm Mass

Lector: Bill Herrington

Lay Minister: Cheryl Herrington

Altar Server: Quinn D'Andrea

December 12, 2015 4:30am Mass

Lector: Amy Mailloux

Lay Minister: Richard English, Kathy English, Pat Brooks

Altar Servers: Chloe Mailloux

December 13, 2015 10:30am Mass

Lector: Kristen Farrell

Lay Minister: Jane Vincent, Bill Herrington, Linda Panella

Altar Servers: Parker Kayhart, B & A Kachmar

December 8, 2015 9:00am Mass

Lector: Pat Emerson

Lay Minister: Bob Biegen

Altar Server: Bill Herrington

An Important announcement from the Office of Safe environment Programs: If you are a current Employee or Volunteer in the diocese who are currently utilizing VIRTUS and Shield the Vulnerable you will be required to take the training in Safe and Sacred by February 1, 2016. If you would prefer to discontinue your use of VIRTUS by taking the Safe and Sacred training sooner, you may do so at any time. Once you have switched over to Safe and Sacred, you no longer have to complete the VIRTUS monthly bulletins. Go to: vermontcatholic.org and click on Safe and Sacred to get started.



St. Peter's Food for Families

Christmas Basket program: If you did not get an insert last week there are some on the back tables. Fill in your contact info., detach the bottom portion and put it in one of the baskets in the back of the church. Then over the next two weeks purchase the grocery items listed and bring them to the parish hall during the week of Dec. 7– 12th with the top portion of the insert with your contact info. on it. After the 4:30 Mass on Dec. 12th, the baskets will be finalized and distributed the week before Christmas to local families. If you know of a family in need please call the rectory at 877-2367.



Giving Tree: Again this year you may 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 distributed to new moms in our area as needed. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.



ADDISON COUNTY GOSPEL

CHOIR Upcoming Concerts!

Sunday Evening, Dec. 6th at Assembly of God Christian Center in Ferrisburgh at 6:00 pm; Sunday Evening, Dec. 13th at Champlain Valley Christian Reformed Church in Vergennes at 7:00 pm.



St. Peter's Parish Breakfast is

back!! Mark your calendars for next Sunday, Dec. 13th. Come join us for a delicious breakfast of eggs, omelets (to order), hot cakes, french toast, sausage, bacon and more. Bring your family and friends!! Adults - \$8.50;

Seniors over 60 - \$7.50 and kids 6-12yrs. \$6.00, children under 6 years old are free and immediate families of five or more \$28.00. This breakfast is hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



All Catholic Men are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Expand your walk with Jesus and join an active men's group that practices charity, unity, fraternalism, and patriotism. Wives encourage your husbands to become involved with a Parish Men's group that will help them be better husbands,

fathers, and men. wjscottjr@comcast.net or 802-881-8836.



St. Ambrose (Bristol)

Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00pm

Our Lady of Good Help (Brandon)

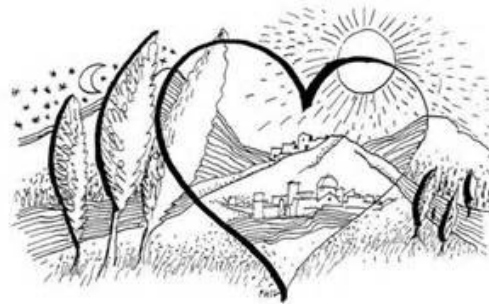
Thursday, December 17th at 7:00pm

St. Mary's (Middlebury)

Sunday, December 20th at 3:00pm

St. Peter's

Sunday, December 20th at 7:00pm



Extra Confession Times

St. Ambrose (Bristol)

Wednesday, December 16th from 9:00-10:00am

St. Peter's

Wednesday, December 16th from 6:30-8:00pm

St. Peter's

Thursday, December 17th from 11:00-12:00pm

St. Ambrose (Bristol)

Monday, December 21st from 9:00-10:00am

The Story of St. Nicholas



Saint Nicholas March 15, 270 – December 6, 343 also called Nikolaos of Myra, was a historic 4th-century Christian saint and Greek Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor (modern-day Demre, Turkey). Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nikolaos the Wonderworker. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him, a practice celebrated on his feast day—St Nicholas Day December 6th and thus became the model for Santa Claus, whose modern name comes from the Dutch Sinterklaas, the transliteration of

"Saint Nikolaos". His reputation evolved among the faithful, as was common for early Christian saints. The historical Saint Nicholas is commemorated and revered among Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, and Orthodox Christians. In addition, some Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Reformed churches have been named in honor of Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers and students in various cities and countries around Europe.