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

Saturday 4:30 pm Annemarie Gebo by David & family
Saturday 6:30 pm at St. Ambrose
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Ambrose
Sunday 10:30 am Dorothy Tisbert by her husband Al

Monday **8:30am No Mass at St. Ambrose**
6:00pm 1st Anniversary of Mary Alice Rose by
Tony, Lisa & Sarah
Tuesday 9:00 am for St. Peter's parishioners
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Vigil at St. Ambrose
Wednesday **8:30 am Ash Wednesday** at St. Ambrose
7:00pm Ash Wednesday
Thursday 12:05pm for Wayne Goddette by Al & Alice
Reynolds
6:30pm at St. Ambrose
Friday No Mass
Saturday 4:30 pm Anniversary of John Emerson by his
wife Pat & family
Saturday 6:30 pm at St. Ambrose
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Ambrose
Sunday 10:30 am Mary Wrona by Freida Wrona &
family

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Douglas Terrien, David
Larrow, Rose Provetto, Herb Glidden, Chris Perron, Jerry &
Joel Senesac, Cohen Martin, Sandra Guyette, Terry Flynn,
Michael Thomas, Theresa Clark, 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:

Cynthia Hoehl, Gerry Wager, & Robert Morris

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S:

Monday 5:00pm Adoration
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 6:30pm Prayer/Bible Study in the rectory
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Friday 5-7pm Fish Fry hosted by the K of C
Sunday 8-10am Breakfast hosted by the K of C

Mass Assignments

February 6, 2016 4:30pm Mass

Lector: Bill Herrington

Lay Minister: David Palmatier, Paul LaVallee, Tom Jackman

Altar Servers: Nicole Stearns

February 7, 2016 10:30am Mass

Lector: Eileen Leach

Lay Minister: Theresa Phillips, Karrinne Johnson, Donna Scott

Altar Servers: Jade, Opal, & Pearl Sutton

Fr. Yvon's Weekly Reflection Making the most of Lent 2016!

Dear Friends,

This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday which we all know is the beginning of the Season of Lent. I know that this is not always our favorite Liturgical Season because we are asked to offer up some type of sacrifice in order to prepare ourselves to celebrate the great sacrifice that Jesus offered for us on the Cross. My friends, no one likes to give up anything, be it treats, time or money, but let me offer you one reason why it might be important. And that reason is found in a question and the question is: Am I living my life in such a way that I am making a difference as Jesus' life made a difference? What in my life is getting in the way of me being the person that I really want to be? And hopefully as people of faith our goal is to be focused on God's plan and not just our own. This is where the sacrifice comes in. Jesus' sacrifice was not easy but it led to great things for him and us. The same will be true for us. May Lent 2016 be one that we always remember.

God's continued Peace, Fr. Yvon

Offertory Collection for January 31, 2016

Envelopes used – 72

Offertory Collection

4:30pm \$... 1,066.75

10:30am \$... 1,163.65

Total \$... 2,230.40

On-line Giving for January \$...1,570.00

Collection for National Disasters \$..... 337.25

The *Collection for Fuel* will be taken up this weekend. The *Collection for Latin America* 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

Please join us for our Coffee Hour on Sunday from 9-10:00am in the parish hall.

February 10, 2016 7:00pm

Lector: Cecile Gebo **Lay Minister:** Jean Lasher, Cathy Desjadon, Bob Biegen **Altar Server:** Chloe Mailloux

Ash Wednesday Mass Assignments

February 13, 2016 4:30pm Mass

Lector: Mike Donnelly

Lay Minister: Kathy Spahn, Kathy English, Richard English

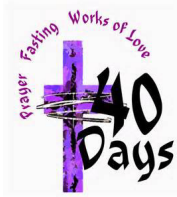
Altar Servers: Quinn D'Andrea

February 14, 2016 10:30am Mass

Lector: Bill Scott

Lay Minister: Bill Herrington, Jane Vincent, Linda Panella

Altar Servers: A. Kachmar, P. Kayhart



Lenten Fast and Abstinence: This Wednesday February 10th, is Ash Wednesday which is a day of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. On days of abstinence Catholics, age 14 and older, may not eat meat. On days of fast Catholics

between the ages of 18-59 may not eat meat, and may eat only one main meal with two smaller meals, and may not eat between meals. For a serious reason a person may exclude himself from Lenten fast and abstinence but the obligation to do some form of Lenten penance is serious and should not be treated lightly.



Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday): Pancakes have long been a customary food for Mardi Gras: in days when not only meat, but also eggs, milk, cooking fat, and butter were given up for Lent, what was left of these goods in the pantry was used up in pancake supper, which is still the tradition in many homes. In German homes, sweet breads and fried pastries are the traditional treats.

At the same time, we should remember that the day is also called "Shrove Tuesday" because it was customary for Catholics to be "Shriven" (to receive absolution in the sacrament of Penance) on this day. This healthy tradition encourages us to begin Lent by seeking to be reconciled with God.



New Light House CDs

With so much technology at our fingertips, it's tough not to get swept away in all the noise and clutter. In our society there's often a tendency to live passively by simply "going with the flow." In this talk given at a FOCUS national conference, Fr. Mike Schmitz

explains how we need to live an intentionally Christian life within a technological age.



St. Peter's Fish Fry Hosted by the K of C:

Mark your calendar for Feb. 12th. Serving from 5 to 7:00pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall. Come join us for Battered Baked Haddock, fries, macaroni & cheese, green beans, coleslaw, rolls,

punch, milk, coffee. Adults - \$11, Children under 12- \$6 Immediate family (only) \$32. Please bring a dessert to share. For more information please call 877-2367.



St. Peter's Parish Breakfast: Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 14th. Come join us for a delicious breakfast from 8-10am 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. For more information please call the rectory at 877-2367. Please don't forget to bring in your refundable cans and bottles for our Youth Ministry Program.



St. Peter's Fellowship Committee

is planning a fun-filled day of bowling on Feb. 14th at Bowl New England on Hercules Drive by Costco. We will start bowling at 1:00pm: the cost is \$9.12 for shoe rental and one game. Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 10th to Cathy Desjaden at 877-2534.

Come to the Legislative Breakfast at our Parish Hall on Feb. 15th. Talk to your County Legislators about Bills that are happening. Breakfast at 7:00am, the program begins at 7:30 to 8:45.



Have you lost someone and need someone to talk to?

You are not alone. Vermont Catholic Charities is forming a Bereavement Support Group which will be led by Sheila Conroy, LCMHC.

Bereavement support groups can ease the feelings of sadness, fear, anger, and confusion and help address normal symptoms of dealing with grief such as the inability to concentrate and sleeplessness. Healing can occur when a safe place is provided for participants to support each other and accept and adjust to the reality of loss. The Group will start meeting one evening/week for 8 weeks at 73 Weybridge Street, Middlebury. The goal is to start the week of February 22. If interested, please contact Sheila at 802-855-3016 or sconroy@vermontcatholic.org with your preferred day of the week and time. Vermont Catholic Charities accepts most insurances and has a sliding fee scale for those without insurance.

Baby Booties for Life: Don't forget to bring your baby booties or donation envelope to Mass next weekend with a check, cash or full of change to support the work of the Vermont Right to Life committee Educational Trust. For more information, contact Donna Scott at 238-6104.

Sunday Family Free Dinner: St. Peter's Church will be hosting a Free Family Dinner on the 1st. Sunday of the month. We had a very successful meeting last Saturday with



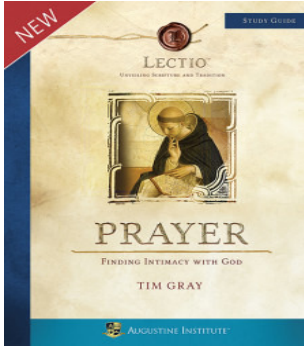
40 people participating. We would like to thank all those who gave up their Sat. afternoon and those who signed up to be Team Leaders. The following are the dates of our meals and the Team Leaders names.

COMMUNITY DINNER

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| March 6, 2016 | Amy Mailloux |
| April 3, 2016 | Bill Herrington |
| May 1, 2016 | Greg Burdick |
| June 5, 2016 | Patti Cartier |
| July 10, 2016 | Missy Campono* note date change |
| August 7, 2016 | Greg Burdick |
| September 11, 2016 | Danielle Ingram *note date change |
| October 2, 2016 | Missy Campono |
| November 6, 2016 | Amy Mailloux |
| December 4, 2016 | Danielle Ingram |
| January 8, 2017 | Bill Herrington |
| February 12, 2017 | Patti Cartier |

If you are interested in helping out at any of these meals please give the rectory at call at 877-2367.

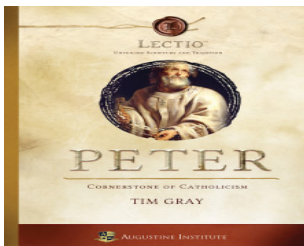
Dear friends, you will find some of the programs that are part of the **“FORMED”** program that the parish has purchased. The Symbolon program that we used last year is now apart of the **“FORMED”** program. Below you will find the other wonderful programs that a part of **“FORMED”** To have online access to all of these programs you can either go to your Symbolon registration and you will be directed to the this new program or you can go to www.formed.org and sign in. Our Parish Code is the same as it was for Symbolon: 52b63b. I hope you are able to take advantage of this wonderful resource. Below you will find a short description of each lesson.



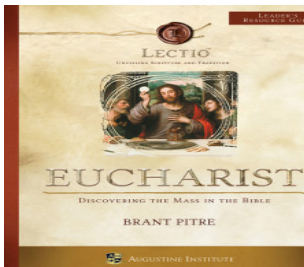
Lectio – Prayer

Though prayer is one of the essentials of a thriving faith, we often feel as if we’re talking to ourselves. Or, worse, we’re talking to no one at all. How can something so vital to the faith be so elusive?

Now, with the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's *Lectio* series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of *Lectio Divina* to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. In 6 video sessions, *Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God* captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in His presence and resolving to live in and through His love.



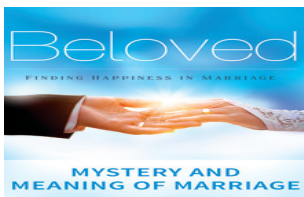
Lectio- St. Peter -- The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the "rock" upon which Jesus would build His Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art and personal insights, Dr. Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then there is hope for the rest of us.



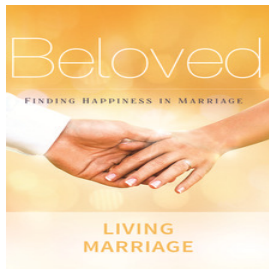
Lectio – Eucharist -- "The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre rigorously digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. We'll discover firsthand how "this is My Body" and "this is My Blood" is an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.



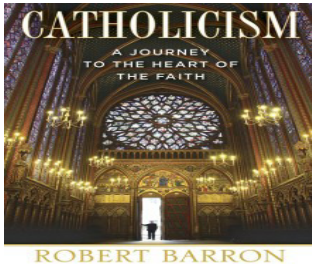
Welcome to *Opening the Word*, a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Scriptural lessons in Year C. Featuring a variety of experienced presenters including Dr. Tim Gray, Mary Healy, Scott Powell, Dr. Edward Sri and Ben Akers, the 52 videos are designed to facilitate thought and discussion for personal faith formation or in the context of a group meeting. Personal Prayer Journals and a Group Leader’s Guide are also available to make the most of these Sunday readings.



Beloved 1 - Mystery & Meaning of Marriage More than a union based on romantic love or mutual fulfillment, the foundation of Marriage goes back to the very essence of what it is to be human – and reflects a design placed in our hearts by God Himself. *Beloved* – from the producers of the renowned *Symbolon* series – explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind "I Do." Beautifully filmed and featuring acclaimed marriage experts, *Beloved* speaks to the very heart of every husband and wife, bringing the Sacramental truth and a God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life. Six inspiring and informative sessions.

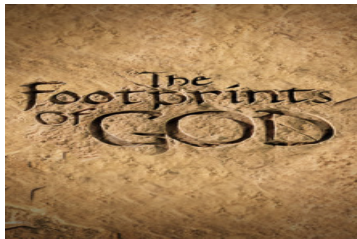


Beloved 2 - Living Marriage Understanding the true meaning of marriage is one thing, living it out is another. *Beloved* examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife, while maintaining individuality. With the hallmark beauty and insight of the *Symbolon* series, *Beloved* shows how to put faith at the center of your marriage. Learning to effectively communicate, turn conflict into understanding, avoid the pitfalls that wreck relationships, and understand sex in the context of authentic love are among the topics presented for helping relationships to thrive. Six sessions from trusted experts work for both marriage preparation and marriage enrichment opportunities.



Journey around the world and deep into the Faith.

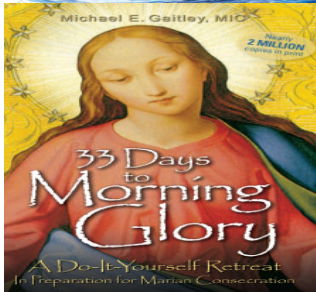
For the first time, in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography, the beauty, goodness and truth of the Catholic Faith are illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.



Footprints of God: The story of Abraham to Augustine is a documentary film series hosted by popular Catholic author, speaker, and apologist Steve Ray. Meet the people and see the places that shaped the Salvation story through Scripture and Church history. It's a fast-paced, entertaining biography, travel documentary, Bible study, apologetics course and Church history study rolled into one remarkable adventure!

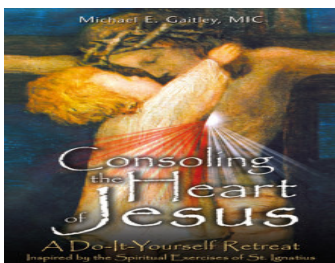


Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, *Reborn* presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.



33 Days to Morning Glory -- Hearts Afire — Stage One — *The Two Hearts* Part I

People are living busy and challenging lives today. Stage One of the Hearts Afire Parish-based Program offers individuals a quick and easy way to withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter into a peaceful interior reflection on their relationship with Christ in the context of Marian devotion. We begin with the Immaculate Heart because Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The end result is that, by learning to trust ourselves to the Mother of Our Lord, we can discover a transforming trust in Jesus Himself.



Consoling the Heart of Jesus Hearts Afire - Stage One - *Two Hearts* Part II

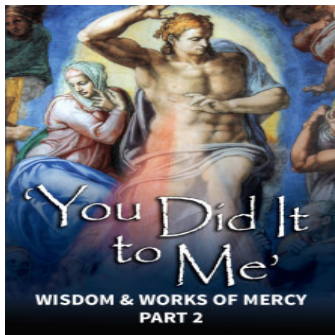
33 Days to Morning Glory led us to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Stage One, Part I. In Part II, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, we will learn about God's infinite mercy and how we can give him joy, consoling his heart, by accepting his love and trusting in him completely.

We'll discover how suffering can actually help us grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



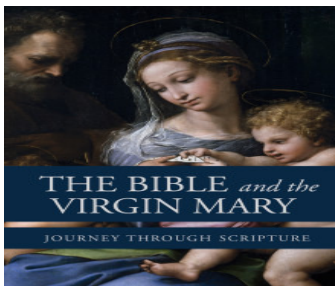
The 'One Thing' is Three -- Hearts Afire — Stage 2 — *Wisdom & Works of Mercy* Part I

The second stage of the Hearts Afire Parish-based Program, *Wisdom & Works of Mercy* begins by following the book *The 'One Thing' Is Three* and concludes with the book, *You Did it to Me*. The purpose of *Wisdom & Works of Mercy* is to give group members a summary of Church teaching and Catholic wisdom and to offer various works of mercy, apostolate suggestions, programs, and support. The book, *The 'One Thing' is Three* is read over ten weeks and is accompanied by the ten videos below.



You Did it to Me -- Hearts Afire — Stage Two — *Wisdom & Works of Mercy* – Part II

The second stage of the Hearts Afire Parish-based Program, *Wisdom & Works of Mercy* begins by following the book *The 'One Thing' Is Three* and concludes with the book, *You Did It To Me*. The purpose of *Wisdom & Works of Mercy* is to give group members a summary of Church teaching and Catholic wisdom and to offer various works of mercy, apostolate suggestions, programs, and support. The book *You Did it to Me* takes a five-fold approach to learn the easiest way to remember the different works of mercy and put them into practice in our everyday lives.



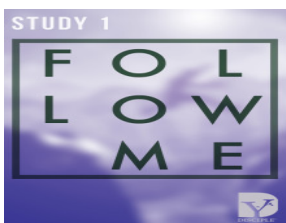
The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Journey Through Scripture is the St. Paul Center's dynamic Bible study program designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. Distinctively Catholic, Journey Through Scripture reads the Bible from the heart of the Church, engaging both the Old and New Testaments and how they work together. It's grounded in history, yet actively engages topics faced by today's Catholic. More than just an ordinary Bible study, it's biblical catechesis.

Get Started-Connect at Home

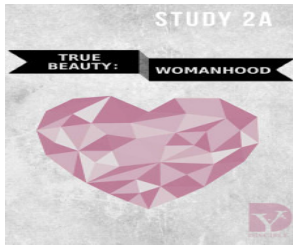


YDisciple is a great resource for parents to have meaningful conversations with their teenager about faith, moral decision making, and the important things in life. Certainly teenagers will benefit from watching the videos with their parents, having discussion, and praying with each another. After all, the attentive listening, honest sharing, and loving support of parents makes all the difference in the lives of their children. However, parents can multiply their impact by bringing other key influences into the lives of their teens.

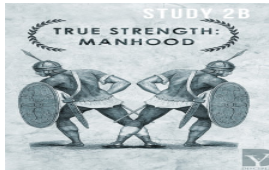


YDisciple - Study 01 - Follow Me

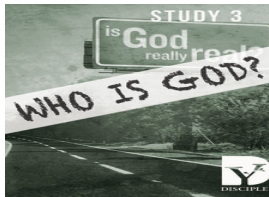
The YDisciple experience begins with the first invitation from Jesus Himself: "Follow Me." This five-week study lays the foundation of what it is to be a disciple of Jesus, including the relevant take-away for personal living and the commitment both the members and the adults of the YDisciple group will need for successful times together.



Girls are bombarded with conflicting messages about what it means to be a true woman. They are told they're empowered to be individuals, but also expected to conform to the prevalent attitudes about sex and femininity. They're told to be free sexually, but no one mentions the physical, emotional, and spiritual consequences of that so-called freedom. God has a better and far more consistent plan for how young girls can become true women, and this YDisciple course will examine what that is. Candid and forthcoming, *True Beauty: Womanhood* could be the transforming moment that will redirect a girl's life.



What does it mean to be a "real man"? Is it based on power or sexual prowess or wealth or performance as an athlete or intellectual? This YDisciple course takes on the myths and distortions of true manhood to show how godly principles, authentically applied, will lead boys to become men of true greatness in God.



Who Is God?

This study helps young people come to an understanding of their personal identity and lets them know that identity comes from God! This study unpacks the mystery of God, from examining the nuts and bolts of how we can know He is real, to understanding the ways He has revealed Himself throughout history