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

Saturday	4:30pm	Gerry & Mickey Senesac by the family
Saturday	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	8:00 am	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	10:30 am	Robert & Arthur Flanagan by June Flanagan
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Monday	8:30am	at St. Ambrose
	6:00pm	Hermance Viau by the family
Tuesday	9:00 am	for All Souls
	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Wednesday	8:30 am	at St. Ambrose
	6:00pm	No Mass until September
Thursday	12:05pm	Respect for Life
	6:30pm	No Mass
Friday		No Mass
Saturday	4:30pm	Jim Sullivan by Jack & Kathy Spahn
Saturday	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	8:00 am	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	10:30 am	William McKinnon by the McNulla family



PRAY FOR THE SICK: Pat Brooks,

Mark Aubin, Robert Lattrell, Iona Dunn,
Lucille Lebeau, Larry Trapasso & family,
Andre` Cousineau, Ann Sullivan, Bishop
Gelineau, Chris Perron, Jerry & Joel
Senesac, Cohen Martin, Sandra Guyette,
Terry Flynn, Michael Thomas, Theresa
Clark, Theresa Daigle, Shirley Garon, Dee

Papagni, Maya Mullen, Shannah Addis. And we pray for
all who are listed in our Book of Prayers.

Prayers & Sympathy for the Families of:

Patricia Baxter, Robert Kellogg Jr. & Douglas Therrien

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S:

Sunday	11:30am	Chili Cook-Off
Monday	6-9am	Legislative Breakfast
	6:30-8pm	Ultreya
Tuesday	9:30am	Pro-Life
Wednesday	4:30pm	Finance Meeting
Thursday	7:30am	Buildings & Grounds Meeting
Friday	1:00pm	Flea Market Set up
Saturday	9-3:00pm	Flea Market in the hall

Fr. Yvon's Weekly Reflection **Blessed all over again!**

Dear Friends,

In my reflection from last week I shared how I had the joy of witnessing 12 of our students respond to the Lord's invitation in the Sacrament of Confirmation. In getting ready for that big day each of these students had the great joy of sitting down with me and reflecting on where they are in their journey of faith. As part of this interview I asked them a couple of important questions that I think are important for all of us to ask ourselves from time to time. With that in mind I wonder how you would answer these four questions. 1) On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate your relationship with God at this time based on how He is part of your life? 2) What would you say is the strongest element of your relationship with God? 3) What is it that you would need to do that you are not doing now to improve your relationship with God? And 4) Are you willing to work on this? I invite you to take the time to answer these four questions. Your answers may surprise you. I hope that your answer is yes because God is Saying yes to you.

God's continued Peace, Fr. Yvon Royer

Offertory Collection for April 10, 2016

Envelopes used – 67

Offertory Collection

4:30pm	.\$ 947.00
10:30am	\$ 839.00
Total	\$ 1,786.00

Monthly Collection

\$ 660.00

The *Building & Maintenance* will be taken up this weekend. Next weekend will be the collection for *Catholic Home Missions*.

Thank you for your generosity!!!

40 Years Ago in our Bulletin

Parish Pastoral Commission meets at the Parish Hall every third Tuesday. **The following parishioners are members of the commission:**

John Donnelly, Chairperson	Rosanna Grover, Member
Patricia Emerson, Vice Chairman	Bill Plankey, Member
Lynn Jackson, Secretary	Bernard Rooney, Member
Gisele Bolduc, Member	Pat Prendergast, Worship
Earl Bessette, Member	Daryl Hatch, Rel. Ed.
Albert Tisbert, Member	Grace Mack, Stewardship
Sue Hayes, Social Comm.	

Mass Assignments

April 16, 2016

4:30pm Mass

Lector: Amy Mailloux

Lay Minister: Bob Biegen, Jean Lasher, David Palmatier

Altar Servers: Chloe Mailloux

April 17, 2016

10:30am Mass

Lector: Cecile Gebro

Lay Minister: Donna Scott, Bill Herrington, Theresa Phillips

Altar Servers: Becca Kachmar, Maria Delgadillo

April 23, 2016

4:30pm Mass

Lector: Mike Donnelly

Lay Minister: Paul LaVallee, Alice LaVallee, Tom Jackman

Altar Servers:

April 24, 2016

10:30am Mass

Lector: Bill Scott

Lay Minister: Dorothy Perron, Mindy Donnelly, Jane Vincent

Altar Servers: Andrew Kachmar, Lea Krause



Chapter 9 - Instruct the Ignorant – Pages 103-115
“Sharing Mercy”- “Instruct the Ignorant” sounds very harsh but “ignorant” is from the Latin meaning “not knowing”. It can also mean “unlearned” ; or even

“unaware”. Wisdom and faith are the anchors of human life, giving us meaning and purpose even amid the attacks of relativism, utilitarianism, and the culture of death,

The willingness to communicate wisdom, faith, purpose, and meaning of life is an act of love that heals the deepest of wounds and poverties: the sadness and loneliness of thinking life is not worth living. Instructing the ignorant aims to help each person find his or her role in this great story of salvation, giving him or her meaning and purpose – and ultimately a mission to do the same for others.

“Enduring Mercy” – Mercy is, in the life and teaching of Jesus, the manifestation of the love God has for humanity and of the love each person is called first to receive and then to give.

As stated in Matthew 12:7, “If you had known what this means, “I despise mercy, and not sacrifice,” you would not have condemned the guiltless.” The greatest lesson of all is the embodiment of the truth one wishes to convey in one’s life. Is there ways that our parish community could put action to this mercy? What would it look like?



Don’t forget we have a coffee hour every Sunday (except for breakfast Sundays) from 9-10:00am in the parish hall. May 1st will be our last coffee hour until fall. We are looking for volunteers. Please call the rectory at 877-2367 if you can help.



It’s here!!! St. Peter’s Chili Cook-Off!!! St. Peter’s Fellowship Committee will be hosting a “Chili Cook – Off” on this Sunday, **April 17th** following the **10:30 Mass** in the parish hall. **1st & 2nd prizes** will be awarded. You can drop off your chili in the parish hall before Mass.



Donut Orders: Donuts will be available for pick-up this weekend following each Mass.

April 17th Jubilee Year of Mercy: Please join us for the Jubilee year of Mercy Celebration on April 17 at St. Joseph co-Cathedral at 3pm.

This month we are especially honored to have the Koinonia Academy perform and give testimony to their faith. Please bring the whole family. The Koinonia Academy is known throughout the country. It is a tremendous blessing for us to host them in Vermont. .

Vergennes Food Shelf: The food shelf is in need of the following items: Rice, instant & rice sides, mixed veggies, beets, all beans (except green beans) Canned pork & beans, fruits and pudding. (We ask you to please check the expiration date). Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Religious Store: 1st Communion and Mother’s Day are right around the corner. Please stop by the Religious Store and check out our supply of gifts & cards.

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly # 1743 will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 18th in St Mary’s Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Happy Spring, Steve GK, FN



Table of Grace Meals will be held on April 22nd from 5:30-6:30pm at the Congregational Church. They will be serving Roast pork, potatoes, applesauce, vegetable and dessert.



The Parish would like to **thank Bill Herrington** for his service on St. Peter’s Parish Council. We would like to take this opportunity to **welcome Zeb Gebo** who will be taking Bill’s place on the parish council. Fr. Yvon

April is



Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month

Did you know?

The Diocese of Burlington continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families. In **April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, the Diocese of Burlington wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. If you believe you or someone you

know is a victim of sexual abuse by a clergy member or a Church employee or volunteer, please **contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline at (866) 485-2488. Your story needs to be heard.**



ST PETER’S IS HOSTING AN INDOOR FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE ON APRIL 23RD

From 9-3pm in the parish hall.

IT IS TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING:

We will be offering **tables** for rent at **\$20.00** each and **clothes racks** if you need them for **\$5.00 - \$10.00** depending on the size. If you are not interested in having a table for yourself, you are welcome to drop off your items for the **St Peter’s Social Action Tables. The Money from these tables will help support those who are in need, throughout the community.** If you are interested, please call or drop by St Peter’s Rectory (877-2367) to reserve a table; you can also send your money to St Peter’s Church; 85 S. Maple St.; Vergennes, VT 05491 and we will reserve a table for you. We will be setting up on Friday afternoon April 22nd. Anyone wishing to make something for the bake sale please let us know. We look forward to working with you. Thank you in advance. Connie

