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

Saturday	4:30pm	Mickey & Gerry Senesac by the family
Saturday	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	8:00 am	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	10:30 am	James & Jamie McNulla by the McNulla family
Monday	8:30am	at St. Ambrose
	6:00pm	Jack Spahn by Bernie & Maureen Charron
Tuesday	9:00 am	for the intentions of Yvette Field by Jerry & Anne Marie Allard
	6:30pm	No Mass at St. Ambrose
Wednesday	8:30am	at St. Ambrose
	6:00pm	Birthday remembrance of Mary Coyle by the family
Thursday	12:05pm	Gerry Wager by Paul & Alice LaVallee
Friday		No Mass
Saturday	4:30pm	26 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lawrence Booska by his wife Rita Booska
Saturday	6:30pm	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	8:00 am	at St. Ambrose
Sunday	10:30 am	William Sr., William Jr. and Stephen McKay by Rose Plankey

## PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Welch, Al Tisbert, Tony Goodrich, Myrle Jackman, Keith Craig, Diana Parks, Gail Sheldon, Yvette Field, Diana Clark, Michael Plankey, John Conte, Mark Aubin, Robert Lattrell, Ilona Dunn, Larry Trapasso & family, Jerry & Joel Senesac, Cohen Martin, Sandra Guyette, Michael Thomas, Theresa Clark, Theresa Daigle, Shirley Garon, Dee Papagni, Maya Mullen, Shannoah Addis

## Prayers & Sympathy for the Families of:

James Dunn

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S:

Sunday	8-10:00am	K of C Parish Breakfast
	3:00pm	Penance Service
Saturday	5:30pm	K of C Food for Families Pot Luck Dinner & assembly of baskets

## Fr. Yvon's Weekly Reflection Preparing our homes for that special quest!

*Dear Friends,* as the days of December fly by we find ourselves spending more and more time preparing our homes for all of the guests that we will welcome through our doors. We spend time cleaning, organizing, decorating, and preparing for that big day wanting to ensure that all who come will find a welcoming home. This is a good thing. Being welcoming and celebrating is a good thing. These are gifts that we have to share. However, I would like to make a plug or at least a reminder to all of us to make sure that we give the same focus to our spiritual home, our souls. As we wait for the coming of Jesus at Christmas is there any preparing that we need to do in this area? Is there some organizing and cleaning that needs to take place so that Jesus will indeed find us waiting for Him at the door of our heart? After all, He is the most special guest of all. May we all prepare appropriately!

*God's continued Peace, Fr. Yvon*

## Offertory Collection for December 4, 2016

# Envelopes used –

Offertory Collection

4:30pm	\$ 1,001.00
10:30am	\$ 1,030.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,031.00</b>

*Christmas Flowers* **\$ 1,035.11**  
*On-Line giving for November* **\$ 1,625.00**

*The Collection for the Retired Religious Fund* will be taken up this weekend. *The Monthly Collection* will be taken up next weekend. *Thank you for your generosity!!!*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



*Joy*

## Mass Assignments

**December 10, 2016** 4:30pm Mass

**Lector:** Cecile Gebo

**Lay Minister:** David Palmatier, Richard & Kathy English

**Altar Servers:** Becca Kachmar

**December 11, 2016** 10:30am Mass

**Lector:** Kristen Farrell

**Lay Minister:** Theresa Phillips, Donna Scott, Jane Vincent

**Altar Servers:** R. Cosgrove, M.B. Cosgrove, J. Delgadillo

**December 17, 2016** 4:30pm Mass

**Lector:** Pat Emerson

**Lay Minister:** Tom Jackman, Ingrid Peterson, Cathy Desjardon

**Altar Servers:** Chloe Mailloux, Ethan Gebo

**December 18, 2016** 10:30am Mass

**Lector:** Blaine Ferris

**Lay Minister:** Cheryl Herrington, Bill Herrington, Linda Panella

**Altar Servers:** R. Cosgrove, A. Kachmar,





**Come celebrate Christmas:** St. Peter's CCD classes would like to invite you to attend our play. "The Symbols of Christmas" Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The play will be performed in the parish hall beginning at 9:45am. Bring your family, friends and neighbors, all are welcome!!!!

Free Community Dinner



**St Ambrose Free Community**

**Meal** will be held on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall .Serving between 5:00 and 6:30. The Menu is: Turkey Pot Pie, Rolls and a selection of Desserts. Come and enjoy a meal with family, friends and neighbors. All are welcome.

**Religious Store:** We invite you to come in and check out our beautiful Christmas cards and supplies. We also have 10" & 12" candles and battery operated candles. There are still a few St. Peter's Church ornaments available; they make wonderful heirloom gifts.



**St. Peter's Youth Ministry will be making their Yummy**

**Donuts:** Donuts are now \$8.00 a dozen. Please give the rectory a call at 877-2367 by Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> to place your order. Donuts will be available for pick up after the weekend Masses.

**You Are Invited To A**

**Holiday Concert:**The Vergennes Congregational Church is finding new ways to help our Addison County neighbors in need. On **Sunday, December 11, at 2 p.m.**, the Church sanctuary will echo with music from many performers:

Champlain Brass Quintet, Ridgerunners Jazz Band, Vorsteveld Family band, Chris Wyckoff with his New Orleans sound, Chris Diehl-Noble and Amelia Kerin playing cello and violin duets, vocalist Molly Tatlock and pianist Julia Blocksma, and organist Jenny Bower, just back from harpsichord concerts in Shanghai, China. All are donating their time and talents to raise dollars for the VCC Mission Fund that assists many local people with heat, electricity, doctor and dentist bills, rent, transportation expenses and more. Tickets (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6 to 18, and free for children under 6) are on sale at Vergennes Wine and Liquor, at the Church at 30 S. Water Street, or at the door. A reception with light refreshments will follow the concert, with an Amish quilt raffle to add to the proceeds.



**Food Shelf:** We are in need of two volunteers to help us at the food shelf for the month of Jan & Feb. We work every other Thursday from 2-4:00pm, giving out food and stocking the shelves. If you would like to volunteer or need more info., please call either Cathy Desjaden 877-2534 or Ruth Fearon at 877-2763. Thanking you in advance.



**St. Peter's**

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

**St. Ambrose (Bristol)**

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**St. Mary's Our Lady of Good Help (Brandon)**

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**St. Mary's (Middlebury)**

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm



**Extra Confession Times**

**St. Ambrose (Bristol)**

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

**St. Peter's**

Wednesday, December 21st at 5:00pm

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00am

**You can also call the rectory for an appointment.**



**What Christmas Means to God**

What if this year at Christmastime we concentrated less, on the parties and the shopping that bring headaches, strain and stress?

What if this year we'd cut back on our lights and decorations, and spend more of our energy on faithful celebrations?

What if we took some time this year to travel back in thought, to a Holy night in Bethlehem and the peace our Savior brought?

What if we listen carefully for the angels' song at night, and contemplate the shining star that gave the world new light? And what if we all followed the path the wise men trod? Perhaps we'd start to understand **What Christmas Means to God.**



