



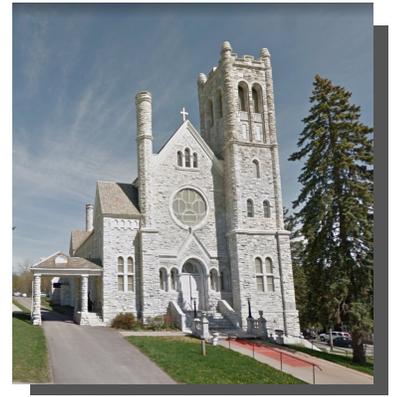
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9 Crown Point Road
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St Mary's Church

326 College Street
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OCTOBER 10, 2021 - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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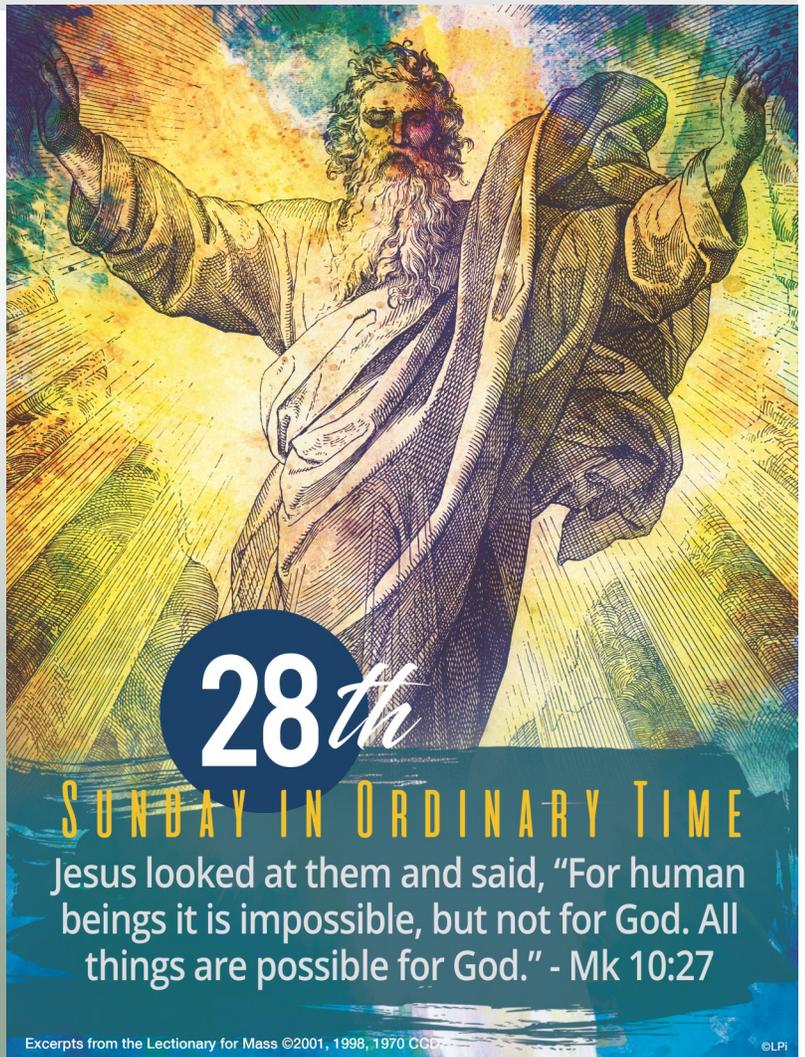
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, 5:45-6:15 pm, St. Mary's Sacristy
Saturday, 4:30-5:00 pm, Parish Hall
First Friday, 6:30-7:00 pm, St. Bernadette

Anointing of the Sick

Do not hesitate to call Fr. Luke at the parish



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Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, October 9

4:30-5:00 pm - Confession, Parish Hall / 4:40 Rosary

5:15 pm - *pro populo*

7:30 pm - (**St. Bernadette**) - Mary Plouffe by Jean-Noel Plouffe

Sunday, October 10

8:00 am - James P. Many by the Parish

10:00 am - Francis & Helen Dupoise by Linda Verba

Monday, October 11

5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, October 12

5:15 pm - Sheila Cassin by her Family

Wednesday, October 13

8:00 am - Fern Cloutier by Laurene Rogers

Thursday, October 14

8:00 am - J. Carol Schoonfeld by the Parish

Friday, October 15

8:00 am -

Saturday, October 16

4:30-5:00 pm - Confession, Parish Hall / 4:40 Rosary

5:15 pm - George Raymond, Sr. by Marie Garbacz

7:30 pm - (**St. Bernadette**) - *pro populo*

Sunday, October 17

8:00 am -

10:00 am - Patricia D'Avignon by Nicole & Bill Laberge

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, and for the consolation of their families: **Rodney DeGray, Ronald Wimett, Albert Brouillard, C. Anna Viens, Robert Holden, John "Jack" Eckels**

V/. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

R/. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V/. May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R/. Amen.

The Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast: after the 10:00 Mass at St Mary's on Sun., Oct. 10.

Prayers are requested for:

**Lars Hermanson,
Kylie Raymond,
& Laurie Desautels.**

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."

Food Shelf Weekend

The next Food shelf weekend is scheduled for the **third weekend of October the 16th and 17th**. Again, donations of holiday foods is our greatest need at this time, especially canned vegetables, cranberry sauce (jelly), pie fillings, dry pie crust, stuffing mix, etc. If it is easier for you, donations may be made in lieu of food purchased. HOPE can purchase in bulk, and the money may go further. Checks made payable to your church, i.e. St. Mary's or St. Bernadette's, should clearly be labeled "Food." Such checks are recorded as charitable contributions and are recorded on your tax letters, and are presented as a single donation from the church. However, you may write checks directly to HOPE, and you will receive your thank you directly from them.

In September, 133 pounds of non-perishable food was donated by parishioners of our parishes. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Peter's Resale Closet

...in Vergennes is announcing our new Fall store hours: Thursdays and Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm. Our clothing stock has been fully turned over from summer to fall/winter. Come check out the bargains for the whole family in clothing, household goods, books, toys, DVDs and more! From our "Closet to yours"!

St. Peter's Craft Fair

Sat., Oct. 16 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
St. Peter's Parish Hall, Maple Street
Bake Sale and Luncheon

Our Sponsor This Week

Sabai Sabai
Thai Cuisine
22 Merchants Row, Middlebury

Reflection, Part One

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way.

Faith Formation - Update from Director

Next class, **October 17**. Classes will be from 8:50-9:50 AM. in **Twilight Hall**. We will follow COVID guidelines used in schools (i.e. masks, etc.).

RCIA

Thursday, Oct. 14, 6:30 pm

Reflection, Part Two

The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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Parish Support

September 25 - 26, 2021

St. Mary’s Cont: \$4,340.75

Fuel: \$255.00

World Mission Sunday: \$5.00

Total St. Mary’s: \$4,600.75

St. Bern./Gene.’s Cont: \$458.00

Fuel: \$15.00

Total St. B/G: \$473.00

Thank you for your generosity!