



**Mass Intentions
Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 11th ~ 17th, 2020**

Dear *Parishioners*,

During these summer months, as we see the rise and fall of the COVID 19 numbers throughout our country, I believe we can join together in a spirit of gratitude and praise to God for being in Vermont.

By way of update, Bishop Coyne has still kept our Mass attendance number at 25% capacity. Since the public celebration of Mass has begun in early June, a few Masses have gotten close to capacity, but we haven't yet gone over. While at Mass, we continue to ask parishioners to keep their mask on, even though with the warmer weather it can be difficult. I want to thank the different sanitizing teams that have stepped up to help keep our Church clean and safe, and all parishioners that continue to help us follow these protocols that we are being asked to keep. We do live in strange times, and although we are blessed in where we live, I always try to keep in my mind and heart the many people who have died and their families from this terrible pandemic.

However, it is even more important to keep the words of Jesus at the end of Matthew's Gospel fresh in our mind too, "Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Our God is forever faithful!

At MHNJ we celebrated first Holy Communion the last weekend of June, and this weekend we'll celebrate with the candidates from BSC and their families. Please keep all of our First Holy Communicants in your prayers during this momentous time in their journey of faith and their walk with Jesus. They are one step closer to being fully initiated members of the Church, and in the years to come will turn their attention to preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I would like to thank all of the Catechists and parents that have helped to prepare these students and who will continue to pray for them and guide them along the way. May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy. Have a great week!

*With Mary,
In Christ,
Fr. Jon*

7/11 SATURDAY VIGIL:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Corrento Girls

7/12 SUNDAY

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am The People of the Parish

10:30am Toffolo Family

7/13 MONDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Daniel Collins

7/14 TUESDAY

11:00am Adoration

12noon Frances Routhier

7/15 WEDNESDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Karen Bishop Balog

7/16 THURSDAY

4:30pm Adoration

5:30pm Dave Richards

7/17 FRIDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Intentions of Jackie Silva

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week

July 19–25, 2020

Live the truth & beauty of God’s plan for married love.

It’s about love — Both husband and wife understand their fertility, emotions and family-planning intention (whether to have a baby or not).

It’s about life — Successful use of NFP requires a couple to communicate.

It’s about freedom — Successful use to avoid pregnancy relies upon a couple’s following what they know about the method and each another.

It’s about gift — Couples quickly appreciate their shared responsibility for family planning. Husbands are encouraged to “tune into” their wives’ cycles, and both spouses are encouraged to speak openly to each other about their sexual desires and their ideas on family size.

It’s no coincidence that the annual NFP Awareness Week is in July, as this week highlights the July 25 anniversary of “*Humanae Vitae*” (“Of Human Life,” an encyclical written by Pope Paul VI) as well as the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

Any married couple can use NFP. A woman need not have “regular” cycles. NFP education helps couples to understand fully their combined fertility, thereby helping them to either achieve or avoid a pregnancy. The key to the successful use of NFP is cooperation and communication between husband and wife — a shared commitment. NFP is unique among methods of family planning because it enables its users to work with the body rather than against it. Fertility is viewed as a reality to live, not a problem to be solved. (What is NFP? NFP Program, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, see: usccb.org/nfp/natural-family-planning/what-is-nfp.)

The Diocese of Burlington supports the following online resources (as supported by the USCCB):

Couple to Couple League

Natural Family Planning International Inc.

Creighton Model Fertility Care

Marquette University Natural Family Planning

Pope Paul VI Institute

The American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals

— *Terri McCormack, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington*

If you wish to continue to keep up with your weekly offertory, you can mail it to Blessed Sacrament Church, P.O. Box 27, Stowe, VT 05672

Also, you can make a one time donation or monthly offertory on E-Giving, just contact Phyllis via email (blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org) to sign up or call the parish office (messages are checked frequently). On our website (bscvt.com) you can also donate through paypal. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Remember in your prayers the people of Blessed Sacrament Parish, all the sick and shut-ins, departed souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them, all military personnel and for an awareness and respect for human life from its beginning to end.

Mass intentions available throughout 2020. If anyone would like a Mass intention for deceased, living, anniversaries or some who is ill. Please contact Phyllis via email at blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org or contact the office at 253-7536. They all come with beautiful cards and we will mail them out for you or leave them at the parish center mailbox. There are many dates available.