



Mass Schedule & Intentions October 2nd - 10th, 2021

10/2 SATURDAY VIGIL
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm Robert McEleney

10/3 SUNDAY
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am People of the parish
10:30am Doris Shaffer

10/4 MONDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Michael George Mahan

10/5 TUESDAY
11:00am Adoration
12:00pm Russell Gardella

10/6 WEDNESDAY – NO MASS @ BSC

10/7 THURSDAY
4:30pm Adoration
5:30pm Karen Bishop Balog

10/8 FRIDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Elizabeth Watson

10/9 SATURDAY VIGIL
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm Betty St. John

10/10 SUNDAY
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Bob O'Neill
10:30am People of the parish

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – No Mass
Tuesday – 8:00am Adoration, 9:00am Mass
Wednesday – 11:00am Adoration, Noon Mass
Thursday - 8:00am Adoration, 9:00am Mass
Friday – 8:00am Adoration, 9:00am Mass
Saturday – 4:00pm
Sunday – 8:00am & 10:30am



Dear parishioners,

This week's Gospel from St. Mark is a tough one! Jesus is giving authoritative teaching on marriage that is meant to bring light and clarity even to our time where much confusion exists surrounding the topic of marriage, divorce, and Church teaching. My intention in sharing this information over the next few weeks is the same – to bring clarity, light and understanding.

What is marriage in the Catholic Church and how is it different than a civil marriage? A civil marriage is a legal contract formed by two people that can be dissolved by the authority of the state. The Sacrament of Matrimony in Catholicism is a covenant, a sacred vow that, like God's promise of love to us, can never be broken. Only death can dissolve the covenantal bond between husband and wife. Therefore, man and woman freely enter this covenant and are called to reveal the free, total, faithful, fruitful love that Jesus Christ has for us. The Sacramentally married couple vows to become a living sign or image of that love, if you will, whereas the civilly married couple is not bound by that standard. Therefore, one main difference between a Civil and Sacramental marriage is the authority that recognizes that union.

In today's Gospel, Jesus insists on the Father's original design for marriage and refers the Pharisees back to Genesis, "...from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female...and the two shall become one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

Over the next several weeks, I will share the Church's teaching through this column in response to some of the many questions I've been asked about different situations about marriage like: divorce, remarriage, reception of communion, annulments, con-validation, etc. My hope is to inform my parishioners about Christ's teaching from the Gospel today and further the understanding and distinctions regarding marriage in the Catholic Church. In realizing this is a delicate topic for some who will read these columns, please know that Fr. Paul and I are always available to you.

God bless and have a great week!

With Mary,
In Christ,
Fr. Jon

Adult Social and Cocktail Hour, Saturday, November 13th



To be held at the Town and Country. Details to follow. Help us get air conditioning in the church and purchase your 50/50 raffle tickets any weekend after Mass. Winner will be drawn at this event!

Blessed Sacrament is **41% to our Bishop's Appeal goal**. Please go to vermontcatholic.org/giveonline to donate. Thank you for your generosity!

ROSARY DEVOTIONS AND RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In the United States, each October celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. *Please join us for Rosary Devotions every Monday in October at 6pm.*

FAMILY PHOTOS DUE—Please send any family photos for the new directory to blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org by **OCTOBER 8th**. Please include names, address, phone number(s), and email(s) for the directory. *If have skills in GRAPHIC DESIGN and are willing to donate your time and talent to helping design the directory, please reach out to the office at 802-253-7536 or the email above.

Parish Coffee Hour Join us after the 8am Mass next weekend for coffee and fellowship in the hall.

Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity is seeking fundraiser volunteers. They need approx. 60 volunteers to help park cars and work the entry tent at the Stowe Fall Craft Fair October 8-10.

Contact Judy Bickford to sign up:
bickford@vtlink.net, 802-888-6918.



Runners! Are you training for the VT City Marathon or just like a fun road race? Join the Rice Memorial High School community on Oct. 10 for their annual RJ Rice Run. This 5K weaves around the neighborhood surrounding Rice and raises funds for athletics, all while honoring legendary Rice teacher and coach, RJ Noonan '49. The race starts at Rice at 11am. Pre-registration is \$25/adults and \$10/students (race day registration increases to \$30 for adults). Sign up at www.rmhsvt.org.

More Confession Times Fr. Paul will be available for confessions during Adoration before Daily Masses, Mon.-Fri., each week.

Vocation Night, November 10th

St. Mary's Parish in St. Albans will be hosting a Vocation Night event on Wednesday, November 10th from 5:00-7:30. This FREE event is open to all students 6th - 12th grade. It is asked that one parent accompany the student. This event will include representatives of each vocation (priesthood, religious sisters, permanent diaconate, holy matrimony) to share their discernment story and give the youth some advice regarding vocations. Dinner is included. **Please RSVP by October 31**. Questions can go to Pam King: (802)393-3438 or pking@vermontcatholic.org

Religious Education

Interviews with Fr. Paul for our confirmation students are this weekend. Please bring your student at the appropriate time for their interview if it is before class starts at 5pm. Class will be from 5-6:30pm.



*Save the date: First Communion will be Sunday, May 1st at the 10:30am Mass. (Confirmation date has not been set.) Winter Clothes Drive will be November 6-7th.

YOUTH GROUP Calling all 8th-12th graders! Come join us for food, fun, music, and prayer on October 3rd from 5-7pm at the Crosby Center in Morrisville. We will be finishing up painting the room. October 17th we will be doing pumpkins!

Author Visit—Daniel Markham, the author of the upcoming book, 52 Masses, will visit our church for the weekend Masses Oct. 23rd and 24th. Daniel is profiling Blessed Sacrament's fascinating history and its future as part of his trip that will take him to Mass in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, over the course of the year. He welcomes the opportunity to meet with any and all interested parishioners, whether for him to learn more about our parish or to share his experiences and hopes for his book with the Blessed Sacrament community.

UPCOMING Events

- * Confirmation class: Sun., Oct. 3, 5-6:30pm
- * MHNJ Youth Group: Sun., Oct. 3, 5-7pm
- * Rosary Devotions: Mon., Oct. 4, 6-7pm
- * Parish coffee hour: Sun., Oct. 10, following 8am Mass
- * Rosary Devotions: Mon., Oct. 11, 6-7pm
- * Parish Council Meeting: Thurs., Oct. 14, 6pm
- * MHNJ Youth Group: Sun., Oct. 17, 5-7pm
- * Rosary Devotions: Mon., Oct. 18, 6-7pm
- * Confirmation class retreat: Sat., Oct. 24, Newport
- * Rosary Devotions: Mon., Oct. 25, 6-7pm
- * Winter Clothing Drive: Nov. 6-7

*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of ...
Claire Potter*

NEWS FROM The Inland See

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

October 2-8, 2021

On changing hearts

There is a scene in the 2020 movie "Roe V. Wade" when Dr. Bernard Nathanson breaks down in tears and falls against a wall sobbing over and over, "It's a person. It's a person."

It is a powerful scene. The moment when one of the most prolific abortionists of his time realizes the humanity of the unborn child and the gravity of his actions. The moment he has a major conversion of heart.

When people blanche at the thought of being labeled "pro-life," the above scene brings home why those who are pro-life are so stubborn. It's a person.

Dr. Nathanson's real-life conversion gives hope to those who are pro-life. Hope that we can reach the lost, those whose hearts have been hardened.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recognizes October as Respect Life Month. During this month we are called to reflect on the dignity of every human life. How do we love and show mercy to those who hold us in contempt? How do we love and show mercy to those who WE hold in contempt?

Consider this reflection from Father David Thoroughgood: "The Lord seeks out the lost, and so do we under His guidance and power. He has a real love for the lost, being able to see these people as His own children. It is much like a parent

still looking out for the child who has taken wrong turns and is in great trouble at present. . . .

The parent still loves the wayward child, whereas the general public might have contempt for that same 'child.' The lost can include some very unpopular people, such as murderers, rapists, dictators, fraudsters, sex abusers. . . ."

I dare to add the abortionists and pro-abortion politicians.

A priest from the Archdiocese of Adelaide, Australia, Father Throughgood posts his homilies on his blog luxvera.blogspot.com. His words are filled with charity even though sometimes they are hard to read.

How do we change hearts? How do we reach people and convince them of the truth? Perhaps we stop talking and instead listen, leaving the heavy lifting up to Our Lord.

St. Teresa of Calcutta famously said, "If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

The words of St. Peter of Alcantara can apply in our times. He said, "Truly, matters in the world are in a bad state; but if you and I begin in earnest to reform ourselves, a really good beginning will have been made."

"The trouble is that everyone talks about reforming others and no one thinks about reforming himself."

— *Phyllis Harkonen is the Respect Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington*

Upcoming Events



10|13, 27, 11|10 WED Living Joy Discussion Group

Online • 7 pm

Join us for Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact pturnley@aol.com for more information.



10|09 SATURDAY Ordination Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am
The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to the diaconate. Mr. Michael Knowles will be ordained to the permanent diaconate and Mr. Brandon Schneider will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Christopher Coyne. This event is open for all who wish to attend. For those unable to be with us physically for the liturgy, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.



10|10 SUNDAY Evening Honoring the Life and Teachings of St. John Henry Newman

Holy Family Church Hall, Essex Junction • 4 - 8 pm
Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch cordially invite



11|13 SATURDAY Annual Women's Retreat

St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne
8:30 am - 2:15 pm

This year's theme is: The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God. Check-in begins at 8:30 am. The key note speaker is Sister Barbara Cline of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of attendees, deadline registration November 6 with \$30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1451



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021 UPDATE



As of Sept. 22, 2021: \$1,658,202

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Annual Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat

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