



Mass Schedule & Intentions

December 30th, 2023 –
January 7th, 2024

12/30 SATURDAY

Feast of the Holy Family

4:30pm Mass: Claire & Sam Bisceglia &
Intentions of the Bisceglia Family

12/31 SUNDAY

Feast of the Holy Family

8:00am Mass: +Rosemary Trapp &
People of the Parish
10:30am Mass: +Annie Olejar & +Carol Ann Smith

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

12/31 SUNDAY

4:30pm Mass: +Steve Schaubel

1/1 MONDAY

10am Mass: Intentions of Gloria Gardella

1/2 TUESDAY – NO MASS

1/3 WEDNESDAY – NO MASS

1/4 THURSDAY – NO MASS

1/5 FRIDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Mass: +Mary Jennings

1/6 SATURDAY

Epiphany

4:30pm Mass: +Rebecca Tasker

1/7 SUNDAY

Epiphany

8:00am Mass: +Gabriel Escudero Otero &
People of the Parish

10:30am Mass: +Peter Scheuermann

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – 9am Mass

Tuesday – 4pm Adoration, 5pm Mass

Wednesday – 11am Adoration, 12pm Mass

Thursday – No Mass

Friday – No Mass

Saturday – 4pm

Sunday – 8am, 10:30am



Dear Parishioners,

After King Henry VIII outlawed Catholicism in England in 1558, Catholics – especially priests - went into hiding. Any practice of the faith (public or private) was prohibited and considered a crime. If one were caught with anything in writing indicating adherence to Catholicism, one could be imprisoned, hanged, or shortened by a head. Creatively, as Catholics clung to their faith in secret, they devised ways of passing on the treasure of our beliefs and teachings. One such clever construction is the traditional Christmas hymn, “The 12 Days of Christmas.” At first listen, it doesn’t have any overtly Christian references...which was exactly the point.

The “true love” mentioned in the song doesn’t refer to an earthly romantic pursuer, but to God Himself. The “me” who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear treat is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically represented as a mother partridge which mimics injury to decoy predators from her helpless babies. It calls to mind a moment in His life when Jesus looking over the city, cried: “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who have been sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling” (Mat 23:37). See how the number of each day teaches an essential lesson about the faith, like a mini-Catechism put to music!

1st Day – Partridge: Jesus Christ

2nd Day – Two Turtle Doves: the two testaments, Old and New

3rd Day – Three French Hens: the 3 theological virtues (faith, hope, and charity)

4th Day – Four Calling Birds: the 4 Gospel Evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

5th Day – Five Golden Rings: the 5 first books of the Bible, called the Pentateuch or Torah

6th Day – Six Geese: the six days of creation

7th Day – Seven Swans: the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit

8th Day – Eight Maids: the 8 Beatitudes from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount

9th Day – Nine Ladies Dancing: the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit

10th Day – Ten Lords: the 10 Commandments

11th Day – Eleven Pipers: the 11 faithful Apostles

12th Day – Twelve Drummers Drumming: the 12 tenets of the Apostles’ Creed

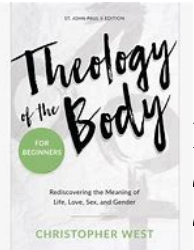
How awesome our faith is and how blessed we are to be Catholic! May the Lord’s blessing be upon you and your families as you praise Him for the blessings of this past year and open your hearts to serving Him more faithfully in 2024! Happy New Year!

With Mary
In Jesus,
Fr. Jon



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Christmas Book Giveaway

Please Pick up Your Copy Today!

Ever asked the questions, “God, why did you make me this way? What does it mean to be human?” Come and See!

Theology of the Body for Beginners

6-week Book study ~ Tuesday Evenings 6:15pm – 7:30pm

MHNJ January 16: Intro & Chapter 1

BSC January 23: Chapters 2-3

MHNJ January 30: Chapters 4-5

BSC February 6: Chapters 6-7

MHNJ February 13: Ch. 8 & Conclusion

BSC February 20: Wrap-up, Discussion

MHNJ – Crosby Center; BSC – Parish Hall. Locations alternate each week to include members of both parish communities.

Zoom available, use this link: shorturl.at/rFJZ4

Diocesan Marriage Day Mass, St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington
February 4, 2024

Married Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024, who wish to be recognized at the Diocesan Anniversary Mass, on February 4, 2024, at the 10AM Mass, can register by contacting Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110 ext. 1131. Recognition is given to couples celebrating marriages of 5, 10, 15, 20...50, 51, or more years. Deadline to register is Friday, January 26, 2024.

The Religious Ed students went caroling at West Branch and presented the Christmas pageant for extra practice. It was beautiful and a blessing to all who were there. We thank Brenna Brochhausen for organizing and coordinating the pageant this year and for all the families that participated, making it happen!



Religious Education

Upcoming sessions/snack families:

~January 7th, Snacks provided by: **Brittain family**

~January 21st, Snacks Provided by: **The Hand Family**

Sponsor names for Confirmation Students due

Next week’s second collection is for fuel.

Please see the adjusted daily Mass schedule this week.

See's CANDIES Yum-Raising



The Joseph Dutton Guild
Yum-Raising Event



Help The Joseph Dutton Guild turn candy into cash! [See's Candies Storefront](#) via link or QR Code for your convenience.

Please note the office is closed Monday, January 1st and Monday, January 15th.



American Red Cross Blood Drive—
Thurs, Jan 18, 12-4:30pm
at BSC. Register [here](#).

UPCOMING
Events

- * **Soulcore:** Fri, Jan 5, 9:15am
- * **Religious Education Class:** Sun, Jan 7, 4pm
- * **Soulcore:** Fri, Jan 12, 9:15am
- * **Office closed:** Mon, Jan 15
- * **Theology of the Body Book Study:** Tues, Jan 16, 6:15-7:30pm, MHNJ or via Zoom
- * **Blood Drive:** Thurs, Jan 18, 12-4:30pm
- * **Soulcore:** Fri, Jan 19 9:15am
- * **Religious Education Class:** Sun, Jan 21, 4pm
- * **Theology of the Body Book Study:** Tues, Jan 23, 6:15-7:30pm, BSC or via Zoom
- * **Soulcore:** Fri, Jan 26, 9:15am

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