

# MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH



## MASS TIMES

**Saturday** 4 pm  
**Sunday** 8 am & 10:30 am  
**Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** 9 am  
**Wednesday** 12:00PM Noon

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
is held one hour before daily Mass  
and before 4:00PM Saturday Mass**

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jon Schnobrich, *Pastor*  
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Karen Jaquish, *Finance Council Chair*  
Judith St. Aubin, *Organist*

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8am to 1pm

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SACRAMENTS

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm or any time by appointment, call 888-3318.

**BAPTISM:** Please call the Parish Office to inquire about Baptism for your child.

**MATRIMONY:** Please call the Parish Office at least 6-8 months in advance to allow for marriage preparation.

**ANOIDTING OF THE SICK AND VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Please call the Parish Office if you know of anyone unable to attend Mass because of illness, age, or disability.

**FAITH FORMATION / PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:** Please contact Mary Elfer, the Parish Life Coordinator, to inquire about the faith formation program and the requirements for First Communion and Confirmation.

## **EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, completing your Sacraments of Initiation, or just desire a deeper understanding of your faith, check out the Adult RCIA Program: contact the Parish Office for more details.






**Knights of Columbus Council #5041**  
Meetings: Second Wednesday of the Month  
Grand Knight Mike Noonan—802-318-1761  
[kofc.council5041@gmail.com](mailto:kofc.council5041@gmail.com)



**Bishop Marshall School**

**Mrs. Carrie Wilson, Head of School**  
(802) 888-4758 [www.bjams.org](http://www.bjams.org)

		<b>LECTOR</b>
<b>Saturday, December 18</b> Fourth Sunday Of Advent	3:00 PM Adoration <b>4:00 PM Mass</b> For +Michel Thibault (9th Anniv) by Tracey & Gary Morin AND For +Bud Ploof by Cathy Ploof	Melissa
<b>Sunday, December 19</b> Fourth Sunday Of Advent 	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b> For +Rose Biasini (2nd Anniv.) By her son, Stan Biasini <b>10:30 AM Mass</b> For Souls in Purgatory by Joanna Chandler	Mary Shannara
<b>Monday, December 20</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday, December 21</b>	8:00 AM Adoration <b>9:00 Mass</b> For +Dan Fontaine by Diane Marcoux Laclair	
<b>Wednes, December 22</b>	11:00 AM Adoration <b>12:00 PM Mass</b> For +Rene Marcoux by Lisa Kent	
<b>Thurs., December 23</b> St. John of Kanty	<b>8:00 AM Adoration</b> <b>9:00 AM Mass</b> For a special intention by Melissa Gillen	
<b>Friday, December 24</b>	<b>4:00 PM Mass</b> For +Lucien and +Hazel Renaud and +Nigel Draper by Anne Renaud Conway and family <b>7:00 PM Mass</b> For Freddie Kennett by Hayden and Doris And +Rene Marcoux by Monique Marcoux	
<b>Saturday, December 25</b> <b>The Nativity of The Lord</b>	<b>12:00 AM Mass</b> For +Robert Bourne by Julie And For +Andrew Field by Judith and Sue <b>9:00 AM Mass</b> For the children of Barbara Godin	Laurie
<b>Sunday, December 26</b> <b>The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph</b>	<b>8:00 AM Mass</b> For +Pierre Ferland by Jeannine Whipple <b>10:30 AM Mass</b> For Richard Chandler by Joanna	Mary Shannara

Dear Parishioners,

“Joy to the world, the savior’s come – let earth receive her king! Let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing!” As we love and sing this hymn and its verses throughout the Christmas season, you may not know that in its origin, it is a rather unlikely Christmas hymn. Why? The writing of the popular hymn was not based on the infancy narratives of the Gospel, but rather on Psalm 98, which focuses on the second coming of Christ.

Because it was not initially associated with Christmas, the unlikely connection is a wonderful backdrop for the birthday of our Savior. How unlikely the scenario – the second person of the Holy Trinity, Wisdom itself through whom all things came to be – the Logos – the very Word of God that spoke, or better yet, *sang*, all things into existence, now enters His creation through the lowly womb of the poor virgin Mary. His first dwelling – not a mansion or a palace, but a cave. His first bed – a manger filled with wheat hay. Those who first came to recognize and honor him – not the sovereigns, dignitaries, or emperors of the world, but the lowly shepherds, the nobodies.

When we pause to consider the unlikely, unusual way that God came to us, how the Lord God Almighty decided to enter our world, it makes us wonder like a child and ponder why? Why would He do such a thing? Why in this way?

The only explanation that makes any sense of all it is Love. Love alone explains the humility of God and His creative and artistic plan of coming to us. There are mysteries about the “why” of His plan that I propose to you can only be unlocked, or entered into, through the way of love. I hope this Christmas season opens you to the grace to return to that child-like wonder and joy at our Savior’s birth! With a note of simple gratitude, Fr. Paul and I are so grateful to each of you – your love, your presence, and your kindness. We love you and want to wish each of you, your families and loved ones a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Years!

With Mary, In Christ, Fr. Jon

December 11 & 12, 2021

Offertory	\$ 2,626.95	2020 \$ 2,040.00
Specials	595.00	632.00
Quarterly tax on offertory	<u>433.45-</u>	<u>336.60-</u>
Total	\$2,788.50	\$ 2,335.40
Attendance	243	105

Specials: Energy: \$185, Share in the Care: \$75, Christmas offertory: \$280, Flowers: \$55



**COVID GUIDELINES**

With Covid cases on the rise in our community, it is each of our responsibility to protect those around us. Bishop Coyne suggests all parishioners wear a mask during Mass at least until the middle of January. While not mandated at the present time, we support and respect each other in personal decisions to wear a mask, social distance from others, and refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace and other expressions of welcome and greeting. Thank you.

**Christmas Mass Schedule****December 24: 4:00PM, 7:00PM****December 25: Midnight, 9:00AM****New Year's Mass Schedule****December 31: 4:00PM****January 1: 9:00AM, 4:00PM****Penance Services**

With multiple priests

**Reconciliation at Blessed Sacrament**

December 16 6:00PM to 7:00PM

**Last Chance Reconciliation  
at Most Holy Name**

December 22 1:00PM to 3:00PM

**YOUTH GROUP**

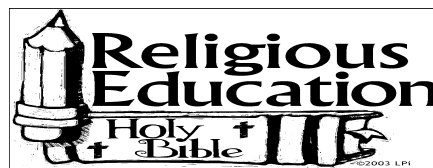
December 19

**Eileen George Prayer Group****December 19 at 2:00PM****In the Crosby Center**

Mary Beerworth, Executive Director of Vermont Right to Life Committee, will speak at the Crosby Center in Morrisville at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. She will provide information on Proposition 5, a proposal to amend Vermont's Constitution to enshrine 'full reproductive autonomy' there. This is another way to say abortion without any restrictions whatsoever. It goes much farther than Roe v Wade. It is presently working its way through the Vermont Legislature and it is likely that the Vermont Electorate will be voting on the amendment in November 2022. There is no other state in America that has anything like this. We must educate ourselves and do what we can to defeat this.

If you wish to send  
Fr. Joseph a Christmas greeting,  
this is his address.

Fr. Joseph Ikegbunam  
C/O Fr. Leo Mozie  
235 Glen Street  
Glen Cove, NY 11542



**CLASS SCHEDULE**  
**Sundays 9:15– 10:15 AM**

December Classes  
will be on the 19th

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 18–24, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



## ‘Christmas is about coming together’ even in an ongoing pandemic

Following the recommendations of health officials of the State of Vermont and the lead of the governor, the Diocese of Burlington lifted all the Covid-19-related restrictions and mandates in June. However, due to town mask mandates being enacted, some pastors have implemented parish-wide protocols for their communities.

With the onset of the delta-variant surge, Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne told pastors and parishes to follow their local mask mandates and is encouraging parishioners in places that don’t have mandates, especially those who are not vaccinated, to wear masks and physically distance as they are able. He also encourages Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to wear masks while distributing communion.

Josh Perry, director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington called wearing a mask at Christmas an act of charity. “As Christians, we should be helping each other on the path to holiness. And if someone is uncomfortable coming to Mass (for whatever reason), we should really consider how we can best help alleviate that issue,” he said. “Today, the issue of whether people are masked indoors is a real issue for some. . . . You may disagree with those who wear masks or not wear masks. However, if it would make someone feel more comfortable attending Mass if they saw the majority of parishioners wearing masks when attending Mass at Christmas, then we should really consider the use of masks. That small gesture of charity and — yes — sacrifice — can go a long way in helping one another on the path of holiness.”

Hand sanitizer is also recommended, and most parishes have a supply of hand sanitizer available at the doors of the

church. “Sanitizing the worship space is not mandated, but it’s a good practice,” he said.

Last Christmas, some parishes required Christmas Mass-goers to sign up to ensure the church did not exceed its Covid-restricted capacity. But this year because there are no capacity restrictions in place, parishes are not required to have registration for Christmas Masses.

Christmas Mass gatherings are important, especially this year after the restrictions in place last year because of the pandemic. “At its core, Christmas is about coming together, because Christmas is about Emmanuel — ‘God with us,’” Perry said.

Christmas is always a Holy Day of Obligation. Because Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, Catholics must attend Mass twice over the course of the weekend.

Perry explained: “One can fulfill the Christmas obligation by attending Mass on Christmas Eve (4 p.m. or later on Dec. 24) or attending Mass anytime on Christmas Day (Saturday). Then the Sunday obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass on Saturday evening (if you’ve already gone to a Christmas Mass on Friday night or Saturday morning) or anytime on Sunday. And yes — you can go to Mass twice on Saturday — once in the morning (for the Christmas obligation) and once in the evening (for the

Sunday obligation); however, if the first Mass you attend is Saturday evening, it counts for your Christmas obligation, and you’ll have to attend again on Sunday to fulfill the Sunday obligation.”

Contact your pastor if you have questions.

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