

# The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday, August 23**

8:00am – *Pro Populo*

10:00am - Monica Mazurkiewicz by Tom Michaels

**Monday, August 24**

8:00am –

**Tuesday, August 25**

8:00am – NO MASS

**Wednesday, August 26**

8:00am - Wellbeing of Pazos Family

by Ewa Bielawska

**Thursday, August 27**

8:00am – Merrily Main by husband, Hugh

**Friday, August 28**

8:00am – Healing for Pamula Mary Woods

by Mark Templeton

**Saturday, August 29**

5:30pm – Mary Field by Ellen Toole

**Sunday, August 30**

8:00am – *Pro Populo*

10:00am - Diana Centinaro

by Barry and Carol Patterson

## Let us remember in prayer:

For the sick, the dying and those who care for them.

He can also tell you how much that child will spend on health care, recreation, alcohol, dining out, and alimony over the remainder of his or her life.

Because these numbers are so readily available and so readily manipulated, it has become a commonplace amongst the ‘wise-folk’ of such diverse groups as Planned Parenthood, the WHO, the IMF, UNESCO, The March of Dimes, and the ‘health’ departments of countless secondary schools across the country that we need to have fewer children if we are going to avoid personal bankruptcy, collapse of our educational system, default on the ‘social contract’, chaos in the world of medical provision, and full and rich retirements for ourselves. We need to have fewer children, provide less medical care to the aged, pay for abortion on demand, make contraceptives available for free to all and sundry, but especially to the poor and the young.

**The last time we knew with such exactitude the price of a human life, was just before Lee surrendered at Appomattox, when you could buy a person of color at auction!**

I call this kind of economics and the manipulation of these economic facts *the commodification of people*.

As a preacher of a message that demands that we *love our neighbors as we love ourselves*, I feel compelled to point out that this commodification has made slaves of all of us, putting all of us at risk of being declared too

expensive to be conceived, born, educated, healed, respected. This is so because we have become a culture that is more in love with its bottom line than with its neighbor or neighbors.

I would dare to suggest that we must be told that *black lives matter*, in large part because those of us who fancy ourselves creators of the greatest economy in the world and elect members of Congress and inhabitants of federally subsidized housing in DC have come to value **any lives and all lives** in dollars and cents alone. The cost of living has become the worth of life.

Bottom line: God so loves people that he keeps on making them and insisting that we love them. We so love wealth that we keep on shutting people out of our personal lives and our society at large.

Really and truly and expensively yours,

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## *Bishop's Annual Appeal*

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the past and in this 2020 Campaign! As of August 18, you have contributed **\$ 39,179.** toward a total goal of **\$ 65,958.**

If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit <https://vermontcatholic.org/giveonline> or call, 802-658-6110 or mail to : Bishop's Appeal, Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, PO Box 1358, Williston, VT 05495-1358.

## Catholic Daughters, Court St. Rita

Please support The Catholic Daughters raffle to raise funds to support the neediest among us. Raffle tickets are at the exit near the Parish Bulletins. Ticket stubs and monies marked CDA may be put in the collection basket or mailed to CDA Court St. Rita, PO Box 35, Manchester Center, VT 05255. Thank you for your always generous help. Drawing will be September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Chances are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Thank You!**

## Christ Our Hope Campaign

*Building a Vibrant Church*

campaign is underway! Teamed with the rest of the parishes across the state, we will be joined together in our effort to strengthen our Catholic Church in Vermont and renew our own parishes.

You should have received a letter with *Frequently Asked Questions* that hopefully answered many of your questions about the campaign and why we need to do this now. This week every registered household will receive a packet of campaign information from our parish. The mailing will include a gift request letter signed by Bishop Coyne and me with instructions on how you can invest in the future of **Christ Our Savior Parish** and strengthen the Catholic Church in Vermont.

The request letter is an invitation **not** an expectation. We understand these are difficult times, but, as a Church, our

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needs have not diminished and, in many ways, they have increased. We first ask you to make the gift of prayer for the success of the campaign. We then ask you to consider our shared responsibility for the needs of our spiritual home, our parish, and the future of our Catholic Church in Vermont. Finally, we invite those who can give to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift beyond their usual offertory and bishop's appeal contribution.

To learn more about the campaign visit: [www.christourhopevt.org](http://www.christourhopevt.org)

## CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,  
we place our hope in You  
to guide the Catholic Church in Vermont  
to renew our parishes,  
and engage our youth;  
to form lay leaders,  
and serve the most vulnerable among us.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
help us build a vibrant church  
in this time and place  
and for generations to come.

Seeking the intercession of our  
first bishop, Louis deGoesbriand,  
we pray this through Christ Our Lord,  
Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us