



Saturday, October 24

5:30pm – *Pro Populo*

Sunday, October 25

8:00am – Eileen McKenna by son, Arthur

10:00am – *Pro Populo*

Monday, October 26

8:00am – Abe Madkour by Leo and Joan DiLiello

Tuesday, October 27

8:00am – Healing for Pamela Mary Woods
by Mark Templeton

Wednesday, October 28

8:00am - John W. Kardas, Jr
by parents, John and Fran Kardas

Thursday, October 29

8:00am – Fredo Hennig
by Ingrid Hennig Cabral

Friday, October 30

8:00am – Ed Sossi by Family

Saturday, October 31

5:30pm – *Pro Populo*

Sunday, November 1

8:00am – *Pro Populo*
10:00am – Frederick Maas by Family

Let us remember in prayer:

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

Rest in peace. . . John Joseph Purcell has been called home to the Father. Let us pray for his peaceful repose and for all who mourn his passing.

Dear All,

Another factor in preserving the unity of the Church is a constant conversation that goes on amongst all the members. I know that that sounds untrue. The Church seems to be an all too top-down organization. But the fact is that ‘the things folks say’ are as much a part of the Pope’s daily briefing as the things the Pope says are part of everyone’s daily news fix.

Just as you and your Catholic – or not – friends and family discuss your priests and parishes; your pastor and his cronies discuss parishioners. Priests discuss general trends – as they see them – with their bishop who surrounds himself with ‘specialists’ who help him to interpret what he hears. He relies on them to tell him how to respond.

If those responses become known outside the Diocese, other bishops may challenge them or seek to emulate them. Eventually, these episcopal actions and reactions become news to the Apostolic Nuncio, an archbishop whose only job is to listen and report what he hears to Rome. He is also the channel through which the Pope and his experts and aides filter reactions and responses and correctives back to the whole American Episcopate and individual bishops.

If you were to write a nasty letter about me to the Nuncio, he would decide whether to send it to Bishop Coyne for action or, maybe, to the Pope himself. In any case, everything gets looked at by someone. I promise you that a complaint to Bishop Coyne about YT would get a quick and pointed response to you and a swift and condign set of directives to me.

Since the implementation of measures aimed at detecting child molestation by clergy and dealing with the molesters have been put in place, the number of new claims each year has been reduced to practically double digits and the number of repeat offenders to an effective zero. This is one of the boasts of the American Catholic Church, and it is all the result of improved channels of communication and clarified directions for reporting.

Today, your children are safer in a church-related situation than almost anywhere except your own home.

If you pay attention to the news, you will hear about national bishops’ conferences, diocesan synods, episcopal synods (one about every other year and each involving the Pope), and, if you are paying close attention, commissions and dicasteries and plain old ‘meetings’ going on at all levels. This creates a burdensome round of meetings and such, but it guarantees than just about anyone who wants a ‘say’ can have one.

The Church is famous for the length of her reaction time. But so much conversation and so many levels of response can be cumbersome to sort out. And you can be certain that if the Pope gives an answer to an issue raised in Vermont, someone

from Africa has put eyes on the issue as it came in and someone from South America has looked at the answer going out; all of this to be certain that whole Church has the same information and the same methodology for conducting its common life.

Really and truly and wordily yours,
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The Center for Communication in Medicine (CCM) will host a free online webinar, “**Coping With COVID-19: Communication Challenges with Healthcare Providers**”, on Tuesday, November 10 from 6 – 7:30 pm.

Panelists include: Southwestern Vermont Medical Center hospitalist, Dr. James Poole; United Counseling Service director and psychiatrist, Dr. Alya Reeve; patient and Vermont Dept. of Corrections Commissioner Jim Baker; and caregiver, Gretchen Johnson, RN. CCM Executive Director, Bernard Bandman, PhD will moderate. The panelists will address issues and concerns in communicating with healthcare providers during these worrisome and uncertain times. Online Q&A will be available for attendees to pose questions directly to the panel.

Registration is open at CCM’s website SpeakSooner.org. For the past 20 years, CCM has been offering educational programs to patients, families and healthcare providers about the benefits of open and honest communication in making thoughtful decisions about care. Programs are now being offered online!

With COVID-19, all of us are now facing communication challenges with healthcare providers. Please spread the word about the webinar with your congregation and interfaith community!

HOLIDAY ONLINE AUCTION, sponsored by the **Interfaith Council of the Northshire**. Due to our current circumstances, we are holding the Annual Auction for our Emergency Needs Fund online this year-- and we need your help!

Please consider donating an item or a service to help support those in our community who are struggling to meet their basic needs. Perhaps you could purchase an item or gift certificate from a local business to help keep them afloat and donate it to the auction, or re-gift an unused item, a hand-made scarf, or an hour of service mowing a lawn, shoveling snow or baking food.

Please contact the Dorset Church office at [802-867-2260](tel:802-867-2260) with your donation information. Items are needed *now*.

We cannot be successful without you! Thank you.

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 **\$ 46,524**, 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.

Christ Our Hope Campaign

Our Goal = 259,547.00

Contributed = 22,230.00

Romans 8:28: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

For the last month, campaign volunteers at **Christ Our Savior Parish** have worked the phones diligently calling their fellow parishioners to invite them to join them in support of the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign. For many, this task was a major calling but, thanks to their faith, they accepted the challenge. We should all be grateful as we continue to see the benefits of their work. Members of our faith community continue to make commitments pushing our campaign thermometer upward.

We thank our volunteers and we offer sincere thanks to our donors for their sacrifice. Those who’ve yet to commit, please spend time in prayer to define your gift and remember your sacrifice will help in our goal to build a vibrant parish for today and well into the future.

To stay current with all campaign news, please visit <https://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.