



**Saturday, November 7**  
5:30pm –All Souls Intentions

**Sunday, November 8**  
8:00am – All Souls Intentions  
10:00am – *Pro Populo*

**Monday, November 9**  
8:00am – Lindsey Luchsinger

**Tuesday, November 10**  
8:00am – Healing for Pamela Mary Woods  
by Mark Templeton

**Wednesday, November 11**  
8:00am - Sophia Kamienski  
by Bill and Marilyn Kinney

**Thursday, November 12**  
8:00am – Arazy Hennig  
by Ingrid Hennig Cabral

**Friday, November 13**  
8:00am – Jacob Pirrie by Orlando Family

**Saturday, November 14**  
5:30pm –McCarren and Gawlik Families  
by Helen Gawlik

**Sunday, November 15**  
8:00am – *Pro Populo*  
10:00am – *All Soul Intentions*

**Let us remember in prayer:**  
the sick, the dying and those who care for them.

Dear All,

I have noticed something over the last few months that really concerns me. I can pretty well tell whether a person votes ‘red’ or ‘blue’ by his or her comments about the Pope. As if Catholicism and the Papacy were all of a piece with the electioneering business in the US. To be fair, this same correlation has been noticed in Europe, as well. This concerns me because it means that I – and, yes, this is about me – get a big ‘hairy eyeball’ if, as a Catholic priest, I quote the Pope! I wonder if people expect me, or would applaud me, if I quoted from the minutes of the platform committee meetings of the X party.

To be fair, again, it has been true for a very long time that the hierarchy of the Catholic Church have seemed more ‘conservative’ in matters of morality than have the politicians and courts in the West and in the US. At the same time, they have seemed more ‘liberal’ in matters of social and fiscal policy. What’s unfortunate about this is that the hierarchy – and the Pope is a hierarch – seem to be forever pounding on the doors of the bedroom and the boardroom; and no one wants then in either venue!

Or, maybe, the public and the private have both espoused systems of thought and action that are so far from Christian that the single-mindedness of an authentically Catholic morality is just anathema. I am inclined to this latter view.

Politicians and litigators have created the impression that every issue is just one more round in a cultural, zero-sum game. You win or you lose, and the winner takes all. In Catholic moral thought it is simply unacceptable that there should be losers who get nothing. And this is not just a religious version of ‘rooting for the underdog’. It is a radical commitment to the proposition that God’s universal love intends a universal well-being. This becomes a radical call to broaden the description of the ‘home’ where charity starts so that charity does not stop until it embraces every human being. And that becomes a firm ‘No’ to every way of thinking and acting that divides the world into right and left or bedroom and boardroom or capitalism and socialism or red or blue or any other dichotomous oversimplification. It is also a very apolitical refusal to accept that ‘purple’ or ‘grey’ are acceptable colors of a truly just way of thought.

This universalism – catholicity – is exactly what makes Catholic Christianity the religion that everyone loves to hate and all the haters love. But this can be only because the lovers and haters refuse to accept that they are equally called to a new and more embracive stance vis-à-vis their opposite number. Now that this election is all over but the crying, maybe – just maybe – we can get on with the business of becoming a Church that is something more than the private chapel of one party or the other.

Really and truly and religiously yours, tm

***The month of November is the Month of  
Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory.***

During this month a number of Masses will be offered for the deceased whose names you have listed on the **All Souls Day** remembrance envelopes. Additional envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church.

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.

Registration is open at CCM’s website [SpeakSooner.org](http://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.

**If people ask you about the size of crowds at Mass, tell them that there are seats and spacing available at all times, and especially during the week. Masks and sanitizing and the nature of the gathering make Church attendance one of the safer risky things one might do.**

Inquiring minds want to know if we are having the Thanksgiving Dinner this year. The answer is a regretful *No*. Even our Parish Hall and Kitchen are not large enough to allow for a safe gathering for such an event.

We are also awaiting information from the Interfaith council about the Jesse Tree gift program.

Watch this spot for the late latest!

***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 **\$ 48,829.** 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 = 44,275.00**

**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.