



Saturday, November 21

5:30pm – *Pro Populo*

Sunday, November 22

8:00am – **All Soul Intentions**

10:00am – Larry Washburn by wife, Sue

Monday, November 23

8:00am – Paula Hennig by Ingrid Henning Cabral

Tuesday, November 24

8:00am – Alice Wey
by Ray and Carolyn Smith

Wednesday, November 25

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

Thursday, November 26

8:00am – *Pro Populo*

Friday, November 27

8:00am – Bronislaw Grodzki by Ewa Bielawska

Saturday, November 28

5:30pm – Ed Sossi by the Family

Sunday, November 29

8:00am – *Pro Populo*
10:00am – Kenneth R. Smith by wife Grace and Family

Let us remember in prayer:

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

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.

Dear All,

With one foot planted firmly in the very eternity of God and a shrewd eye turned to the various cultures that are the matrix of her temporal existence, the Catholic Church, in a very clear way, practices that double commandment to ‘love God and the neighbor’.

This double obedience lays bare another foundation for the Church’s persistence. As theories of government and societal fashions change, the Church learns how to live and how to act toward one another from Jesus Christ, the author of that commandment. She does this out of the conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is exactly what God would look like, how God would act and what he would teach if God became human. Indeed, she dares to say that God has become human in Jesus. In this sense, the Church’s obedience to Jesus is just and extension of her refusal to deny the existence of God. But Jesus is more than just a moral exemplar for Christians; he is the Son of God.

The Catholic habit of beginning everything ‘in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’ bespeaks a new understanding of God – that God is Tri-une. The Triune God is not the unmoved mover of metaphysics; nor is God the uninvolved clockmaker of the Deists. There is dynamism in Divinity, an inter-personal dynamism. But a person is not a unit of population; person is a participant in a dynamic, interactive relationship; indeed, a person is defined by the relationships he takes part in. Thus, unity is not a numerical thing, it is relational. And the name of the relationship is Love.

This definition of unity spills over into the definition of a human person. A human person is one who loves; the more he loves the more human he is; the more human he is the more he is like Jesus, the Son of God; the more like Jesus a human person is, the more he is like God.

The horizon of Catholic Christian thought is not Wall Street, or Capitol Hill, or Mount Peculiar; it is the deepest reaches of Divinity. And those deepest reaches of Divinity are structured just as are the deepest reaches of humanity; they are relational, dynamic and without boundaries.

To be a Christian is a tension filled existence. Everything about our religion pulls us upward and outward; the rest of reality pulls us down and deep. When our religion is at its best, there is nothing too brave, too loving, too forgiving to try. When the gravity of ‘realistic thought’ weighs us down, all of that is just a nice idea, but it would

ruin the world as we know it. And then, fear makes us pull back from love and hope and God.

This is the gravest sin: to desire what we have more than we desire what we might become; to prefer a handful of beans to the infinite riches of God; to shrink to some ‘expert’s’ version of possibility and prefer the grave to the resurrection.

Really and truly and expansively yours,
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INTERFAITH HOLIDAY AUCTION
Benefiting
INTERFAITH EMERGENCY NEEDS FUND
November 30 – December 10

Please visit
<https://www.32auctions.com/interfaith2020> to support our community with assistance at this difficult time in the Pandemic. We have already had requests for assistance with rent, electricity and heat, and we need your help! Holiday shop for great and unique items while supporting your community. It’s a win-win! Take a look at our Chandler 4 Corner pillows, restaurant gift cards, personalized hand-made teddy bears, a fly-fishing package and so much more!
Thank you for your support.

JESSE TREE IN A TIME OF COVID

Again, this year, the Interfaith Council of the Northshire will provide food baskets and children’s clothing for Manchester families who need some help during the season.

You may adopt a whole family of children (shopping for clothing)

Adopt just one child

Volunteer to buy present for just one kid

Volunteer to do gift wrapping

To send a check: **IFC, P.O. 2644 Manchester Ctr, VT 05255**

To volunteer: **Linda Drunsic (802)362-1513**

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.

Bishop Coyne insists that you give due attention to the following:

Mask Mandate: In response to new Covid-19 guidelines issued by the State of Vermont, Bishop Coyne directs all parishes to maintain an attendance log for all liturgical celebrations in the parishes of the Diocese of Burlington. The log information shall be maintained by the parish for 30 days after the liturgical celebration in the event contact tracing needs to be followed because of an outbreak of Covid-19 tied to one of our churches. This requirement becomes effective on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28-29, 2020, until further notice. This log requirement applies to daily Masses, funerals, etc.

Christ Our Hope Campaign

Our Goal = 259,547.00
Contributed = 50,665.00

RUTH 2:12: “May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done.”

In just a few weeks, we’ve received **\$50,665.00** in gifts and pledges for the *Christ Our Hope; Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. We are grateful for the sacrifice made by hundreds throughout the state. This is the **Virtual Weekend of Giving**. This weekend’s virtual match has increased to \$30,000 which means now the first 30 gifts made online will be match with a \$1,000 towards the donor’s parish goal. There is a lot of excitement about this match and we are so blessed that an anonymous donor stepped forward today. Please feel free to share the email below with your parishioners.

Each \$1,000 gift will go to the donor’s parish. Each parish may receive one (1) matching gift.

If you remain undecided, we invite you to join us in support. You can give online at www.christourhopevt.org/donate or just return a completed pledge form, which you’ll find in the information packets available on table with bulletin. And don’t forget that Bishop Coyne will match the first 30 gifts of \$1,000 or more received online! That’s free support coming to our parish.