



Saturday, March 5

5:30pm – Howard Conklin by Judy Mongelluzzi

Sunday, March 6

8:00am – *Pro populo*

10:00am – Fred Maas by the Family

Monday, March 7

8:00am – Nell Kinney

by Bill and Marilyn Kinney

Tuesday, March 8

8:00am – Joe Lewis

by Mary Pisaniello and Steve Riederer

WEDNESDAY, March 9

8:00am - James Rowley by Ellen Green

Thursday, March 10

8:0 am – The Health of Pamela Mary Woods

Friday, March 11

8:00am - John Kardas, Jr. by Father John, Troy

and Meghan

Saturday, March 12

5:30pm – Richard Jolivette by Sylvia Jolivette

Sunday, March 13

8:00am – *Pro populo*

10:00am – Larry Washburn by wife, Sue

Let us remember in prayer:

All the Sick, the Dying, those who care for them, and those who mourn them, especially Susan Blair’s, parents, Robert and Sheila Blair. Let us pray for their peaceful repose and for all who mourn their passing.

Dear All,

Not long ago at all, I was asked to address Prop5, the legislative initiative to turn reproductive freedom into a constitutional right by so enshrining it in the Constitution of the State of Vermont.

To the extent that ‘reproductive freedom’ means anytime access to abortion on demand – and eventually to the right to kill a child born in the course of a ‘failed abortion’ --, I am of the firm mind that this is always and intrinsically wrong. Freely to take a human life cannot be justified!

Well, what about the health of the mother? What about the victim of incest or rape?

So horrible are these situations, that they hardly leave the woman in question with much freedom at all; thus, in a careful reading of the proposed amendment, they are not actually covered.

Even the most conservative of Catholic moral thinkers will tell you that the wrongness of the taking of innocent life may not change or be changed by legislation; however, the actual situation of the woman who is confronted with a choice to be made, especially when she is encouraged to make a particular choice by doctors, family, social workers, etc., may so diminish her functional freedom that her guilt evaporated like the morning dew.

Wrongdoing is always wrong and must be addressed as such; the wrong doer, on the other hand must always be addressed with an offer and assurance of merciful compassion.

That said, let me address some really important issues for which this one is but a goat tethered for the tiger.

This amendment to the Constitution does nothing to address prevention of rape or incest. It’s as if the State has connived in the proposal that, boys will always be boys. This leaves women to bear the consequences of male crimes alone.

This is part and parcel of a government attitude that forces schools to provide condoms and instructions on their use, as well as abortion counselling for minor girls. In this the State goes around the family structure and burdens an already failing educational system with one more responsibility it probably cannot handle efficiently or well. Where is the State’s support for families? That might head off the need for creating a second victim for the sexual criminal.

This ‘right to take a life in cases where there is a perception of threat’ is the same scenario that is proposed by the most aggressive of gun rights advocates (strange partners for the extremists on the left). And we know what the inaction of

legislatures to deal threat reduction has done to increase access to firearms by those who should not be allowed to have them.

The rioters of January 6 held a similar position: their rights were being contravened and so they needed the right to take the law into their own hands.

And all of these expedient’s flow from a fundamental breakdown and, thus, loss of confidence all of the mediating institutions of the Western world, family, school, church, legislatures, courts and police.

Willy-nilly, we find that we live in a culture where the only law is that of the jungle.

Don’t ask unless you want to know!

Really and truly and too frankly yours, tm

Lent is upon us

The Good Friday collection is used to fund the Papally managed Commissariat for the Holy Land that provides all kinds of services – religious and educational and social – for the inhabitants of that region where Christ still suffers in his – literal – brothers and sisters.

It should be noted, too, that all of the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from Meat for those who are older than fourteen.

Fasting means skipping one full meal and eating no more than would usually amount to another full meal.

Need to put something special into your Lent?

Join us for the recitation of the rosary every weekday starting at 8:25am here at Christ Our Savior Parish.

Volunteers Needed for Food Cupboard in April

As usual, our parish has responsibility for staffing the Community Food Cupboard in April each year (as well as August). We have to cover Wednesday afternoons (1:45-4:15) on April 6, 13, 20 & 27, and Thursday mornings (9:45-noon) and afternoons (1:45-4:15) on April 7, 14, 21 & 28. Three volunteers are needed for each of the three weekly sessions, so that’s nine slots in all to be filled each week. To get more information and/or to sign up, contact Sue Washburn sswashburn@gmail.com or 802-325-3525. Many thanks for your help with this important community service.

The second collection for this weekend is for **Black & Indian Missions.**

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE ON TABLES AT OUR ENTRANCES.

Offertory envelopes are in the parish hall on the back counter. If you want envelopes and you didn’t find any with your name on them in the hall, please call the rectory and leave a short message with your name, address, phone number and email address. And your envelopes will be on the table on the North side of Church with your name on the box the following weekend.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast is next weekend in Parish Hall after 8 and 10am Mass.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE/RUSSIA

Mary, Queen of Peace, please preserve the world from the madness of war.
Reunite families torn apart.
Comfort frightened children.
Console the sick and elderly who suffer alone.
Shield the men and women defending their homes.
Change the hearts of leaders to seek peaceful solutions.
Bring harmony to our broken world.
We ask all this through your help and intercession, Most Blessed Mother, as you lead and direct us each day into greater love for and obedience to your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Pope Francis’s Fasting Suggestions

Do you want to fast this lent?

- *Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*
- *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*
- *Fast from anger and be filled with patience*
- *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*
- *Fast from worries and trust in God.*
- *Fast from complaints and contemplante simplicity.*
- *Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*
- *Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.*
- *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*
- *Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*
- *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

As an act of charity towards our fellow parishioners, Bishop Coyne has asked that masks be worn at all Masses during this flu season