



Saturday, May 7

5:30pm – Thomas Gavin
by Harold and Kathleen Hogstrom

Sunday, May 8

8:00am – Frances Kardas by Paul Capriola
10:00am – Helen E. Meunier
by daughter, Collette Galusha

Monday, May 9

8:00am –

Tuesday, May 10

8:00am – Health of Pamela Mary Woods
by Mark Templeton

Wednesday, May 11

8:00am - Health of Gloria Dassano
by Nancy Black

Thursday, May 12

8:0 am – Noel Coniglio by wife, Barb Coniglio

Friday, May 13

8:00am - James Marum by Mary V. Pisaniello
and Steve Riederer

Saturday, May 14

5:30pm – *Pro populo*

Sunday, May 15

8:00am – Sophia Kamienski
by Bill and Marilyn Kinney
10:00am –

Let us remember in prayer:

All the Sick, the Dying,
those who care for them

Dear All,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, on which the Gospel reading refers to Christ as the Shepherd, has long (50+ years) been kept as a *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Originally, it means prayer for priestly and religious vocations – priests, nuns and brothers. In a headlong rush to avoid anything looking like ecclesiastical elitism, it became a day of prayer for all Christian vocations – priests, nuns, brothers and married folk, all together.

The thing that has become clearer and clearer to me is that what is needed amongst clergy, religious and laity alike is a deepened sense that, before all else, we are called to life together in the Church.

Without such an ecclesiastical point of reference for what God wants of us, our ‘vocations’, the religious dimensions of our lives come unhitched from anything but our ‘spirituality’, our ‘devotions’, our creedal and liturgical preferences. But if the start and end of our vocational lives lie in the Church as it is (not as it was or as I wish it were), then things will start to change.

First of all, I will realize that my presence *at* Church – locally and ritually, *with* Church -- communally and weekly – is the actual bedrock of my relationship with God. (So much for ‘spiritual but not religious’!) That means that once a week, I will join all the Christians of my area in a kind of boycott of recreational, athletic and commercial activities that take me and mine away from ‘going to church’. Like all boycotts this will be more than a refusal to do; it will *bear witness* to a set of values that are even more worthy of pursuit than financial, Olympic or vocational goals.

This communal witness has been long assaulted. For the last twenty years or so Presidents and pundits of various sorts have striven to convince us that freedom of religion is a *private matter*. And we have imbibed deeply of that Kool-Aid. So much have our understanding and practice

of religion become ‘private’ that more folks than you would imagine are insulted when a priest dares to point out that he hasn’t seen them in a while. Worse: people present children for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation with no sense whatsoever that they have an even greater responsibility for teaching their offspring that membership in this group is more important than membership on a team, or on a group trip or in a certain financial caste (not all oligarchs speak Russian!).

This is the same witness that Jews offer during Passover and the High Holy Days. It is the same witness that Moslems offer during Ramadan. It is the same witness that educational institutions give to their ‘team’ athletes in season.

Any sense of vocation must begin with the notion that that it come, not from those who hate us, but from those who love us. Coming from those who love us, vocation is a ‘call’ to love back. Loving and being loved may not seem important when there is one more cup to win or vacation spot to visit or buck to be made – or one more political correctness to go unchallenged. But the bankrupt, the broke and the broken have lost everything they ever thought was more important than this reciprocal love. And how did that work out?

Really and truly and ecclesiastical yours,
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Session #1: Tuesday 10-May 1 My Soul Longs for You,

O God (Ps 42:2) Human Search for God

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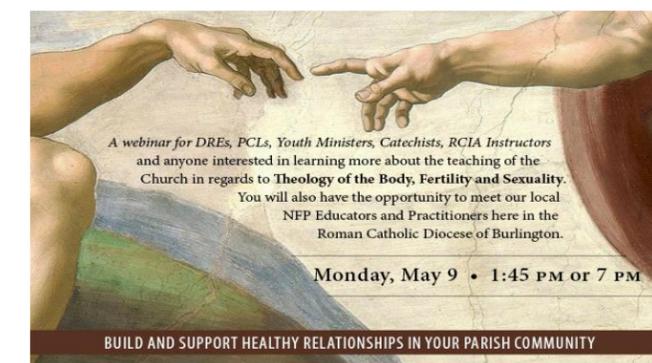
Deacon Gesualdo Schneider

Breakfast with the Knights of Columbus, this Sunday

morning in the Parish Hall after both the 8 and 10am Masses. The extensive breakfast menu includes, eggs, bacon, sausages, pancakes, OJ, coffee, tea, and pastries. All of this is offered for \$10.00 for adults and children under 7 eat for free. Proceeds from these monthly breakfasts help the Knights support their on-going projects aimed at helping many needy individuals and families in the Northshire area.

This is Mothers’ Day weekend.

Because the mother’s work begins before we are even aware of it, our thanks can never match their love, God does know everything and counts every act of love as an act done for himself. Although this is not a religious feast, we take this opportunity to wish God’s choicest blessings to our Mothers and all who take a mother’s role in our lives. You are God’s chosen instruments for his first and last gift of all – life itself.



The department of Marriage & Family Life for the Diocese of Burlington will be hosting two opportunities for a Natural Family Planning (NFP) webinar on **Monday, May 9th. There will be one held at 1:45PM and one held at 7PM.** This webinar is geared for anybody who is interested in learning more about the teaching of the Church in regard to Theology of the Body and Fertility & Sexuality. You will also be able to meet our local NFP Educators and Practitioners here in the Diocese. Below are the two different zoom links to access the webinars.

1:45pm- <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tj6t2kq6t>

7:00pm- <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tj6t2kq6t>