



**Saturday, May 28**

5:30pm – Ron Bernasconi by the Family

**Sunday, May 29**

8:00am – *Pro populo*

10:00am – Marjorie Maas by the Family

**Monday, May 30**

8:00am – Health of Gloria Dossena  
by Nancy Black

**Tuesday, May 31**

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

**Wednesday, June 1**

8:00am – Lena Fasano by daughter, Louise Dell

**Thursday, June 2**

8:00am – Norm Champine  
by Bob and Grace Bibens

**Friday, June 3**

8:00am - Kathy Snarski  
by Paul and Carol Carroccio

**Saturday, June 4**

5:30pm – Paul Leubert by Ray and Carolyn Smith

**Sunday, June 5**

8:00am – Mary Peterson Varick  
by Mary Pisaniello and Steve Riederer

10:00am – Larry Washburn by wife, Sue

**Let us remember in prayer:**

All the Sick, the Dying, the Victims of War, and the  
Children and their Families of Uvalde, Texas  
and those who care for them.

Dear All,

I have been thinking a lot about a statement by a theologian named Joseph Ratzinger. He said that societies and cultures early on developed a ‘priestly class’. This was so that everyone else could ignore the gods or God and the things of the gods. This is certainly the affirmation of the *Letter to the Hebrews*, and it is certainly the experience of the average Catholic priest in the United States in the second decade of the twenty-first century.

I am particularly bemused when I think that back in the ‘seventies’ everyone was excited about the opportunity to take part in the ‘governance’ and ‘decision making’ part of the Church’s life; and priests, generally, were quite happy at the thought of having more people involved in this work.

That did not last long. Non-priests discovered just how many moving parts there are to the life of a Christian community and how interconnected they are. It was like you had to be a professional or a ‘Philadelphia lawyer’ to run the Church or any part of it. Priests soon discovered that councils were not always populated by workers – more often by wannabe bosses! --; and that councils are miserably inefficient when the roof is leaking and the furnace need cleaning. Besides, the ‘councilors’ had roofs and furnaces of their own. And, as if that were not enough, meetings that happen with a frequency and a regularity adequate to the rhythm of the work, really cut into vacations and cocktails and sporting events and retirement plans.

I am even more bemused by the assumption that a wealthy community is entitled to priestly ministry because it is wealthy; not because it is holy or has the parish as the center of its life or seeks to grown in knowledge of religion or love of God or neighbor either for itself or its very junior members.

I am not complaining about these things. But as I prepare to lay down the roles of head janitor, CFO, CEO, religious expert, amateur psychologist,

‘walmart’ greeter, stand-up comic and reliable inspirer, mourner in chief, I want to be certain that you understand just what *you* expect from the guy who is to follow me. And I want to be certain that you understand that if he displeases you in some way – and he will – the only remedy for that displeasure lies in someone else’s – not yours’ -- willingness to take on a job too diverse and too complex to be done by one person.

On the other hand, if there is a reborn willingness on the part of each and all to take on some part of this immense job description, in working to insure the parish’s physical, fiscal, spiritual and social health, the guy who follows me will be able to be a minister of the Word and Worship – both for the community and its individual members – like you have never seen.

More to follow.

Really and truly and retiringly yours,  
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*Inquiring minds want to know*

**THE MOST REVEREND BISHOP  
OF THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON**

HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE REVEREND WILLIAM BEAUDIN, CURRENTLY THE PASTOR OF HOLY CROSS PARISH AND OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH IN COLCHESTER, VERMONT IS TO BECOME THE NEW PASTOR OF CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH IN MANCHESTER CENTER, VERMONT. THE VERY REVEREND THOMAS MATTISON WILL BECOME THE VICAR PAROCHIAL OF THESE SAME TWO PARISHES. BOTH OF THESE TRANSFERS WILL TAKE EFFECT DURING THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF JULY, 2022.

*And now they do*

***This weekend's second collection is  
The Catholic Communication Campaign***

which supports a wide variety of media projects that spread the gospel message and connect communities and individuals to their faith and to the Church. Keep in mind that half of the collected funds will stay within the bounds of the Diocese of Burlington to support diocesan media projects.

**Unrestricted Abortion in Vermont?**

It will be on the ballot this November as Article 22, a proposed amendment for Vermont’s Constitution! If approved, Article 22 will have profound effects on parents, families, health care providers and their conscience rights, hospitals, the court system, religious institutions, and all Vermont taxpayers. Come learn from a panel of experts about Article 22 and its ethical and practical aspects.

The panel will speak on *Saturday, June 18 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon at Christ Our Savior Parish, 398 Bonnet Street, Manchester Center.*

Time is included for questions and discussion. Presenters will be:

- Deacon Pete Gummere M.S., M.A., Bioethicist, Diocese of Burlington**
- Annyssa Lamberton, of Vermonters for Good Government**
- Carol Kaufman of Vermont Family Alliance**
- Mary Beerworth, Executive Director, Vermont Right to Life**

**The Creed Professed**

part of our Diocesan's "Year of Communion:  
Unity in Creed, Worship and Life."  
An online zoom seminar  
on Part I of the U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults  
Bi-weekly Tuesdays 7-8 pm  
May 24-Nov 8.  
Next Session is June 7  
For more information and to register:  
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