



Saturday, July 2

5:30pm – Marion Oros
by Ray and Carolyn Smith

Sunday, July 3

8:00am – *Pro populo*
10:00am - June Holbrook by the Family

Monday, July 4

8:00am – For our Nation

Tuesday, July 5

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

Wednesday, July 6

8:00am – Noel Coniglio by wife, Barbara

Thursday, July 7 NO MASS

8:00am –NO MASS

Friday, July 8

8:00am – NO MASS

Saturday, July 9

5:30pm – Amalia Scoresby
by Harold and Kathleen Hogstrom

Sunday, July 10

8:00am – Arthur Bua by Joan Monroe
10:00am – The Ministry of Fr. William Beaudin

Let us remember in prayer:

All the Sick, the Dying, the Victims of War,
domestic violence and those who care for them.
And pray, too, for the repose of the Rev. Donald
Ravey of the Diocese of Burlington

Dear All,

In one sense a relationship is a very intricate and complicated thing – lots of moving parts and changing scenarios over the course of time. But I find it interesting that the Latin word of ‘relationship’ is also the etymological source of our word ‘conversation’: *conversatio*. Conversations are readily classified in four different ways:

*Please / thankyou ;I’m sorry / you’re forgiven ;
Did you understand? / yes or no.* And they all begin with *Hello* and end with *Goodbye*.

I have done my best to keep myself current with the *please/thankyou* part of our relationship. If I have failed in the regard and you judge that I have not properly acknowledged your contributions to the Parish – or to me personally -- then I need to slip into the second line of conversation.

I am sorry if I have said or done anything to hurt or harm any one of you. I am especially sorry if I have done anything to harm this community of faith or, even, the larger community of town or county.

Although there have been some heated and ill-considered encounters between thee and me, I acknowledge that the responsibility for keeping things cooler was mine. Thus, there is nothing that I feel obliged to forgive.

The never-ending quest to deepen our knowledge and embrace of one another (*do you understand?*) is infinitely less important than your deepened understanding and love of God which is the fundamental task of a parish priest (remember the two great commandments?). If I have failed in this regard, I need to apologize once more. But if you have walked off and not asked for an explanation or clarification, that’s on you.

Of course, a priest’s relationship to his people is never just between him and them. It always begins *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*. And it actually ends, not with *Goodbye*, but with *Let us go in peace*.

To which the congregation loudly and joyfully responds *THANKS BE TO GOD*. (And that, I guess, is a *goodbye* of sorts.)

And as Bugs Bunny said *That’s all, folks!*

Really and truly and no longer yours,
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P.S. These are hard days for our Country and they show every sign of continuing so for lots and lots of days to come.

Remembering that patriotism is one way to love a neighbor, let me heartily suggest that getting up a little early of Monday and spending thirty minutes at Mass could be the most patriotic thing that you could possibly do this year and the most loving thing this week.

I know that my gentle suggestions often fall of deaf ears, but there has not been a time that I can recall when deafness comes so close to negligence.

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P.P.S. Although you are now under the pastoral care of Father William Beaudin, I don’t want you to think that I will not think of you or care. For what that care is worth, you can reach me at

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2022 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

The bishop’s annual appeal supports vocations to ensure we have enough priests and deacons to support our parishioners. In May, Deacon Gregory Caldwell and Deacon Brandon Schneider were ordained to the priesthood. In addition, seven deacons celebrated the Rite of Acolyte in February. One of the largest groups of deacons to celebrate the Rite of Acolyte. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

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Bereavement Support

Group Support Meetings

Weekly during July and August 2022

Manchester, Wednesdays 1-2pm

Bennington, Thursdays 6-7pm

SVMC Conference Room

To RSVP call 802-442-0540

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Bennington and Rutland Counties

VNA & HOSPICE are eager to find a volunteer opportunity that fits with your interests, availability and talents. Next training in-person on Friday: July 22nd from 8am - 4pm. Preregistration required. Proof of full COVID vaccination and masks during training will also be required. For more information, please call Mary at 802-442-0540 or email mary.pleasant@vnahtsr.org