



Saturday, September 17
5:30pm – Danuta Pietrowska by the Family

Sunday, September 18
8:00am – Jack Perry by wife, Catherine
10:00am – *Pro populo*

Monday, September 19
8:00am – NO MASS

Tuesday, September 20
8:00am – Health of Pamela Mary Woods
by Mark Templeton

Wednesday, September 21
8:00am – Susan Fredick by cousin, Louise Dell

Thursday, September 22
8:00am – Paul Bielawski by the Family

Friday, September 23
8:00am – James Douglas Stewart
by Carolyn Stewart

Saturday, September 24
5:30pm – *Pro populo*

Sunday, September 25
8:00am – Health of Guy Routhier by the Family
10:00am – Special Intentions

Let us remember in prayer:
All the Sick, the Dying, the Victims of War,
domestic violence and those who care for them.

Dear Friends,

“Jesus said to his disciples:
‘Whoever wishes to come after me must deny
himself, take up his cross, and follow me.’”
[Matthew 16.24]

Saint Paul speaks of the cross as being a stumbling block to those who do not believe. For us, who do believe, it is that which gives meaning to our lives. The cross is the prism through which God’s love enters our lives.

What is critical is to see the cross in its proper perspective. It is not meant to be oppressive or consuming. It is meant to be the source of our transformation and salvation.

The effectiveness of the cross is not how much it hurts but rather how much it touches our hearts. This touch helps us see all in a different light and most especially with charity.

The cross is never meant for self-absorption. Rather, it assists us in seeing others with the eyes of compassion and hope. Though of its time [14th century], the following quote by Thomas A Kempis underlines the point.

When you suffer tribulation and your heart is filled with sorrow, you are on the cross with Jesus, and when you find consolation in your devotions and delight in singing hymns and sacred songs, you rise with Jesus in newness of spirit. It is then that with joyful heart you will sing Alleluia, as one raised from the dead and freed from the tomb.

Therefore, no matter what happens or how oppressive the situation, be meek, humble, and patient – and this for the love of God. With patience, carry your cross together with Jesus, and die daily on the cross for your eternal salvation. Every affliction patiently endured in the flesh is medicine for the soul, satisfaction for sins, and hope of future beatitude and glory. Amen.

I say of its time because God would not expect us to wish more suffering for its own sake. Nor to remain in a situation that is abusive, for example.

Rather the cross calls us to see, know, and embrace the inevitable in our lives. Both those things that hurt and those that ultimately call us to deeper union with God in Christ!

Sincerely,
Father Beaudin

We welcome, James William Paladines and Benjamin Gabriel Paladines, who were baptized September 10, 2022 as our newest members of Saint Paul Roman Catholic Church.

The **Christ Our Savior Choir** is looking for new members to join us for our annual Christmas Concert this coming December. All voice parts are gladly welcomed. We rehearse on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm beginning on September 20th. If you have any questions please see our organist Michael Gallagher after any of the weekend Masses. We would love to have you join us!

40 Days for Life

From September 28 – November 6, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way on the sidewalk across from Planned Parenthood, 11 Burnham Ave Rutland, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you’d like more information, please join us for Rutland’s Kick-Off Rally on Sunday, September 25th at 3:00 pm on the sidewalk across from Planned Parenthood or visit 40daysforlife.com/rutland or contact Kerri Polli at klpolli@comcast.net, (802) 345-8775.

2022 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish Bishop’s Appeal goal is **\$ 62,660**. We have **\$ 33,497**, pledged which is **53%** of our goal. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit vermontcatholic.org/give online.

Faith Formation Program for 2022-23

will begin on this **Sunday, September 18**. This will be a Parent and youth, Grades 1 - 6 session in the Parish Hall, which will meet at 8:50am, giving families the opportunity to attend the 8:00 or 10:00am Mass. Registration forms and calendars for 2022-23 Faith Formation Program are available this weekend, at the entrances of the church or in the wall files in the hall outside the Faith Formation office on the lower level of the church. Regular classes will begin on September 25th. More details will be given at the 8/18 gathering in the parish hall.

All families, new to the Parish must register. Youth who will be participating in the Faith Formation program **must** also file a registration form for program and provide a **Baptismal Certificate for each child by October 30th**.

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