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Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Weekend Masses

Sat.: 4:00 PM St. E., Rochester Sun.: 9:00 AM OLA, Randolph 11:00 AM St. A., Bethel

Confessions

Sat.: 3:00-3:45 PM St. E., Rochester Sun.: 8:00-8:45 AM OLA, Randolph & After the 11:00 AM Mass, St. A., Bethel

Or by Appointment

Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament

Sat.: 3:00—4:00 PM, St. E. Mon.: 7:00—8:00 AM, St. A. Tues.: 5:15—6:15 PM, St. A. Wed.: 4:00-5:00 PM, St. E 5:00 -6:00 PM, OLA

Thurs: 8:30—9:30 AM, OLA Fri: 8:30-9:30 AM, OLA 2:00-3:00 PM, St. A.

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Remember your loved ones in the Holy Mass – they will be forever grateful to you!



THIS WEEKEND:

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY, JULY 6TH Saturday, July 3

St. A. ~ 11:00 am "First Saturday" Rosary

St. E ~ 3:00 PM - Adoration/Confessions

St. E ~ 4:00 PM Mass – The Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday, July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

No Masses will be live-steamed this Sunday.

OLA $^{\sim}$ 9:00 AM Mass – Brendon Farrington+ (by Patrice Conard) St. A $^{\sim}$ 11:00 AM Mass – Antonio Govoni+ on his 9th anniversary (by Govoni family)

THIS WEEK:

Monday, July 5

St A ~ 7:00 am Adoration

Tuesday, July 6

PARISH OFFICE REOPENS with normal hours.

St A \sim 5:15 pm Adoration St. A - 6:30 PM: KofC - Bethel

Wednesday, July 7

OLA ~ 9:00 am Bible Study: James, Pearls of Wise Living

St. E ~ 4:00 pm Adoration

OLA ~ 5:00 pm Adoration

OLA ~ 7:00 pm Bible Study: James, Pearls of Wise Living

Thursday, July 8

OLA ~ 8:30 am Adoration

Friday, July 9

OLA ~ 8:30 am Adoration

St. A. ~ 2:00 pm Adoration

NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, July 10

St. E $^{\sim}$ 3:00 PM – Adoration/Confessions

St. E \sim 4:00 PM Mass – the Living & Deceased Members of the CDA Court of St. Anthony

Sunday, July 11 - Anniversary of Fr. Gratton's Ordination

OLA ~ 9:00 AM Mass – Howard & Diane Magnant+ (by Richard & Annette Magnant)

St. A $^\sim$ 11:00 AM Mass – The Intentions of the Parishioners St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Mott – 12:15 pm Annual Family Day Mass & Picnic

UPCOMING:

Tuesday, July 13

St. A ~ 6:30: Catholic Daughters of America

Wednesday, July 14

OLA $^{\sim}$ 9:00 am Bible Study: James, Pearls of Wise Living

OLA ~ 7:00 pm Bible Study: James, Pearls of Wise Living

Sunday, July 18

OLA ~ 8:00 am KofC - Randolph

Tuesday, July 20

Bethel Library – 5:30 pm Book Club

WELCOME to all our Visitors:

If you would like more information about our Parishes, or would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or about the process for joining the Catholic Church, please ask your neighbor or contact Elizabeth Stuart, Parish Secretary at 802-728-5251, or estuart@vermontcatholic.org

Remember to pray for the sick and hurting, especially for...



Marion Casarico, Stanislaw Kosiorek, Judy McCullough, Janice Brown, Pam Corcoran, Rita Morin, Frank Mojzesz, Bobby Perez, Richard Perez, Cathy Bigelow, Paul & Sue Field, Samantha Field, Sophie Weden, Nancy McNally,

Blanche Rea, Peg Mollitor, Frank Russell, Shirley Dumont, Marion Bourn, Maybelle Dumont, Richard Church, John Flanagan, Annette W., John Mahaffy, Russ Mitchell, and Keith Grimes

Sunday Collections (June 26th- 27th, 2021)

OLA: total collections and gifts: \$1,669 Electronic giving: \$215 Sunday collections: \$602

Includes: \$77 Peter's Pence

OLV: total collections and gifts: \$1,612

Electronic giving: \$85, Sunday collections: \$1,527

Including: \$35 Building Fund, \$5 Energy/Fuel, \$195 Peter's Pence

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the Valley more additional

parishioners to assist with the Sunday Counts. This would be one or two Sundays (or Mondays) per month, handling the Sunday Collections, completing the tally sheets, preparing the deposit, and getting the money to the bank. No special skills are required beyond using an adding machine and attention to details. Please contact Elizabeth at the Parish Office if interested.

REMINDER: Wondering what to do with those 5-cent returnable? If you redeem them at MSM Beverage in Randolph, Vt., you can designate that all those nickels and

dimes be reserved from Our Lady of the Angels and Our Lady of the Valley Parishes. Yup! That's one of my jobs as Parish Secretary...to stop at MSM Beverage,



collect the booty and get it deposited into the bank. Things are opening up again, family get togethers, picnics, barbeques...remember to collect all the empty bottles and cans, drop them at MSM Beverage and designate Our Lady of the Angels as the recipient for the cash!

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal (or St. Isabella of Portugal)

Feast day: July 5

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-elizabeth-of-portugal

(1271 - July 4, 1336)

"GOD MADE
ME QUEEN SO
THAT I MIGHT
SERVE
OTHERS"



Saint Elizabeth of Portugal's Story

Elizabeth is usually depicted in royal garb with a dove or an olive branch. At her birth in 1271, her father Pedro III, future king of Aragon, was reconciled with his father James, the reigning monarch. This proved to be a portent of things to come. Under the healthful influences surrounding her early years, she quickly learned self-discipline and acquired a taste for spirituality.

Thus fortunately prepared, Elizabeth was able to meet the challenge when at the age of 12, she was given in marriage to Denis, king of Portugal. She was able to establish for herself a pattern of life conducive to growth in God's love, not merely through her exercises of piety, including daily Mass, but also through her exercise of charity, by which she was able to befriend and help pilgrims, strangers, the sick, the poor—in a word, all those whose need came to her notice. At the same time, she remained devoted to her husband, whose infidelity to her was a scandal to the kingdom.

Denis, too, was the object of many of her peace endeavors. Elizabeth long sought peace for him with God and was finally rewarded when he gave up his life of sin. She repeatedly sought and effected peace between the king and their rebellious son Alfonso, who thought that he was passed over to favor the king's illegitimate children. She acted as peacemaker in the struggle between Ferdinand, king of Aragon, and his cousin James, who claimed the crown. And finally, from Coimbra, where she had retired as a Franciscan tertiary to the monastery of the Poor Clares after the death of her husband, Elizabeth set out and was able to bring about a lasting peace between her son Alfonso, now king of Portugal, and his son-in-law, the king of Castile.

Reflection

The work of promoting peace is anything but a calm and quiet endeavor. It takes a clear mind, a steady spirit and a brave soul to intervene between people whose emotions are so aroused that they are ready to destroy one another. This is all the more true of a woman in the early 14th century. But Elizabeth had a deep and sincere love and sympathy for humankind, an almost total lack of concern for herself, and an abiding confidence in God. These were the tools of her success.

From the office of the Secretary:

July 4th will mark six months that I've been working as the Parish Secretary (although I think the official title is "Administrative Assistant to the Pastor"). Most of what I do, I was expecting ... preparing the bulletin (Fr. Gratton was really HAPPY to get that off his desk!), answering the phones, helping with Funeral Masses and Wedding Masses and just generally making things run as smoothly as I can. There are some things that I should have realized I would be responsible for, but which didn't really cross my mind (like ordering paper towels and trash bags when we get low or liquid soap for the dispensers in the bathrooms). Although, I did realize I needed to replenish the hand sanitizer pumpers, so no idea why the other things slipped past me!

And I confess that Holy Week was a bit more challenging than I anticipated...I somehow failed to realize just how many different pieces come together that week to make for smooth liturgies and beautiful sacred events. I suspect the success we enjoyed was due as much to everyone that volunteered as it was due to any efforts on my part – and "Thank you" again to EVERYONE that helped, however y'all helped...We'll be doing it all again come the Christmas season!

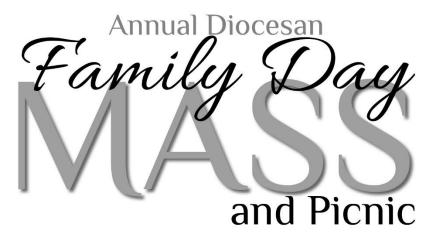
Things are settling down a bit for the summer. I've got most of my routines down...although I seem to have a "skip button" when it comes to posting the Weekly updates on Monday!

For the mistakes I've made (like taking three tries to get a name correct on the prayer list in the bulletin), I apologize. For the mistakes to come, please don't hesitate to help me out by letting me know. I like to think I'm open to correction and at least not rude to y'all if you approach me with something. Forgetful occasionally, but not intentionally rude.

I sincerely thank all of you that have been keeping me in your prayers – I know that helps and thank you to everyone that has wished me well on my Vacation (upcoming while I'm writing this but occurring while you're reading about it!)! I'll be back in the office on the 6th. "Til then,

God bless, Elizabeth

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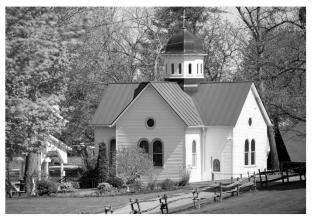


Sunday, July 11, 2021

12:15 p.m.

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte





Join us for the Mass for Families at St. Anne's Shrine, in Isle la Motte, at 12:15 p.m.

Bishop Coyne will celebrate Mass.

A BBQ will follow — donations are appreciated.

Please RSVP for the BBQ with Nancy at (802) 928-3362 or by emailing sas@sse.org







Upcoming Events



07|11-08|06

Totus Tuus

July 11 – 16 • Brattleboro and Georgia July 18 – 23 • S. Burlington and Bristol July 25 – 30 • Newport and Middlebury

August 1 – 6 • Bennington and Barre

The Totus Tuus Summer Catholic youth program will be hosted at twelve locations in Vermont this summer.



07|07 - 08|25 WEDNESDAYS

Summer Reflection Series

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte 11:15 am

The Reflection Series returns! Beginning July 7 and running through August 25, members of the Society of Saint Edmund and Diocesan Priests will present the Summer Reflection Series every Wednesday (except July 21). The programs begin with 11:15 a.m. Mass followed by a presentation. Lunch is available for purchase in the café, or you may bring your own picnic lunch to eat outside. All are welcome! Reservations are appreciated though not necessary and can be made by calling (802) 928-3362.



07 10 SATURDAY

Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass and an

opportunity to learn more about Padre Pio.



07|11 SUNDAY

Family Mass with Bishop Coyne

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12 pm
Join us for the Mass for Families at 12:15pm.

Bishop Coyne will be there to celebrate. A BBQ will follow — donations are appreciated. Please RSVP for the BBQ with Nancy at (802) 928-3362 or by emailing sas@sse.org — by Friday, July 2, 2021



07 18 SUNDAY

Eileen George Prayer Group

Most Holy Name, Morrisville • 1 - 2 pm Fr. Lance W. Harlow is offering a monthly

lecture and video presentation on the teachings of Eileen George, founder of Meet-The-Father Ministry. Includes Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. Please join us for a very inspiring presentation. Reading materials will be provided each month.



08|15 SUNDAY

Prayer Day on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte 10:30 am - 2 pm

Inviting all family parishioners to join in prayers for the families, past, present and future. We will join the Shrine's Mass at 10:30 AM, followed by the Rosary. Then will process to the golden statue of Mary, to offer up personal intentions and the write in prayers collected from the pilgrim statue visitation to churches. Please bring your own lunch for picnic and enjoy the beach.



JULY 4-10, 2021

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YOUR
MARRIAGE

CREATE A NEW MEMORY

After attending Mass together, go on a picnic and create a new memory as you celebrate this day together.

Remember to pray together with the Glory Be.

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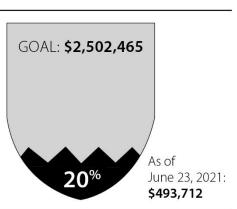
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Who is St. Maria Goretti?

https://mariagoretti.com/who-is-st-maria/ https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=78

Feastday: July 6

Patron: of youth, young women, purity, and victims of rape

Birth: October 16, 1890 Death: July 6, 1902

Beatified: by Pope Pius XII on April 27, 1947

Canonized: by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Those who were acquainted with little Maria said on the day of her funeral: "A saint has died!" The devotion to her has continued to spread on every continent, giving rise to admiration and a thirst for God everywhere. In Maria Goretti shines out the radical choice of the Gospel, unhindered, indeed strengthened by the inevitable sacrifice that faithful adherence to Christ demands.

Pope St. John Paul II,- Message for the Centenary of the Death St. Maria Goretti, 5

St. Maria Goretti is unique in that she is the youngest canonized saint in the Church. She died tragically on July 6, 1902, at the age of eleven.

Born in Corindaly, her farmworker father moved the family when Maria was just six years old from the east side of Italy (near Ancona) to the west side (near Nettuno, about 40 miles south of Rome) in hopes of escaping the grinding poverty that was gripping the area.

Just three years later, when Maria was nine, her father died of malaria. Maria's mother, brothers, and sisters worked in the fields to produce the crops with which they would both pay the rent and

feed themselves. Maria cooked, sewed, kept the house clean, and watched her youngest sister Teresa. Though the family's circumstances were extremely difficult, they were very close and loved God.

This was a terrible time of trial and suffering for the whole family. For Maria it was especially difficult. Aside from having the responsibility of caring for her family, she had to also cook and clean for her two next door neighbors—Giovanni Serenelli and his son, Alessandro—who assisted her mother with the farm tasks.

It was also during this time that Alessandro began to develop an impure liking for Maria. The big 20-year-old would say rude and crude things to her, things that were inappropriate and embarrassing, and that would cause her to run away. However, at a certain point he began to make direct sexual advances towards her, demanding her virginity and threatening her with violence for noncompliance.

On July 5, 1902, Maria was sitting outside the steps of her home sewing Alessandro's shirt while he threshed beans in the barnyard. As she concentrated on her sewing, Alessandro surprised her and grabbed her from her steps. When he tried to rape her, Maria cried that it was a mortal sin and warned he would go to hell.

When Alessandro persisted, she fought him and screamed, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" At her words, Alessandro began to choke her and she said she would rather die than submit. Upon hearing her words, Alexander pulled out a knife and stabbed her eleven times. When she attempted to reach the door, he stabbed her three more times then fled.

Teresa woke to the sounds of her sister's cries and began to cry. Maria's family returned home and found her bleeding on the floor. They quickly took her to the nearest hospital in Nettuno, where she underwent surgery without anesthesia.

Unfortunately, her wounds were beyond the surgeon's ability to help. Halfway through the surgery, the man asked her, "Maria, think of me in Paradise."

As she lay on the table, she looked up at him and said, "Well, who knows which of us is going to be there first?"

She did not realize how terrible her situation was, and the surgeon replied, "You, Maria."

She said, "Then I will think gladly of you." She also mentioned concerns for her mother. The next day, Maria forgave Alessandro and said she wanted to see him in Heaven with her. She died that day while looking upon an image of the Virgin Mary and holding a cross to her chest.

Shortly after Maria's family discovered her, Alexander was captured and questioned. He admitted Maria was a physical virgin as he was unable to assault her and he was sentenced to thirty years. He also admitted he had attempted to persuade her to accompany him to bed on several occasions in the past and had attempted

to rape her before.

Alessandro remained unrepentant for his actions until he had a dream that he was in a garden. Maria was there and gave him lilies, which immediately burned in his hands. When he woke, he was a changed man. He repented his crime and living a reformed life. When he was released 27-years-later, he went directly to Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness, which she gave, saying, "If my

Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII in a ceremony at Saint Peter's Basilica on April 27, 1947.

daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?"

Three years later, on June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint and Alessandro was present in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. He later became a lay brother of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, where he lived in a monastery and worked as its receptionist and gardener until his death.

Saint Maria is called a martyr because she fought against Alessandro's attempts at sexual sin; however, the most important aspects of her story are how she forgave her attacker - her concern for her enemy extending even beyond death - and the miracle her forgiveness produced in his life.





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June 23, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I greet you via this letter asking that it be read at all the Masses this weekend. Next weekend, you and I will celebrate the 4th of July and offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the blessings of freedom that we have as citizens of this great nation: freedom of speech, press, assembly, and petition among many, but most especially for us Catholics, the freedom of religion which guarantees our right to proclaim and practice our faith in our families and communities. Celebrating this particular national freedom, as well as the personal freedom of belief given to each human being by God, I announce the return of the "Sunday obligation" beginning next week, namely that each Catholic who has reached the age of reason is once again obligated to attend Sunday Mass. It may seem rather odd for me to talk about "freedom" while re-establishing an obligation. That is certainly true if you and I see the obligation as something that is imposed on us rather than as something we take on. As Catholics, you and I are followers of Christ who are bearers of the great mandatum or "commandment" which he gave his disciples at the Last Supper "to do this in memory of me." From the very beginning, the early Church would gather on the first day of the week to carry out that mandatum to celebrate the Eucharist. This was not something a Christian could choose to not do. It was the very heart of who they were and who we are. It was an obligation they took on out of love for Christ and His Church. It was something they desired and wanted, not something onerous and burdensome.

My hope is that all of us who are Catholics see participation in the Sunday Mass as something we want to do, not something we have to do. It is a sacred obligation we choose in freedom. We should make every effort to attend Sunday Mass. However, as has been the case from the very beginning of the Church as well, there are times and circumstances when one cannot be present for Sunday Mass: injury, ill-health, mobility issues, age, and now personal safety issues that are still present due to Covid 19. Children who have not been vaccinated, people whose health is compromised so that they have to avoid any risk of contagion as well as their caregivers, may in freedom chose not to attend Sunday Mass. Most parishes which are doing so now will still live-stream Sunday Mass for those who cannot attend. I also urge them to ask for Holy Communion to be brought to them outside of Mass. Simply call your local parish and ask. I realize, of course, that I am "preaching to the choir" in having this letter read at today's Mass. You are already here in this Church. I ask you to share this information with your family and friends who are not here while also sharing with them the joy you experience and the gratitude you feel in being able to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist, the Sacrament of the sacrifice and the Holy Communion of Christ. May God bless you and your families as you leave this place spreading the Good News wherever you go "that Jesus Christ is Lord !,,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne

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