Our Lady of the Angels & Our Lady of the Valley Parishes

07 August 2022 — 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

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THIS WEEKEND –2nd Collection: Building Fund

Saturday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord
St E~ 3:00 pm Adoration
St E~ 4:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday, August 7
OLA~ 9:00 am Mass: James Anthony Farrington+ (by Patrice Conard)
St A~ 11:00 am Mass: Protection of the Unborn (by Rosemary Brown)

St A~ 12 noon Italy Pilgrimage Lunch

THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 8 St Dominic
St A~ 7:00 am Adoration
St A~ 8:00 am Mass: Intentions of Jasmine Brown for her birthday (by Rosemary Brown)

Tuesday, August 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
St A~ 5:00 pm Adoration
St A~ 6:00 pm Mass: Living & Deceased members of the CDA - Court St. Anthony

Wednesday, August 10 St Lawrence
St A~ 8:00 am Mass: Kenneth King+ (by a St. Mary's Parishioner)
St A~ 8:30 am Adoration

Thursday, August 11 St Claire
NO DAILY MASS

Friday, August 12 St Jane Frances de Chantal
NO DAILY MASS

NEXT WEEKEND – 2nd Collection: Fuel & Heat

Saturday, August 13 & Sunday August 14
DRILL WEEKEND

Please welcome Fr. Bernie Gaudreau as he celebrates our Masses on August 13th & August 14th

Saturday, August 13 St Potian, St Hippolytus
St E~ 3:00 pm Adoration
St E~ 4:00 pm Healing for A.G. (by Debby Scherrer)

Sunday, August 14
OLA~ 9:00 am Mass: Madeline Farrington+ (by Patrice Conard)
St A~ 11:00 am Mass: Intentions of the Parishioners

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UPCOMING:

Thursday, August 18
St A Rectory~ 7:00 pm OLV Parish Council

Sunday, August 21
OLA~ 8:00 am Knights of Columbus-Randolph

St A~ 12:00 pm Fellowship Luncheon to welcome Fr. Schneider!

Monday, August 22
Bethel Library~ 5:30 pm Book Club –
Seven Storey Mountain by Tomas Merton

Wednesday, August 24
OLA~ 6:30 pm BIBLE STUDY - PSALMS

Thursday, August 25

OLA~ 6:00 pm Our Lady's Kitchen ~ Meal with a Movie

Friday, August 26
OLA~ 9:45 am BIBLE STUDY - PSALMS

Remember to pray for the sick and hurting, especially for…Janice Brown, Rita Morin, Bobby Perez, Richard Perez, Cathy Bigelow, Paul & Sue Field, Samantha Field, Sophie Weden, Blanche Rea, Marion Bourn, Maybelle Dumont, John Flanagan, Annette W., Russ Mitchell, Jim Morse, Barbara Audette, Francie Epperson, Eric Gilman, Stephen McNally, and John Mahaffy.

Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; Where your treasure is, there is your heart; Where your heart is, there is your happiness.
– St. Augustine

Are you visiting with us today?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Church? Questions about the Mass? Questions about becoming Catholic? Call 513-238-4854 (cell), OR email Elizabeth at estuart@vermontcatholic.org. If she doesn't have the answers, she can find someone who does!

Sunday, August 21st

Fellowship & Welcome Luncheon for Fr. Schneider

St. Anthony's Parish Hall

12 noon (after the 11 pm Mass)
The menu is pulled pork, pulled chicken, cole slaw, and more!

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	Our Lady of the Valley				OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS			
July 25-31	Sunday baskets	online	total		Sunday baskets	online	other	total
Building Fund			$0					$0
Easter Flowers			$0					$0
Fuel/Energy			$0					$0
Furnace			$0					$0
Gifts-undesignated		$90	$90				$125	$125
Home Missions			$0					$0
Sunday	$1,821		$1,821		$1,386	$190		$1,576
Ukraine			$0					$0
Votive Candles	$95		$95					$0
Deposit	$1,916	$90	$2,006		$1,386	$190	$125	$1,701
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Attendance	St A	53						
total	St E	22	75			OLA		103

Our Lady's Kitchen
"A Meal with a Movie"

Thursday, August 25th
6 pm Free Supper
6:30 pm Popcorn & a Movie:

A free, hot meal for anyone in the community in need – followed by the monthly **Catholic Movie Night**

FYI: the POTLUCK is still on as well for anyone who cares to contribute

The plan is to provide a MEAL and a MOVIE every third Thursday of the month. Interested? Willing to help? Wanting to support this ministry? Please contact the **Meal Coordinator:**

Bill Johnson: coachjohnson@outlook.com
Or Elizabeth at the Parish Office
estuart@vermontcatholic.org
802-728-5251

The opportunities:

- To serve the larger community
- To feed the hungry
- To care for the needy
- To work with other members of the community

The needs:

- Cooks, bakers, & general prep crews
- Set-up crews, servers, clean-up crews, dishwashers, pot scrubbers
- The hungry in the community and those willing to serve them
- Drivers to provide rides
- Prayer Warriors

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Instead of "passing the basket" around a second time every Sunday, there will be one Collection. Envelopes for the Second Collection can either be dropped in the basket at that time OR into the "Second Collection" basket that will be provided at the entrance of the Church. There will be a notice indicating the subject of the collection. This change is being implemented to minimize disruptions within the Mass which should be a time of prayer and reflection.
All of my love,
Fr. Scott Gratton

Catechesis for children ages 3 to Confirmation*

Catechesis will be offered at St. Anthony Church in the parish hall on Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 10:30 am starting in September. Parents should contact Rosemary Brown with the names and ages of new students. The lessons are a mix of large group prayer and learning centered around our theme, which, this year, is Scripture. Catechesis of the Good Shephard or age-appropriate textbooks will be used. Rosemary Brown: 802-234-9522
(*Confirmation is now celebrated in the 6th grade in our Diocese)

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross: (October 12, 1891 - August 9, 1942)

She is the reason why Fr. Gratton joined the Army (ask him about it)!

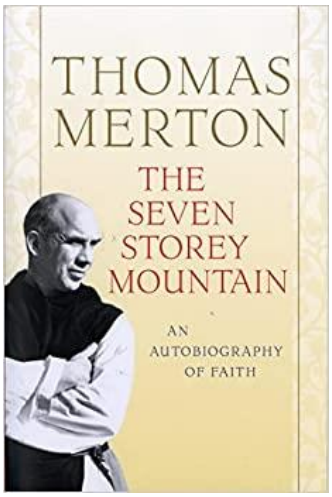
A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Saint Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Born into a prominent Jewish family in Breslau, Germany—now Wroclaw, Poland—Edith abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology--an approach to philosophy. Excelling as a protégé of Edmund Husserl, one of the leading phenomenologists, Edith earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. She continued as a university teacher until 1922, when she moved to a Dominican school in Speyer; her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis.

After living for four years in the Cologne Carmel, Sister Teresa Benedicta moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands, in 1938. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-teresa-benedicta-of-the-cross

BOOK CLUB ~ the next selections is <u>The Seven Storey Mountain</u> by Thomas Merton.



The Book Club will meet on Monday, August 22nd at the Bethel Library at 5:30 pm
One of the most famous books ever written about a man's search for faith and peace. It tells of the growing restlessness of a brilliant and passionate young man, who at the age of twenty-six, takes vows in one of the most demanding Catholic orders—the Trappist monks. At the Abbey of Gethsemani, "the four walls of my new freedom," Thomas Merton struggles to withdraw from the world, but only after he has fully immersed himself in it. At the abbey, he wrote this extraordinary testament, a unique spiritual autobiography that has been recognized as one of the most influential religious works of our time.

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
August 6–12, 2022
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Why go to Mass?
'First of all, to worship God'

For better or for worse, in our age the Church finds herself in a posture of severe self-examination. We see around us everywhere in the Western world a decline in participation in the sacramental life of the Church and the personal affiliation of the majority of people under 50 is the famous "none." Anyone reading this who has participated in a parish council meeting in the last 30 years or our own Diocesan Synod knows the inevitable topic: Why are so many simply drifting away from faith and the Sunday Mass entirely?

There are any number of answers to this, many of them true as far as they go: Changing social norms and expectations that are hostile to the faith, material prosperity, which makes faith seem superfluous, scandal within the Church, and on and on. The noxious brew of apostasy has many ingredients.

And while we should never see any program, catchphrase or approach at outreach to our fallen-away brothers and sisters as the "magic bullet" or "the next best thing that will save the Church," whatever sincere and devout attempts to reconcile our neighbor with the Church should be encouraged. For ourselves — faithfully clinging to the barque of Peter even amidst these tempestuous times — let us be clear and without doubt what we are principally about.

When I was in seminary, I came across a book in the library called "Parish Priest" by French priest Father Eugène Masure. The author immediately made a point in the book that struck this reader squarely between the eyes. Right at the beginning he asks the question: "For what purpose, firstly and above all, does a parish exist?"

Father Masure distills it perfectly: Every parish exists to be the place where a specific community is brought into the worship of the all-holy, triune God. The parish, and all its ancillary activity, centers around the worship of God. Period. And of course, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the locus of this worship. But it should also encompass every short visit we make to the church, every meeting that takes place there; the religious education and all the spiritual and corporal works of mercy performed by its congregation are meant to redound in union with the Mass to the worship and glory of God.

Then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) knew this reality when he wrote, "The Church stands or falls with the liturgy. The true celebration of the sacred liturgy is at the center of any renewal of the Church" (my emphasis).

Father Daniel Cardó, commenting on this line from Cardinal Ratzinger, said, "The key point here is the priority of God and, therefore, the problem of faith. Believers, and the world, need a real encounter with God."

Too often we fall into the trap of thinking the Church is a company or a business in need of better marketing and publicity, as if that would solve the problem of people drifting away. What I fear we too often underestimate is the real depth of the crisis of our time: that the vast majority of people leaving the faith of their fathers is not because of any perception of how "welcoming" the Church is, but because they simply find belief itself impossible. There are too many obstacles in the way to an encounter with the living God. They no longer believe, and so in honesty they no longer participate in the life of the Church.

Taking our cue from Cardinal Ratzinger, we would do well to truly examine whether our parish liturgies reflect the reality that we are there, first of all, to worship God. Is the whole work of the Sunday Mass like a clear window through which we can see that something wholly unworldly and transcendent is happening? Or does it distract and feel like a mere expression of ourselves and our littleness?

People are spiritually starving in our world today. People need something from our parishes that they cannot get anywhere else or from any other activity: an encounter with God that leads to worship. That's what our parishes are for.

— Father Steven Marchand is administrator of St. Peter Parish in Vergennes and St. Ambrose Parish in Bristol.

This article was first published in the Summer issue of *Vermont Catholic* magazine, made through the generosity of the Bishop's Appeal and the goodwill and prayers of the faithful in the Diocese of Burlington..

Upcoming Events

08|09 – 11|08 TUESDAYS
The Creed Professed:
a seminar on Part I of the U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults
via Zoom • 7 – 8 pm

This bi-weekly Zoom seminar is being offered as part of the Diocesan "Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life." The first session was held on May 10. For information and to register: studythecreed@gmail.com

Aug 9, Session 7: *The Good News: God Has Sent His Son*
Aug 23, Session 8: *The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ*
Sep 13, Session 9: *Receive the Holy Spirit (Jn 20:22)*
Sep 27, Session 10: *The Church: Reflecting the Light of Christ*
Oct 11, Session 11: *The Four Marks of the Church*
Oct 25, Session 12: *Mary: The Church's First and Most Perfect Member*
Nov 8, Session 13: *Our Eternal Destiny*

08|10, 17, 24, 31 WEDS
Summer Reflection Series at Saint Anne's Shrine
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte
11:15 am

We hope you can join us for the 11:15 am Mass followed by the presentation. Lunch is available in the cafeteria after the presentation, except for July 27 when you can bring your own picnic lunch. Please call or email us with any questions at (802) 928.3362 or sas@sse.org.

August 10: Rev. David Cray, S.S.E.,
St. Lawrence the Martyr: Dying to Self
August 17: Rev. Michael Carter, S.S.E.,
Presidents and Piety: Catholic Schools in America
August 24: Monsignor Peter Routhier,
The Role of Saints in the Life of the Church
August 31: Rev. Richard Myhalyk, S.S.E.,
How We See God: Our Spiritual Lens on Life

08|13 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.

08|13 SATURDAY
Amendment 22/Prop 5 Information Session
Saint Michael School, Brattleboro
9:30 am - 12 pm

Speakers include: Deacon Pete Gummere M.S., M.A. Bioethicist, Diocese of Burlington; Annisa Lamberton, Spokesperson for Vermonters of Good Government; Carol Kauffman of Vermont Family Alliance; Mary Beerworth, Executive Director, Vermont Right to Life. **FOR MORE INFO: (802) 257-5101.**

08|14 SUNDAY
St. Mary's Church Brunch
St. Mary, Franklin • 9 am – 12:30 pm

Adults: $12; children: $8; 6 & under: free.
All you can eat! Take-outs are available

09|17 SATURDAY
Vermont Catholic Daughters Fall Retreat: The Rosary
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph
9 am – 2 pm

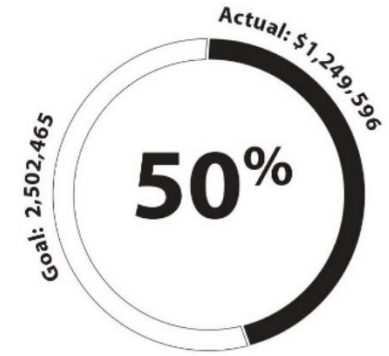
The Vermont Catholic Daughters Fall Retreat will be led by Father Brandon Schneider. There will be a series of short talks and Mass will be celebrated during the retreat. Father will be available for confessions. Snacks and lunch will be provided. We will be raising awareness of the need to support our seminarians. There is no fee for this event. However, you must pre-register by September 7, 2022. After that, there will be a late fee of $10. Please register with Debbie at: dgbrown264@gmail.com

09|24, 25 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Course for Adults
Saint Andrew, Waterbury

This Level II course builds upon the foundation of the Level I course and prepares catechists to work with 6-9 year old children. Complete dates: Sept 24-25, Nov 5-6, 2022, Jan 7-8, Mar 18-19 (tentative) 2023; May 13-14 (snow make-up date), June 19-25, 2023. Learn more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at www.cgsusa.org. **MORE INFO: Kathleen Cosentino, kcosentino@madriver.com or (802) 233-3009.**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2022 UNITY IN FAITH



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Parishioner testimony:

"My life is different because 2 courageous women chose not to abort their children. One was the girlfriend of my brother. He wanted her to get an abortion, and drove her to the clinic. When they got there, she refused to enter. "I'm not going in there," she said quietly. My brother yelled and shouted, but she stood fast. Angry but thwarted, he drove her home. They married, and had a beautiful daughter, Jenny, my first niece. I was only 12, and thrilled to be an uncle. Jenny turned out to be the glue that held them together, and became the older sister to 3 more siblings. I only learned this story years later, when Jenny herself was a mother, with 4 beautiful children."

A MESSAGE FROM THE
U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
Ending Slavery Is Everyone's Work

August — Are you aware of trafficking in your state? Do you know your state laws that protect victims? Invite a member of your state legislature to talk about laws or a state patrolman to share his/her experiences with trafficking.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Winners in the George F Jonson Council of the Knights of Columbus Raffle for the month of July!
Moneys raised will go to continue the councils works of charity such as Coats for Kids, and Food for Families.

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Calendar Raffle, and we sincerely hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We are looking forward to doing this again next year and hope you are as well.

Winners to date:

July 1: William & Jolana Walker-
- $50.00 @ Metamorphous Hair Salon Bethel

July 2: Regina Delaney -
- $20.00 @ Bethel Village Sandwich Shop

July 3: Candy Potrzeba –
- $30.00 @ Dandelion Acres

July 4: Dale Mount -
- $25.00 Exon/Mobile Gas Card

July 5: Lisa Campbell - $20.00 @ Dunkin Donuts

July 6: Kevin Laliberte - $20.00 @ Subway

July 7: Richard Church – $20.00 @ Irving

July 8: Amber Wimmer
- $20.00 @ Hubbard's General Store

July 9: Jacque Delyea
- ½ Gal Maple Syrup Gilead Maple Mountain

July 10 Madeline Chapman
- $20.00 @ Sandy's Books & Bakery

July 11 Candy Potrzeba
- Free Class Day Breaks Glass $95 Value

July 12 Audrey Turk
- $20.00 @ Bethel Village Sandwich Shop

July 13 Frank Rea
- $25.00 @ Bethel Central Market

July 14 Tammy Stratton –
- $20.00 @ Bethel Drive In

July 15 Michelle Dunne –
- $25.00 @ Exxon/Mobile

July 16 Helen Pettengill -
- $20.00 @ Rochester Café

July 17 Steve Morgan - 1/2 doz. Cupcakes HailBrook's Broken Stove Bakery

July 18 Julie Sanderson –
- $25.00 @ Exxon/Mobile

July 19 Tammy Tomazewski
- $50.00 @ The Forge Restaurant

July 20 Peg Molitor –
- $25.00 @ Royal Towne Gifts

July 21 Mark & Brenda Corlis –
- $20.00 @ Dunkin Donuts

July 22 Larry Parmentor –
- $20'00 Gift Card Subway

July 23 Nancy Comack –
- Gift Package Stonewall Kitchen Treats

July 24 Dale Mount –
- $50.00 @ The Forge Restaurant

July 25 Keith Grimes –
- 1/2 doz Cinamon Rolls Halbrooks Broken Stove Bakery

July 26 Audrey Turk - $20.00 Irving Gift Card

July 27 Don Hayes - $20.00 Irving Gift Card

July 28 Donald Waters –
- $20.00 Sunoco Gift Card JD's Quick Stop

July 29 Irma Hartigan –
- $20.00 Heart of Hancock Restaurant

July 30 Nancy Comack –
- $50.00 @ Metamorphous Hair Salon

July 31 Bill Lynch –
- $20.00 Halbrooks Broken Stove Bakery

Thanks again to everyone that participated in our raffle!!
Council 10241 Knights of Columbus.

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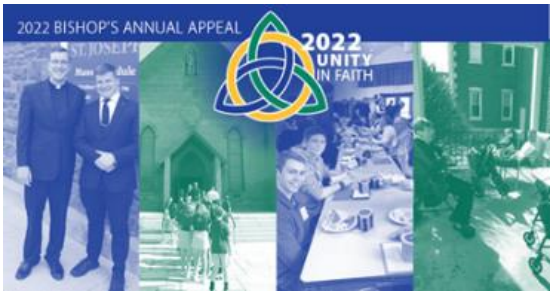

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PARISH RESULTS AS OF JULY 26TH:

OLA: Goal $9,625.40,
pledges & gifts $7,030.00 => 73% of goal

OLV: Goal $16,133.85,
pledges & gifts $13,348.00 => 83% of goal

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=LUKE 1:45=
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