SACRED HEART SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH • BENNINGTON, VERMONT

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Catholic parish family is united by God's love and our belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We live and share our faith in our daily actions as a parish, as a school and as individuals.

EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM

Mondays with Miraculous Medal Devotion
5:30 PM

First Fridays (only)
Mass: 9:00 AM
Holy Hour & Benediction: 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday after Mass until 8:00 PM

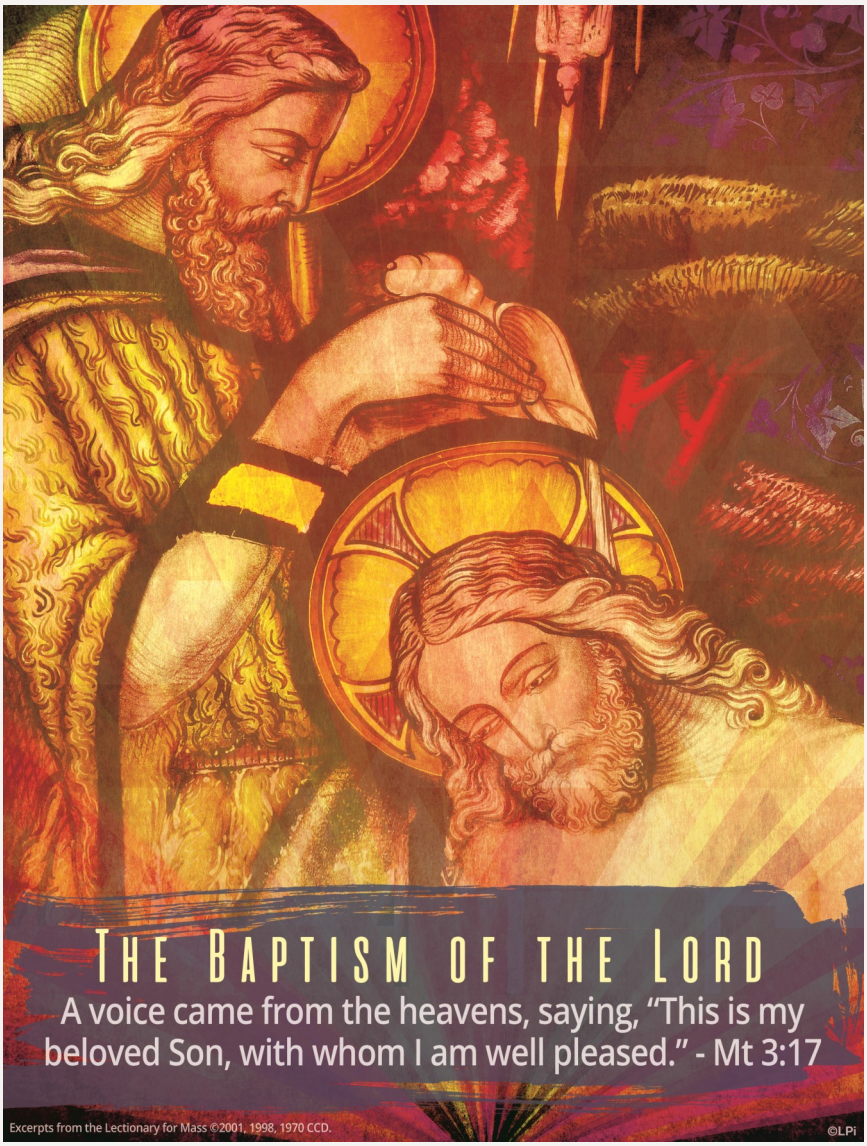
Last Sunday (only)
Mass: 6:00 PM

Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment

CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS
EDUCATION · PARISH · MISSION

Rev. Robert Wiseman, c.s.c.–Pastor
Rev. Hugh Cleary, c.s.c.–Parochial Vicar

The Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers have offered continuous service for over 60 years to the Diocese of Burlington and the Bennington area.



PARISH CENTER MAIN OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Friday
8:30 AM–Noon & 1:00–4:30 PM
email: benncath@comcast.net

Mass Intentions for the Week

And Liturgical Celebrations for
January 11—19, 2020
(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

Sat./Sun., Jan. 11/12 The Baptism of the Lord
4:00 p.m. ✝ Gerry P. Morrissey (15th) - Mary Morrissey
✝ Jane Morrissey Maloney (30th) - Mary Morrissey
✝ Lillian Sleeman Seward - Rose Napolitano
✝ Olivia & Omar Moreno - Their Sister, Alda
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
9:30 a.m. ✝ John Mahon - The Murphy Family
✝ Mary & Tom Dwyer - Their Children
✝ Ed Holden (8th) - Jim & Grace

Monday, Jan. 13 Saint Hilary
8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Tuesday, Jan. 14 Weekday
8:00 a.m. ✝ Bea & Earl Alderman - The Family

Wednesday, Jan. 15 Weekday
8:00 a.m. ✝ Mary & Anna Bushee - Mary Pat Racicot
✝ Madeleine & Howard Fitzgerald - Mary Pat Racicot
✝ Rita Myers - Mary Pat Racicot
✝ Albert Racicot - Mary Pat Racicot
✝ Alda & Philip Racicot - Mary Pat Racicot
✝ Alice & Philip Riley - Mary Pat Racicot

Thursday, Jan. 16 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Vicky Trudeau (Living) - Julie Guasconi

Friday, Jan. 17 Saint Anthony
8:00 a.m. ✝ Jim Feeney - Mary & Roy

Sat./Sun., Jan. 18/19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. ✝ Rebecca Sausville-Smith - Mary Morrissey
Our Parish Family
7:30 a.m. ✝ Anthony Napolitano - Mary Ann Pembroke & Family
✝ Leon Boutin - His Daughter
9:30 a.m. ✝ Josephine Cadiz - Dick & Joan
✝ Butch Corbett (6th) - The Family

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:16-17

Readings for the week of January 12, 2020

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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Welcome to our Church!

If you are new to the area or looking for a spiritual home, you can register at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales parish by stopping in the Parish Office to fill out a brief census card. Or call the Parish Office and we'll be happy to mail you a form.

Welcome to the family of God and
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church!

Question of the Week
Is there truth in other religions?

A breakthrough document from Vatican II, Nostra Aetate (Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions), released a theological revolution in 1965. Catholicism went on record calling the human family one community sharing a common destiny in God.

All religions seek answers to the great human questions about life, meaning, happiness, death, and mystery. A Vatican II document noted that other religions of the world present a "program of life" inclusive of doctrines, moral precepts, and sacred rites. All of these assist human beings in the quest for God and truth and are therefore honorable.

Vatican II taught that the Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions. This is a strong proclamation that deserves to be more widely known.

New global realities make dialogue and understanding between all who seek God a mandate for the future. At the same time, the church continues in its obligation to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, which it regards as the fullness of truth.

~ Alice Camille

Sunday Summary

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 The faithful servant of God bears the spirit of the one who sends him.
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 The voice of the LORD can be heard over the vast waters.
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 Baptism starts with John, and the gift of the Spirit with Jesus.
Mark 1:7-11 John agrees that water Baptism is important, but the arrival of the Spirit even more vital.

Faith Formation Program

"Growing In Faith Together"

For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or 1kathy.murphy@gmail.com

You are invited to join us on Facebook – SHSF Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes

Classes start after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and run until 11:45 a.m. on the following dates:

January 12 & 26

Mass Bags for Children Available

Thank you for bringing your young children to Mass. We invite you to borrow our updated parish Mass Bags to help your young disciple be more engaged during our Eucharistic Celebration. Mass Bags are available at the front entrance of the church under the image of Pope Francis. Feel free to take one during Mass - after you're done with them, please put them back in the basket.

Children are a gift from the Lord - Psalm 127:3

Flocknote enables you to receive parish event information, Holy Day reminders, Mass time changes and inspirational resources via text and/or email. Flocknote is free and you may unsubscribe at any time. Please take advantage of this invitation to join today!

Visit our church at: www.flocknote.com/vermontcatholic **OR**

Text vermontcatholic to 84576 from your phone

The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales
307 School Street
Bennington, VT 05201

Mr. David Estes, Principal
442-2446, Ext. 3

Providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel Values in an environment that is caring, challenging, and respectful, striving to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.

honor roll

The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales announces its Honor Roll for the Fall Trimester.

Principals' Honors –

Grade 8 – Catherine Morrissey, Luisa Novelli, Nikolas Segura, Riley Thurber, and Claire Zimpfer

Grade 7 – Aiden Bevin, Catherine Bitteker, Elizabeth Davis, Grace Diedrich, Isaac Frey, Samuel Matunas, Sean Moriarty, Amelia Pello, and Ceayra Tifft

Grade 6 – Veronica Jarvis, Rhyan Marsh, Gwyneth Podkowka, and Sadie Warner

Grade 5 – Greta Bitteker, Cate Cummings, Evan Frey, Arianna Keyes, Audrey Parks, Rylee Pfindel, and Aundrea Toromino

Grade 4 – Jordyn Craft, Hunter Favreau, Aiden Green, Brynn Lackey, Dominic Myers, and Jack Sauer

Grade 3 – Alexandria Coulter, Eli Lauzon, Morgan McGean, and Natalie Pello

High Honors –

Grade 8 – Noah Warner

Grade 7 – David Allen, Dreland Carey, Isabella Harrington, Phineas Inman, Vance Kobelia, Samuel Kobik, Ryan Maroney, Gabriel Nesbit, and Kaelene Pallman

Grade 6 – Erin McGean

Grade 5 – Joshua Allen, Orion Breese, Spencer Broderson, Andrew Cowder, Laikin Gallant, Jesse Nesbit, Hayden Schmidt, Sophia-Lyn Schmidt, and Jozef Segura

Grade 4 – Kali Coon, Keller Cullinane, and Aubrey Croff

Grade 3 – Richard Fischer, Collin Gulley, Donovan Smith, Kaidence Vosburgh, and Amelia Zazzaro

Honors –

Grade 8 – Isabella Casalinova, Molly Lindsey, and Adriana Main

Grade 7 – Willa Babson, Kaylin Foster, Wyatt Gigliotti, Fenix Griffith, Cheyenne McGowan, Tatum Stratton, Isabella Thurber, and Zoey Zazzaro

Grade 6 – Ariana Bushee, Cameron Casalinova, Claire Rivers, and Victoria Smith

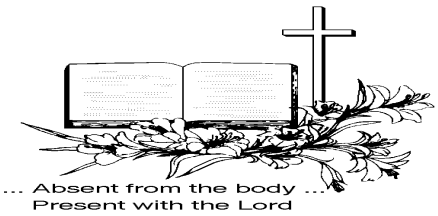
Grade 5 – Addison Baker, Rowan Behan, Jonathan Crossman, Colton Gigliotti, and Madelyn Harrington

Grade 4 – Lillian Comar, Ryleigh Cornell, Charlamayne Cruickshank, and Khiley Ferris Lyons

Grade 3 – Meredith Dame, Colin Eldred, Madelyn Fleming, Jackson Frey, Sophia Jones, Zion Johnson, and Maxton Wohlleber

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please remember the sick, including ~
Don Place, Cathy Place, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Tina Harrington, Bob Smith, Ray Vivaldi, Kim McLure, A.J. Morton, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Cindy Levitte, Francis "Pete" Roy, Christopher Rubino, Lena Reap, Dolores Pruden, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Abigail Grace Lamar, Wilfred LaBonte, Therese Long, Gloria VanDerzee, Adrianna Dewey, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of River's Edge Community Care Home.



Born to Eternal Life

Leonard Anzivino

Thank You FOR YOUR HELP

There was a crowd in the kitchen last Sunday, January 5, as 12 Confirmation Students gathered to make Chicken and Biscuits along with Chocolate Chip Cookies for the Interfaith Dinner at the Second Congregational Church.

Shout out goes to Sean MacDonald, Elise Fischer, Matthew Robinson, D.J. Roy, Killian Kervan, Elyse Altland, Kaitlyn Cherry, Sawyer Lampron, Maxwell Mattison, Gabriella Giorgi, Payton Lamoureaux and Madison Crossman for giving of their time and talent.

Baptism OF THE Lord

Prayer Events this Week

Mon., Jan. 13	10:15 am	Mass at BPI
Tues., Jan. 14	9:30 am	Fillmore Pond Mass
Tues., Jan. 14	6:30 pm	Prayer Group (chapel)
Wed., Jan. 15	10:30 am	CLR Rosary
Wed., Jan. 15	2:00 pm	Crescent Manor Mass
Wed., Jan. 15	3:00 pm	Vets' Home Mass
Thur., Jan. 16	10:30 am	CLR Mass

Meetings/Events this Week

Mon. Jan. 13	3:00 pm	Girls Basketball Clinic
Tues., Jan. 14	7:00 pm	Worship & Spirituality
Wed., Jan. 15	1:00 pm	HIS Pantry (downstairs)
Wed., Jan. 15	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Practice
Wed., Jan. 15	6:30 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Fri., Jan. 17	10:00 am	HIS Pantry (downstairs)
Fri., Jan. 17	4:00 pm	Boys Basketball Game

The Holy Eucharist is the heart of the church.

Jesus is the flame that touches all souls. He is the source of "Love." We are to honor His true-living presence and remain loyal in adoring Him. Great graces are His gift to us to prepare the heart for His coming.

Adoration Fridays in the chapel
from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Sign-up sheets for one hour shifts are in the chapel.

Reprinted from "The Inland See" for the Diocese of Burlington
January 11—17, 2020

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and Vermont Catholic Charities announce new external position to support those impacted by sexual abuse

In response to concerns raised by survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families, the Diocese of Burlington has created an external process for supporting and caring for them. In many conversations and communications with survivors, Bishop Christopher Coyne and other church leaders have been told that it is often difficult for survivors to approach the Church directly, especially since it was an agent of the Church that was responsible for their abuse. Many felt that there needed to be another way to get the help and support they need. As such, the Diocese of Burlington and Vermont Catholic Charities, Inc. has contracted with Sheila Conroy LCMHC (licensed mental health counselor) to serve as a Victim Assistance Coordinator to assist in bringing about healing, justice and peace for those suffering from sexual abuse perpetrated by clergy and others employed by the Church in years past.

Under this new endeavor, survivors can contact Conroy directly without having to contact the Church. Following this, Sheila is tasked with providing a safe, warm and respectful welcome to survivors of sexual abuse, their families and friends, and impacted parishes outside of the normal church environment. Along with listening to survivors, she will provide therapeutic service and confidentially communicate victim' needs and concerns with appropriate diocesan leaders in order to provide the best care plan. This role will also plan and promote healing workshops, support groups, healing services and other opportunities for survivors and families if appropriate.

Sheila has an extensive professional background in supporting victims. Thirty-seven years ago, after witnessing the effects of trauma on children and adults who had been suffering from the effects of sexual trauma and war, she began her clinical studies focusing on the impact of early harm to children and young adults. She has held positions as contractor to the State of Vermont, dealing with the effects of sexual abuse on children and their families. She has worked as a clinician in a behavior hospital for adolescents most of whom had suffered from profound physical and sexual abuse that lead to their placement. Sheila also has years of experience contracting with the local and federal government as a Military Family Life Counselor for clients suffering from life-changing effects of war since September 11, 2001 and as a first responder as well as contracted work with Vermont Catholic Charities.

For anyone needing support, Sheila can be reached on a confidential line at 802-855-3016.

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass

Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 9:30 am at St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier with Bishop Coyne as Celebrant. Following Mass Vermont Right to Life will then sponsor a prayerful walk to the Statehouse with program to follow inside.

Nine Days for Life - January 21 - 29, 2020

9 Days for Life 2020 will take place Tuesday, January 21 thru Wednesday, January 29.

9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information.

Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or an app at www.9daysforlife.com

Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops web-site at: http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm

World Marriage Day

The annual Diocesan World Marriage Day Mass at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Burlington** will take place on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:00 am. If you would like to attend this Mass and be recognized, please call the parish office (442-3141) **by Wednesday, January 22nd.**

On the weekend of February 8th & 9th, **our parish** will recognize couples who are celebrating significant milestones – 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years of marriage and above – during 2020. If you are a couple, or know of a couple who should be recognized, please call the parish office (442-3141**) before January 31st.**

"As we walk the road of our spiritual journey, let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and a word of kindness to every person we encounter, for we are welcoming the presence of Christ among us."

HIS Pantry
"Seeing Christ in the hungry"
Phone Number: **442-1720**
hispantryshsf@gmail.com
HIS Pantry at SHSF (Facebook link)
Wednesdays 1:00 – 3:30 pm
Fridays 10:00 am – 11:30

FOOD SHELF FUNDS ARE EXTREMELY LOW! PLEASE CONSIDER A CASH DONATION OR A GIFT CARD FROM PRICE CHOPPER, HANNAFORD, ALDI'S or WALMART.

Most needed pantry items at this time:

- Personal hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, bars of soap
- Diapers (all sizes), toilet paper
- Clean winter coats, sweaters, boots, blankets & seasonal children's clothes. Please note that they MUST be freshly washed or dry cleaned. Can be gently used (or, better yet, new). No home furnishings or tag sale items please.

If you would like to become a volunteer at HIS Pantry, please call 802-442-1720 or email hispantryshsf@gmail.com. We always welcome new hands and hearts!

*The **Second Collection** this weekend is for the maintenance of our church.*

*The **Second Collection** next weekend is for the Envelope Offering & Catholic Education.*

We thank you for your generosity!

Thanks to Our Sponsors!
Thank you to the businesses that sponsor our bulletin and make its weekly publication possible.

AARP Taxaide Service

Each year at income tax time, AARP offers free tax preparation. Although special emphasis is on low and middle incomes and older taxpayers, there is no income level or age limit. There are, however, some limits on complexity. This year the Bennington area sites are:

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish Center –

By appointment only – Call 447-1546

Mondays, Feb. 3 to April 6, 9:00 am to Noon
Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 4 to April 9, 1:00-4:00 pm

St. John the Baptist Church, North Bennington

Walk in – no appointments

Wednesdays, Feb. 5 to April 8, 1:00-3:30 pm

HELP! Care Net Church Liaison(s) Needed!

If you are passionate about pro-life and would like the opportunity to help your local Care Net, True North Pregnancy Resource Center please consider being a church liaison. The church liaison is responsible for putting True North announcements in the bulletin, getting out and collecting baby bottles for the annual drive, and generally being a link between True North and SHSF. It does not have to be one single person although it is currently. The current lisison for the last 6 years has moved out of town and just had twins. She just can't manage it anymore. Please contact her if your are interested in helping. Thank you!

Liz Weber: 802-430-1938 (call/text) or
liz.r.weber@gmail.com

Parish Resources

Baptism - Contact Kathy Murphy at the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.

Faith Formation for Children
To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Kathy Murphy in the Parish Office.

Marriage
Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact the pastor a minimum of 6 months prior to the requested date of marriage.

Care of the Sick
To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.