

FEBRUARY 9, 2020



# 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.

## EUCARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil  
4:00 PM

Sunday  
7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Monday through Friday  
8:00 AM

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

Eucharistic Adoration  
Every Friday after Mass until 8:00 PM

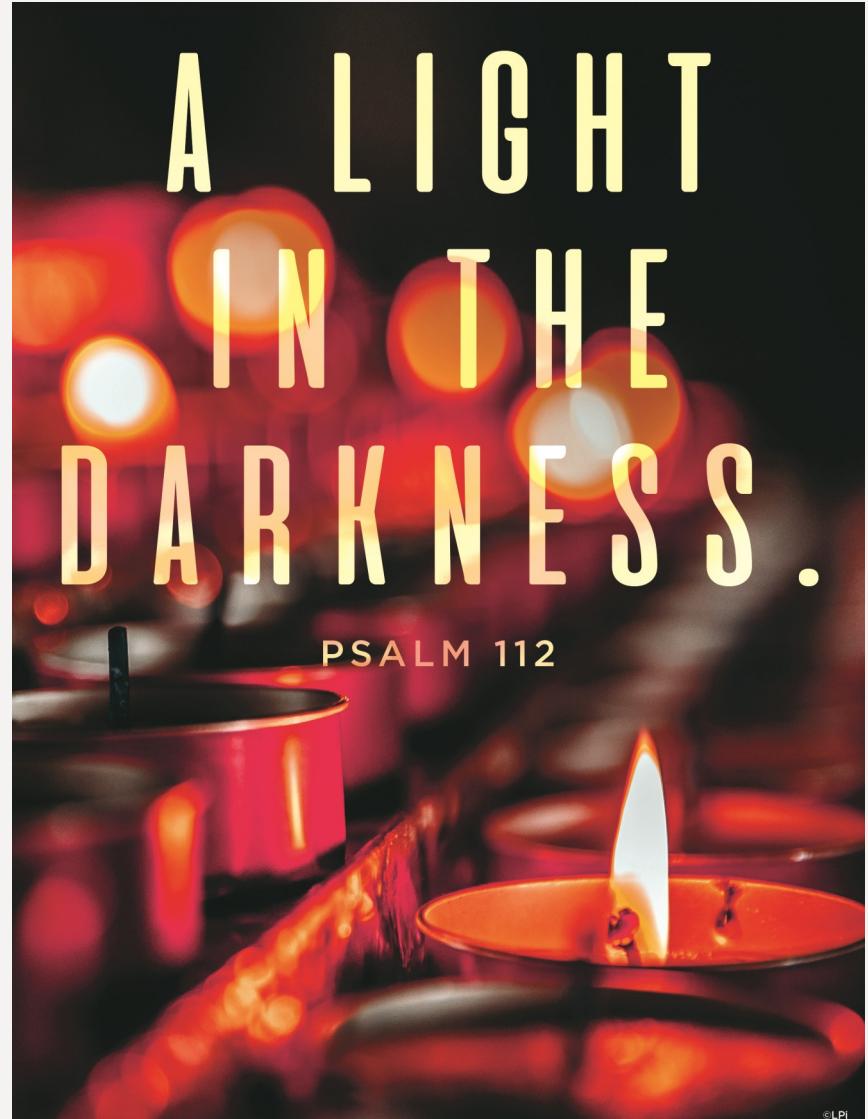
Last Sunday (only)  
Mass: 6:00 PM

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



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](mailto:benncath@comcast.net)



## Mass Intentions for the Week

And Liturgical Celebrations for  
February 8 - 16, 2020

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

**Sat./Sun., Feb. 8/9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. **†** Lillian Sleeman Seward - Mary Morrissey
- 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
- 9:30 a.m. **†** Betty & John Mahon - The Pembroke Family  
**†** Kenneth Mathias Bates  
- Michael Keane & Edie Sawitsky
- †** Kay & Al Allen - The Family

**Monday, Feb. 10 Saint Scholastica**

- 8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

**Tuesday, Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes**

- 8:00 a.m. **†** Bob Mulvey - The Family

**Wednesday, Feb. 12 Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. James Feeney - Dan Taylor

**Thursday, Feb. 13 Weekday**

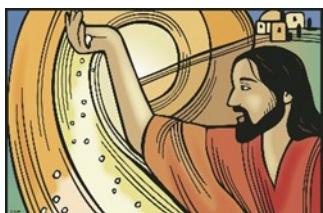
- 8:00 a.m. **†** Deceased Members of the Cristofolini Family  
- Vicky & Family

**Friday, Feb. 14 Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. **†** Dale Palmer (6<sup>th</sup>) - Wife & Sons

**Sat./Sun., Feb. 15/16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. **†** Daniel Taber - The Sandquist Family  
Our Parish Family
- 7:30 a.m. **†** Jo Cadiz - The Pembroke Family  
**†** Ralph Gustavson - The Family  
**†** Len Anzivino - Mary & Tom Flood
- 9:30 a.m. **†** Tony Napolitano - John & Laura Zink



*Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden."*

- Mt 5:13a, 14

## 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

**Why do we call Jesus  
“the light of the world”?**

In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create *light*, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that the rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun's rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remain. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. *"The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race"* (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world.

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## Sunday Summary

**Isaiah 58:7-10** Israel becomes a people-covenant, a light that arrives as faithful as the dawn.

**Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)** One just person brings light to the dark place and creates a lasting legacy.

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5** The cross of Christ is all that matters to Paul, since he counts on God's power alone.

**Matthew 5:13-16** Salt preserves, and light reveals. Together, these qualities describe the true disciple.

### Readings for the week of February 2, 2020

Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

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### 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 Class Schedule

#### First Eucharist upcoming events:

First Eucharist Banners will go home before February break and are due back April 5 (we provide materials)

**March 8** - First Reconciliation Retreat & First Reconciliation

**April 5** - "Take it Home" Retreat

**April 26** - First Eucharist practice following the 9:30 a.m. Mass

**May 3** - First Eucharist Celebration

If your child is seeking Baptism prior to First Eucharist, we should schedule this as soon as possible and prior to Ash Wednesday, February 26 because there are no baptisms during the Lenten season (the 40 days leading up to Easter).

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Sunday Classes: February 9 and 23  
March 15 and 29  
April 19 and 26

Tuesday Classes: February 4, 11, 25  
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
April 7, 21

#### Faith Formation Mass and Class:

February 9 and 23  
March 15 and 29  
April 19 and 26



#### Congratulations to the Weaver Family!

Last Sunday we welcomed Hadley Haiden and Oakley Weaver into our faith community through the sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to the children and their parents.

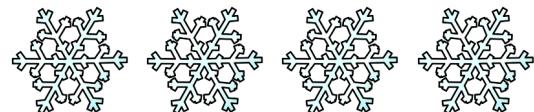


### The School of Sacred Heart

**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.*



### Wintertastic Celebration & Live Auction

*Saturday, February 29 at Mt. Anthony Country Club  
6:00 pm Viewing – 7:00 pm Auction*

Plans are well underway for the **10th annual Wintertastic Celebration** and live auction that will raise funds for our parish school. Our sponsors to date are:

#### Gold Level:

Art & Kathy Whitman  
Jerome Construction

#### Silver Level:

Jason & Christine Morrissey  
Rifenburg Construction, Inc.  
Four Chimneys Inn

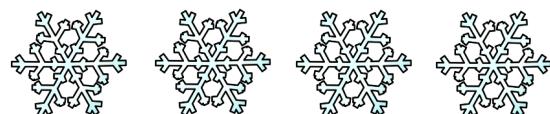
#### Bronze Level:

DePaula Auto Group

The event will honor retiring principal David Estes 41 years of service and we hope to raise important funds to secure a bright future for the parish school. For more information please contact Kathy Murphy at 1kathy.murphy@gmail.com.

Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at Mt. Anthony Country Club.

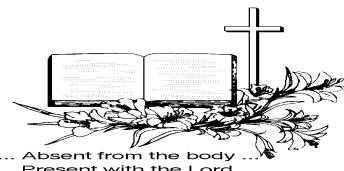
Thank you for your continued support!  
We look forward to seeing you there!!





**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 Walloomsac Apartments.



... Absent from the body ...  
Present with the Lord

*Born to Eternal Life  
Richard Belluzzi*

# FEBRUARY



**Prayer Events this Week**

Mon., Feb. 10	10:15 am	Mass at BPI
Tues., Feb. 11	9:30 am	Fillmore Pond Mass
Tues., Feb. 11	6:30 pm	Prayer Group (chapel)
Wed., Feb. 12	10:30 am	CLR Rosary
Wed., Feb. 12	3:00 pm	Vets' Home Mass

**Meetings/Events this Week**

Mon., Feb. 10	3:00 pm	Girls Basketball Clinic
Mon., Feb. 10	7:00 pm	Social Concerns Mtg
Tues., Feb. 11	5:00 pm	Boys Basketball Game
Wed., Feb. 12	1:00 pm	HIS Pantry (downstairs)
Wed., Feb. 12	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Practice
Wed., Feb. 12	6:30 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Fri., Feb. 14	10:00 am	HIS Pantry (downstairs)
Sat., Feb. 15	9:00 am	Toy Show

This year for Lent,  
don't just change your habits.

**DO SOMETHING THAT WILL  
CHANGE  
YOUR LIFE**



Save the date:  
Light of the World Retreat  
March 20-23. 2020  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church  
The retreat is sponsored by  
SHSF and SJB (no cost to you!)  
*Registration forms are available at the entrances of  
the Church or at the Parish Center.*



*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.*



**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*

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reprinted from "The Inland See" for the Diocese of Burlington  
February 8—14, 2020



### Peace, Hope and Faith

Without hope, what we hear in the world and domestic news today seems frightening. Keep focus on Mary's words:

"... there will be a period of peace.  
at the end,  
my Immaculate Heart will triumph"  
(Our Lady of Fatima).

Having faith does not mean that we will be freed from difficulties, but in difficulties, we will find peace in trusting Jesus and have Mary by our side.

I remembered a conversation I had with my niece who had just come back from mountain climbing practice. There are many steps of trainings to gain skills, and the team is depending on one another's help in coaching the move of each important step; how to select a spot to find a grip for fingers, where to land, and the minimum toe-space of the crack of ledges. Most importantly, she was learning how to troubleshoot — what does she need to do when she slips or loses grip, or the shallow ledge crumbles on her.

I can see the parallel description for our faith, in utilizing the spiritual tools and developing spiritual skills. I feel blessed to be a Catholic, the one Apostolic Church with free memberships and free unlimited continuing education courses from the bible, the priests and all forms of Catholic media.

Catholics believe in using many tools to help focus while praying; these include images of Jesus and the saints.

The image of Mary can easily be associated with an ideal and perfect mother everyone would like to have.

She inspired St. Dominic to pray the rosary. She showed up in many places that needed help.

After World War I, Pope Benedict XV made a direct appeal for peace to the Blessed Mother to intercede for peace in the world. Just over a week later, Our Lady began to appear at Fatima to the three shepherd children, Lucia and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta. She appeared six times from May to October 1917.

The important messages Mary gave to obtain peace in the world are to pray the rosary often for the conversion of sinners, repentance and to offer up personal sacrifices.

Our Lady's Blue Army in Vermont is launching a campaign to say "Yes" to Mary in this election year 2020, for the protection of our country and its Constitution.

#### 1. The first Saturday Devotion for the reparation to Mary

(minimum five consecutive first Saturdays) Please join some churches that already offer this devotion or ask your priest if possible, to have the service: the rosary includes the prayer for the Holy Father plus Confession and Mass.

#### 2. Lead or join the rosary daily or often at home or at church.

3. Volunteer to help spread the message by transporting the pilgrim Fatima statue from one church to the next.

4. Join the rosary prayer cell, which began on Jan. 21, or every third Tuesday of the month at St. Mark's Adoration Chapel from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Mark Church on North Avenue, Burlington.

To learn more about the Blue Army and the Fatima message go to [bluearmy.com](http://bluearmy.com). For more information contact: Yorini Undyanara: [yoandmic@yahoo.com](mailto:yoandmic@yahoo.com) 802-864-0561 (leave a message) or Diana Charboneau: [sonrisefoods@gmail.com](mailto:sonrisefoods@gmail.com) 802-734-3067

— Yorini Undyanara



### World Marriage Day

Last Sunday our diocese observed World Marriage Day with a Mass celebrated in Burlington. This weekend our parish recognizes those celebrating significant milestones. The following couples let us know of their anniversaries this year -

#### Five to Forty-five Years

Ron & Doris Alderman ~ 20 years  
David & Susanne Schilling ~ 21 years  
Ray & Monica Finan ~ 30 years

#### Fifty Years and Over

James & Bernadette Kenyon ~ 50 years  
Ronald & Norma Myers ~ 60 years  
John & Anne Bossoni ~ 61 years  
Frederick & Shirley Kennedy ~ 65 years



### 23rd Annual Toy & Model Show

Saturday, February 15, 2020  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish Center  
Come support this annual parish fundraiser!

For sale: Kits – Plastic/Die Cast  
Hot Wheels – Matchbox -- Toys and more!  
50/50 Raffles – Beverages – Lunch  
Admission: \$3.00 (kids under 12 free)



### Thank you for your generosity!

Last weekend was the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" at which time our Faith Formation and Confirmation students collected money for our food pantry after Mass.

Due to your generosity HIS Pantry will receive \$1165.40.



**HIS Pantry**

"*Seeing Christ in the hungry*"  
Phone Number: 442-1720  
[hispantryshsf@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:hispantryshsf@gmail.com). We always welcome new hands and hearts!

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

*There is no Second Collection next weekend.*

*We thank you for your generosity!*



**Thanks to Our Sponsors!**

Thank you to the businesses  
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make its weekly publication possible.

# Thank You FOR YOUR HELP

Last Sunday February 2, members of our Parish answered our call to lend a hand with the Interfaith Dinner at the Second Congregational Church. A special thank you to Christiana & Nicholas Salem, Jeanne Cody, Mary Drew, Julie, Sophia & Leo Anisman and Anthony Mazzola. We truly appreciate your willingness to lend your time, talent and treasure to this worthwhile community outreach.

If you (or a group) would be interested in hosting one of these dinners, just give the office a call at 442-3141. Thank you.

**Thank you from the  
AIDS Project of Southern Vermont**

We received the following note from the persons in charge of the Aids Project:

*Dear Sacred Heart St. Francis Congregation,*

*Thank you so much for your continued support of our Dove Program. Your generous donations have stayed in our community and helped multiple families and individuals living with HIV/AIDS. We truly appreciate the support. Have a blessed New Year.*

*Thank you,  
Loni and Cynthia*

**Annual Contribution Statements**

Please call (442-3141) the office if you would like a copy of your annual contribution statement and we will be happy to put it in the mail to you.

In an effort to save a tree we are **NOT** printing them out for everyone ahead of time. In the past 80% of statements are never picked up and end up being shredded.

So please call us and request your statement.

**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.