

NOVEMBER 1, 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil  
4:00 PM

Sunday  
7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Monday through Friday  
8:00 AM

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

Eucharistic Adoration  
Every Friday after Mass until 8:00 PM

Last Sunday (only)  
Mass: 6:00 PM

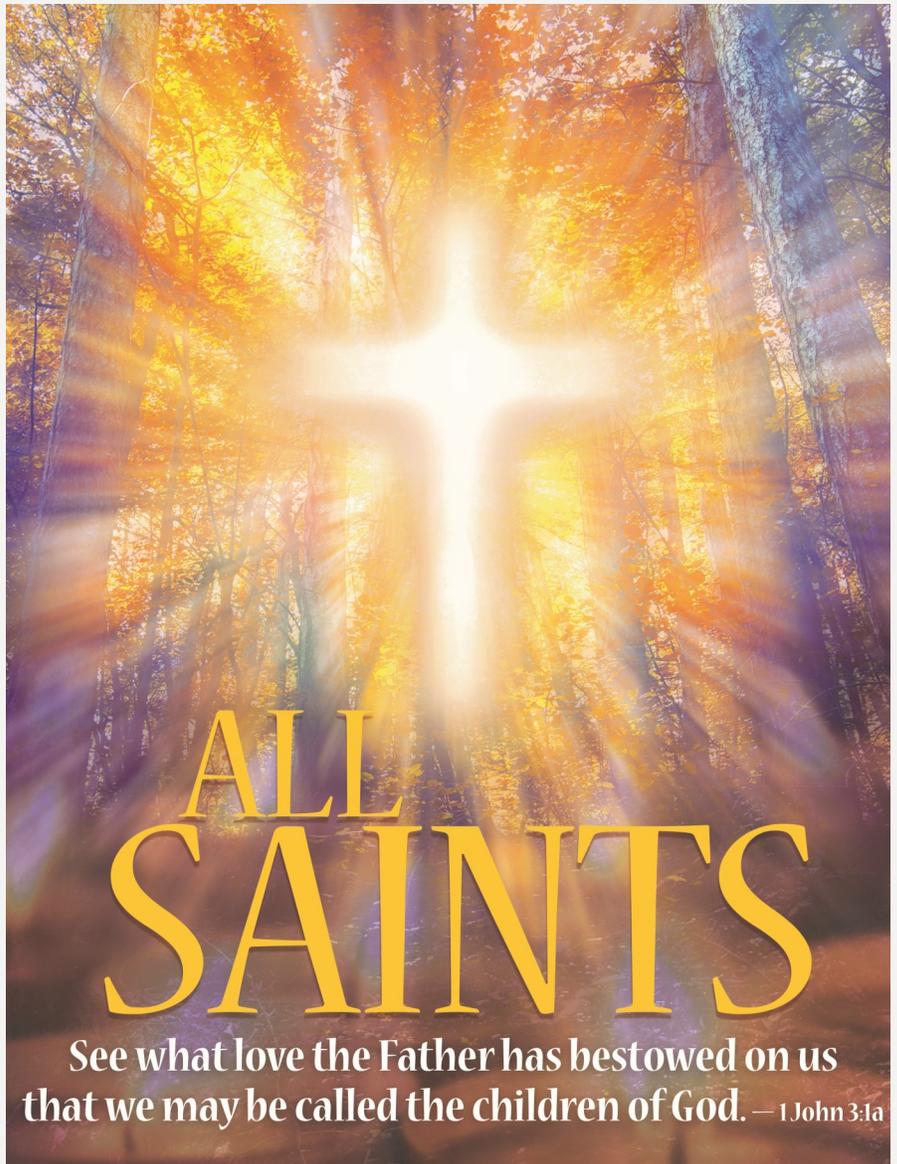
Reconciliation  
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment



CONGREGATION OF  
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Rev. Robert Wiseman, c.s.c.—Pastor  
Rev. Hugh Cleary, c.s.c.—Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Mr. Gary Zack—Deacon

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  
October 31—November 8, 2020

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

**Sat./Sun., Oct. 31/Nov. 1 All Saints**

- 4:00 p.m. † William & Hazel Kelley - Daughter & Family  
Our Parish Family
- 7:30 a.m. † Father Vincent Coppola - Paula Keatley
- 9:30 a.m. † Hermine T. Dranginis (17<sup>th</sup>) - Her Daughter

**Monday, Nov. 2 All Souls' Day**

- 8:00 a.m. † Len Nichols - Dennis & Jo-Anne Amadon

**Tuesday, Nov. 3 Saint Martin de Porres**

- 8:00 a.m. † Rosemary (Allard) Webster (14<sup>th</sup>)  
- Rita & Family

**Wednesday, Nov. 4 Saint Charles Borromeo**

- 8:00 a.m. † Barbara Tremblay - The Grady Family

**Thursday, Nov. 5 Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. † Michael James - Sandy James

**Friday, Nov. 6 Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. † Lillian Sleeman Seward  
- Charles & Priscilla Salem

**Sat./Sun., Nov. 7/8 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. † Merton Cross, Sr. (1<sup>st</sup>) - Doris & Ron Alderman  
† Kay & Al Allen - The Family  
† Ray Vivaldi - Paul Capriola
- 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
- 9:30 a.m. † Mary(14<sup>th</sup>) & Tom (17<sup>th</sup>) Dwyer  
- Their Children

## Note From The Pastor



Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Parish,

We want to express our heart-felt gratitude to all of you for your love and commitment to the parish. These pandemic months have been nerve-wracking and difficult for everyone. It has been a chaotic and stressful time. In order to keep the COVID-19 virus from spreading, all the routine demands and pleasures of daily life have been curtailed and disrupted. We have not even been able to gather as a community for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Through it all you have not forgotten the financial needs of the parish. Many of you have mailed in your envelopes or dropped off your generous contributions or contributed electronically through our parish website. You have been extraordinary in maintaining your stewardship of the Parish.

We are aware of the financial strain everyone is experiencing in these complex times which makes your generosity even more outstanding. Thank you for your goodness and for the inspiration you have given us. We are blessed to be serving here at the parish.

Please know of our prayers for you and deep appreciation.

Sincerely in the Lord,  
Fr. Bob and Fr. Hugh

## Note from Msgr. McDermott

In consideration of Governor Scott's August 1<sup>st</sup> order requiring facial coverings/masks for indoor public gatherings and outside gatherings, Bishop Coyne is directing all parishioners to wear facial coverings/masks when entering and leaving church buildings, including for the celebration of Holy Mass.

This directive will remain in effect until the Governor's order is modified or rescinded, or the Bishop updates our liturgical norms and protocols.



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*  
- Mt 5:3, 9

## Sunday Summary

**Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14** The source of saving power is the God who creates, sustains, and loves the world.

**Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6** The clean of heart may see the Lord, who made the earth and all its fullness.

**1 John 3:1-3** We are God's children. Those who believe that keep themselves pure in spirit.

**Matthew 5:1-12a** The single-hearted are blessed with the vision of God and the reign to come.

## Readings for the week of November 1, 2020

- Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6] /1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
- Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

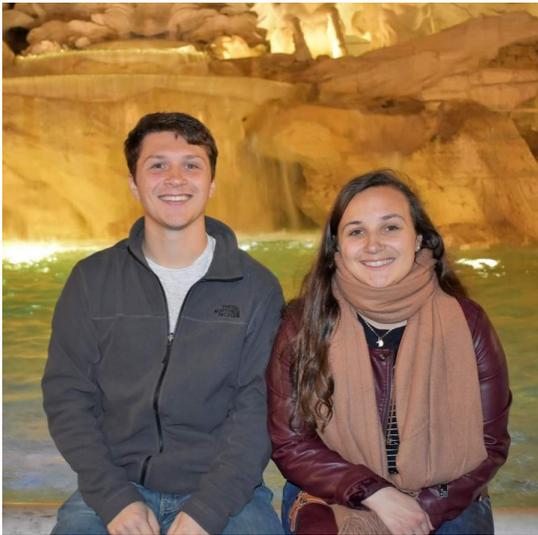
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**Faith Formation Program**  
"Growing In Faith Together"

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

**You are invited to join us on Facebook –**



**The Hojnowski Family**

Martha Hojnowski has recently finished her Level I training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). Martha is a catechist for SHSF's Level I CGS class which serves 3 - 6 year olds. CGS is a Montessori based program that is taught in an atrium. The atrium (or prepared environment) is a space in the lower level of the Parish Center, which has been modified to be safe this year, and is specially designed to help students build a relationship with God. The Sunday morning class is currently at capacity, but there is still room for more students at the Tuesday morning class which meets from 10:30 -11:45 am.

Martha and Ed's children David and Bethany (pictured above) are both doing a service year after their graduation.

David is currently working a year of service as a Franciscan Volunteer Minister at St. Francis Inn, serving the poor and homeless in Philadelphia, PA.

Bethany is also engaged in a year of service as a Seton Teaching Fellow, and teaching a Catholic Faith Formation program (El Camino) at a middle school in the Bronx, NY



**Wish List Item**

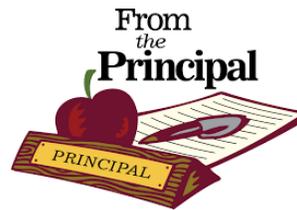
This year we have a wish list item for the atrium called the Liturgical Calendar which we can purchase for \$115. Can you help?



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

**Mr. David Estes, Principal**

*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.*



**From the Principal**

**Message from Mr. David Estes**

One of the greatest gifts you can give to your child is an understanding of the value of respect. Too often we hear stories of people who do not have self-respect and who do not show respect for others. It is our responsibility to create a peaceful community that begins with mutual respect and a large dose of tolerance. Certainly, Jesus provides the most powerful model of respect for us. We recall countless stories in the Bible demonstrating Christ's respect both for himself and for all of God's creation. Christ treated everyone with respect, whether the lowliest among us or the greatest. The sinner, the leper, Mary Magdalene, Zachaeus the tax collector - all were treated with complete respect by Jesus.

The best tool for teaching your child the value of respect is to model it yourself. You may not realize how your every word and action may be observed by your child. Think of it this way: By remaining highly conscious of the things we do and say, we not only model respect for our children but are likely to improve our own adult behavior. Our actions as adults are seldom lost on children. So it is most important that we objectively view our own behavior to ensure it provides the kind of example we wish to set.

One thing that hurts the peace of a school community is gossip. Maybe we should post a sign with large letters that reads, all teachers, students, parents, and administration, and staff do not want to hear or see anyone bad mouthing or gossiping about anyone else. This can take place on social media platforms as well, such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instant Messenger.

Children who live in homes where respect is an important value are secure and find a much easier and happier path through life. Make respect for self and others a top priority in your home



**Please remember the sick, including ~**

Robin Tremblay, Rene Cassano, Caleb St. John, Bob Hannan, Marie Parker Mayer, Don Place, Cathy Place, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Tina Harrington, A.J. Morton, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Cindy Levitte, 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 patients of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.

**Gospel Reflection  
All Saints**

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identify folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their "extraordinary ordinariness" capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the "more" of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day. Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us.

Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith.

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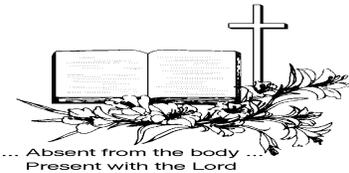
**Memorial Mass for Fr. Vinny**

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church will be celebrating the life of the beloved Rev. Vincent Coppola, C.S.C. on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m.

The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Bob, and Fr. Hugh. Unfortunately, Fr. Cregan and Mrs. Mooney will not be able to join us due to travel restrictions.

While we grieve the loss of Fr. Vincent at such a young age, we look forward to celebrating his life and sharing in communion with one another.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions attendance at this Mass is limited, therefore **Pre-registration is required.** Please call the parish office at 442-3141 to reserve your space. Or email [benncath@comcast.net](mailto:benncath@comcast.net). **Be sure to tell us how many people you are reserving space for.** Reservations will be honored on a first-come first-served basis. For those not comfortable attending Mass due to the pandemic, the Mass will be live-streamed, go to [sacredheartsaintfrancis.org](http://sacredheartsaintfrancis.org) and scroll down to find the for the link.



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

Edgar E. Lemieux



**Votive Candles  
November 2020 Intentions**

† Perpetual for Frances Bender

† Patricia Perrott  
*requested by her family*

† Deceased Members of the Edward Kuhn Family  
*requested by the family*

† Kelly Smith Wright & Gavin Smith  
*requested by the family*

† John Schneski  
*requested by Patty & Frank, Mary, Rose & Teddy*

† Anthony Napolitano  
*requested by his family*

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

October 31 – November 6, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



## DIOCESE ANNOUNCES *Pastoral Associates* PROGRAM

When it is not possible to appoint a full-time parish priest or a parish administrator due to a shortage of priests, there is another way for a diocesan bishop to provide for the pastoral care of a parish community: pastoral associates.

This new position will ensure the care of and flourishing of Vermont parishes into the future.

“In order to sustain Christian life and to continue the evangelizing mission of the community, the diocesan bishop may entrust a share in the pastoral care of a parish to a deacon, to a consecrated religious or layperson or even to a group of persons” such as a religious institute or association,” explained Deacon Phil Lawson, executive director of evangelization, catechesis, divine worship, marriage and family and respect life for the Diocese of Burlington.

To train candidates to be pastoral associates, the Diocese is instituting a Pastoral Associate for Parish Life Training Program. Applications for the one-year formation program will be accepted in the spring, and the program will begin in August for the academic year 2021-2022

It is designed to equip individuals with knowledge and skills to serve their parishes. This service will take the form of parish administration, pastoral care, pastoral counseling, finances, sacramental preparation, liturgical planning and assistance, human resources and faith formation.

The sessions will be facilitated by Deacon Lawson, Deacon

Chris Keough, various diocesan leaders and individuals with experience serving in this role.

In addition to in-person formation in Vermont, students will complete a course from the Pontifical College Josephinum entitled “Best Practices in Parish Administration.”

The Diocese will cover the majority of the cost of this program. Each participant will be asked to contribute \$250 in tuition.

“We know that we have a real priest shortage at this time. This has necessitated the researching of additional means of caring for our parishes, while freeing up our priests to spend more of their time on that which they alone can do, in the areas of sacramental ministry and spiritual care,” Deacon Lawson said. “However, this should not be seen as simply trying to plug a hole, but an opportunity to build vibrant parishes and move our parishes from mere maintenance to mission; drawing more workers into the vineyard who are inspired and equipped to joyfully share the Gospel.”

To be eligible for the program, a candidate must be a Catholic in good standing. The normal prerequisite for submitting an application is successful completion of the Diocesan Lay Formation Program or similar previous formation. In addition, three letters of recommendation, including one from the applicant’s current pastor, are required.

For more information, email Deacon Lawson at [plawson@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:plawson@vermontcatholic.org).

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*Hope*

BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH



## Christ Our Hope Campaign *Update*

A portion of the funds raised through the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign supports these types of ministries through the faith formation fund established in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. This will ensure stable income for vital faith formation ministries, especially in times of crisis. To learn more about the campaign or make a gift online visit: [www.christourhopevt.org](http://www.christourhopevt.org).

16%

As of October 20: \$1,569,715

Goal: \$10,000,000



**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 am**

HIS Pantry is a volunteer-run parish ministry which assists those in need of food in our local community. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the pantry food distribution is now being done outside, under tents in the parking lot. Now, more than ever, we need your support to help those struggling with food insecurities in our area. Here are some ways you can help:

**Volunteering:** We are in need of a few more volunteers during this difficult pandemic period! Here are some of the areas where we especially need help:

- \* **Outdoor setup crew:** set up tents, tables & coolers outside on Wednesdays, 11 am - noon and/or Fridays, 9-10 am. Need to be able to lift at least 20 pounds.
- \* **Outdoor guest assistance:** help out guests select food offerings (masked and socially distanced), Wednesdays 1-4pm and/or Fridays 10am - noon.
- \* **Guest sign-in and/or indoor food prep & packaging:** Wednesdays Noon-4pm and/or Fridays 9am - noon
- \* People that can **pick up fresh produce** at local farm markets during the summer & fall months (once/twice per month, time slots flexible)

If you would like to become a volunteer at HIS Pantry or give us an additional hand in one of the areas listed above, please email [hispantryshsf@gmail.com](mailto:hispantryshsf@gmail.com) or call 802-823-0195.

**Donations:**

- \* **Groceries:** rice, spaghetti, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned beans, shelf stable juices, tuna, canned chicken, mac & cheese, peanut butter
- \* **Personal hygiene items:** bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products
- \* **PPE:** face masks, hand sanitizers, Lysol spray
- \* **Financial support:** cash donations, VISA or store gift cards (can bring to the parish office or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked for HIS Pantry). Note that these gift cards are used solely by pantry volunteers to purchase needed foods as we run low. Thank you for your generosity!

**Special Note:**

*His Pantry would like to gratefully thank all the individuals and organizations that are so kindly giving of their time, food, gift cards and monetary donations to help feed the needy in our community. Your continued generosity during this difficult time is truly making a difference in the lives of so many! Our sincere blessings and wishes for good health to all.*



**Pray:**

**The Story of Patrick Peyton**

You will experience the power of faith and prayer in the new documentary, **PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON**, the true story of the man behind the famous phrase, “The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.” Screenings of this

film at Hathaway’s Drive In Theatre on **Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th at 6:30 PM** with a bonus: second feature is the movie, **Fatima**, following! Local parishioner, Alex Dee, helped create this documentary, and enabled an exclusive screening here in his hometown for all of us to experience this powerful story.

Tickets can be bought online at

[hathawaysdrive-in.com](http://hathawaysdrive-in.com)

or at the box office the night of the screenings.



**RCIA** ...a journey in faith  
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

**RCIA**  
**The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**  
**Classes to Begin on November 1**

Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church or has questions about our Catholic Faith? Someone who:

- Has never been baptized?
- Has been baptized, but is not a practicing Catholic?
- Has been baptized, but never been confirmed?

If you know of someone like this please ask them if they would be interest in becoming a full member of our Catholic Church. For more information contact either Scott Murphy at 802-245-4990. Or you may call the parish office at 442-3141.

*The **Second Collection** this weekend is for our Parish School.*

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

*We thank you for your generosity!*