

JULY 18, 2021



# 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



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.



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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Monday through Friday  
8:30 AM–Noon & 1:00–4:30 PM  
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# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

And Liturgical Celebrations for  
July 17—July 25, 2021

*(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)*

**Sat./Sun., July 17/18 The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. † Edgar Lemieux - Mary Morrissey  
 † Julie Griffith LeBlanc - Mary Morrissey  
 † William B. Center, Jr. - Paula Keatley
- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members  
 of the Knights of Columbus Council #307  
 Reatha Williams (Living) in honor of her  
 Birthday - Vicky & Julie
- 9:30 a.m. † Joseph Anthony Young - Vicky & Julie  
 Our Parish Family

**Monday, July 19 Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. † Raymond Vivalke (1<sup>st</sup>) - The Family  
 † Philip O'Neill - The Family

**Tuesday, July 20 Saint Apollinaris**

- 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**

**Wednesday, July 21 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

- 8:00 a.m. † William Maroney (18<sup>th</sup>) - The Family

**Thursday, July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene**

- 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**

**Friday, July 23 Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. † Joseph Carpenter - Savoia Family

**Sat./Sun., July 24/25 The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. † George (11<sup>th</sup>) & Norman Allard  
 - Rita & Family  
 † John Maynard - Henry Maynard  
 † Robert Jack King - The King Family
- 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
- 9:30 a.m. † Jim Stewart - His wife, Sharon & Family  
 † Simone Brodeur - Betty Palmer  
 Debbie & Richard Cutler on the occasion of  
 their 50th Wedding Anniversary  
 - The Family

## Gospel Reflection

### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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### Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

- Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/  
 Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
- Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/  
 Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/  
 Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18  
 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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### Join Us!

Join us in a farewell reception for seminarian Luan Tran who has been serving our parishes this summer on Sunday, August 8 after the 9:30 am Mass in the Parish Center.



### Summer Office Hours

The Parish Offices will close at noon on Fridays, from June 18<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>.



*"Growing In Faith Together"*

For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or [shsffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:shsffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org)  
**You are invited to join us on Facebook – SHSF Faith Formation**



### **Baptism**

On Saturday, July 3, we welcomed into our faith community Benjamin Everett Blanchard through the sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to Benjamin and his family!

### **Kid's Corner**

#### **Sharing the Gospel**

People heard how Jesus and his disciples had healed their family and friends. They followed Jesus around like people hurry to see movie stars today. Jesus felt sorry for these people. They were like sheep without a shepherd. He said, "Love God more than anything or anyone. Love your neighbor as yourself." His words were joy to their ears. They followed him because he filled their hearts with hope and peace.

#### **Mission for the Week**

Lord, help me give joy to others by sharing your words.

#### **Prayer**

Pray that children hear God's voice saying,  
"I love you. Say NO to evil."



**The School of Sacred Heart  
St. Francis de Sales  
307 School Street  
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### **HONOR ROLL**

The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales announces its Honor Roll Students for the spring trimester:

#### **Principal's Honors –**

- Grade 8** – Aiden Bevin, Catherine Bittaker, Elizabeth Davis, Isaac Frey, Samuel Matunas, Cheyenne McGowan, Sean Moriarty, Cameron Parks, Zoey Zazzaro,
- Grade 7** – Veronica Jarvis, Rhyan Marsh, Erin McGean, Gwyneth Podkowka, Kaede Takano
- Grade 6** – Addison Baker, Andrew Cowder, Cate Cummings, Evan Frey, Laikin Gallant, Jesse Nesbit, Audrey Parks
- Grade 5** – Gianna Avieniu, Hunter Favreau, Brynn Lackey, Jack Sauer
- Grade 4** – Alexandria Coulter Colin Eldred, Natalie Pello, Donovan Smith
- Grade 3** - Riley Favreau, Steve McCay

#### **High Honors –**

- Grade 8** – Willa Babson, Fenix Griffith, Vance Kobelia, Ryan Maroney, Amelia Pello
- Grade 7** – Ariana Bushee, Cameron Casalinova, Victoria Smith, Sadie Warner
- Grade 6** – Joshua Allen, Greta Bittaker, Orion Breese, Gracie Darby, Arianna Keyes, Rylee Pfindel, Aoi Takano
- Grade 5** – Bryn Babson, Kali Coon, Lillian Comar, Aubrey Croff
- Grade 4** – Madelyn Fleming, Eli Lauzon, Morgan McGean, Analeise O'Malley, Danni Sleeman, Kaidence Vosburgh, Amelia Zazzaro
- Grade 3** – Lillian Avieniu, Lucas Dunican, Emma Dwyer, Wyatt Lozier, Paislee Potvin, Abigail Smith

#### **Honors –**

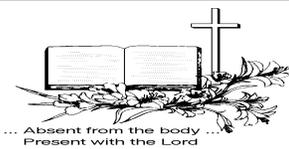
- Grade 8** – Sean Fleming, Wyatt Gigliotti, Isabella Harrington, Samuel Kobik, Gabriel Nesbit, Kaelene Pallman, Tatum Stratton
- Grade 7** – Jacoby Dicranian, Mattea Hathaway
- Grade 6** – Spencer Broderson, Izzac Cloutier, Colton Gigliotti, Madelyn Harrington, Jozef Segura, Aundrea Toromino
- Grade 5** – Ryleigh Cornell, Khiley Lyons, Dominic Myers, Sophia Yannotti
- Grade 4** – Dyllan Cloutier, Milo Darby, Richard Fischer, Jackson Frey, Colin Gulley
- Grade 3** – Dante Babcock, Addyson Brosnan, Dakota McGowan, Hadley Weaver

**JULY 18, 2021**



**Please remember the sick, including ~**

Gerald Amadon, John McShane, Donna Peters, Kyle Dane, Rose Santarcangelo, Charlie Buckley, Charles Tremblay, Reatha Williams, Frank Babcock, Tami Greene, Robin Guertin, Nan Mears, Diane Roy, Dorothy Roy, Robin Tremblay, Rene Cassano, Caleb St. John, Don Place, Cathy Place, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Cindy Levitte, Christopher Rubino, Lena Reap, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Gloria VanDerzee, Adrianna Dewey, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of Fillmore Pond.



*Darlene M. Young*

*David A. Brookman*



**Votive Candles  
July 2021 Intentions**

† Perpetual for Frances Bender

† Theresa & Bob Long, Sr.  
*requested by the Dale Long family*

† Richard C. "Dick" Pembroke  
*requested by the family*



**Holy Family Prayer Group  
Join Us!**

The Holy Family Prayer Group has resumed our Tuesday evening Prayer Meetings. We praise God in song and ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide our meetings with his gifts and truths. We pray, read scripture, and share how God is working in our lives.

We meet every Tuesday evening in the Holy Cross chapel at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please come join us and deepen your love with the Holy Spirit.



**Save the Date ~  
Summer 2021  
Totus Tuus  
Summer Catholic Camp**

Returning to Bennington for the 9<sup>th</sup> summer

Grades 1 – 8 ~ August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>  
(9:00 am – 3:00 pm)

High School ~ August 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>  
(7:30 pm – 9:30 pm)

Join us for a week of faith and fun! A high-energy dose of faith building led by 4 young adults. Registration forms are available at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/resource/2021-bennington-totus-tuus-registration/> or at the Parish Center or on our website.

For more information email: [shsftotustuus@gmail.com](mailto:shsftotustuus@gmail.com)

***This summer, due to the pandemic, the number of children participating will be limited. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first served basis. Register early to ensure a space for your child.***



**Catechesis of the  
Good Shepherd**

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ("CGS")** is a Montessori based hands-on method of faith formation.

CGS utilizes a prepared space for children called the "atrium." The atrium, a space where both the children and catechists can hear, ponder and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith, contains models representing people, places, and objects found in scripture and liturgy.

The Atrium is such a peaceful place, and at the same time, it's a very "fun" place, with real materials for the children to work with, custom made to meet their needs. It's marvelous to see how the children thrive in this environment. As they practice new skills, and learn more about our Lord and His Church, you can see them growing in confidence. It's a joy to witness and be a part of their journey.

For the past three years, we have been holding Level 1 sessions for some of the youngest children in our Parishes. This summer, Kathy Murphy and Martha Hojnowski will be attending another weeklong training in order to begin the process of expanding our program to include Level 2 sessions. This will enable us to welcome children from the ages of 3 to 9/10 years old into our CGS program

**HELP WANTED:** Would you be interested in learning more about what it would mean to be an assistant in the Atrium or would you like to learn more about what is involved in becoming a certified CGS catechist? Please contact Kathy Murphy [shsffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:shsffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org) to learn more.

NEWS FROM  
**The Inland See**  
July 17–23, 2021  
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

TO HAVE  
TO HOLD  
TO HONOR

Natural Family Planning

*Supporting God's gifts of  
love and life in marriage*



*Natural Family Planning Week • July 25–31, 2021*

We all experience the trials, tribulations and joys of our human body changing. So why is it that talking about these changes with our parents, grandparents, children and friends is so challenging? Why is it that the beauty of God's perfect design, each human being — you and me — has become so controversial when fertility awareness or family planning is raised? Why is family planning, or more specifically Natural Family Planning considered by many to be an infringement by the Church?

The love shared by husband and wife in marriage is meant to be life-giving and selfless, creating family and witnessed within the community. Marriage is a sacramental gift, a gift of unitive love where the two become selflessly one. Eve was designed exclusively for Adam (Gn 1:27), and Adam rejoices when he sees the woman: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" (Gn 2:23). Our Catholic faith teaches us to be open to new life, to be selfless and accepting of the gifts of love that God sends to each of us.

Natural Family Planning teaches each one of us to better understand the biology of our body, the changes that the body goes through during life on Earth. The teaching of Natural Family Planning supports the gift of God's love in marriage. As the husband and wife are better equipped at knowing the wife's fertility, they are better able to discern whether God is calling them to become pregnant or not. If

the couple chooses to postpone conception, they have the knowledge to refrain from the marital act. This knowledge brings the couple closer to God's unitive love, as they are not using drugs or devices that interfere with God's divine love. The husband and wife share in the responsibility of sexual partnership, which aims to be unitive while procreating a natural love within the marriage.

The key word is "natural" when discussing our human sexuality. God has given each of us His divine love to experience in our relationship with others dependent upon the vocations to which we are each called. The Church does not dictate nor mandate Natural Family Planning, Fertility Care, Natural Procreative Technology or Theology of the Body. Our Catholic faith teaches us to nurture the love God has given each one of us with our physical bodies.

We are called to respect the intimacy and vulnerability that God designed in the marital act, which runs counter to our culture.

During this week of Natural Family Planning Awareness, we are invited to learn and explore God's plan for married life.

For more information, visit: [uscgb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/what-natural-family-planning](https://uscgb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/what-natural-family-planning), [naturalwomanhood.org](https://naturalwomanhood.org) or [sisterhoodcwa.com](https://sisterhoodcwa.com).

— *Terri McCormack is marriage and family life coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington.*

## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Totus Tuus could use your help!**  
**It Takes a Parish to . . .**

### Host Totus Tuus

We still need help with a few things:

**PRAYERS:** Please pray for those attending Totus Tuus, that their hearts may be open to an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, keep in your prayers the Totus Tuus teachers.

**COOKIES:** We need a lot of cookies for the morning cookie break!

**DINNER:** Pick an evening, Monday thru Thursday, August 2 thru 5 - host the 4 teachers for dinner or provide a gift card for 4 to a local restaurant.

**FINANCIAL:** Some families are in need of scholarship money, and we also need funds for our pizza party and supplies.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Email: [shsftotustuus@gmail.com](mailto:shsftotustuus@gmail.com) or  
Call/Text Mary Drew at 802-379-8030

*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR HELP

### Interfaith Dinner

On Sunday, July 4, the following parishioners from Saint John the Baptist in North Bennington, answered our call to lend a hand with the Interfaith Dinner at the Second Congregational Church. Thank you to the **Granger family - Diane & Brian Granger, Diane's daughter Marissa Naumowicz and her husband Jareth Fleming and grandson Jaxson LaBombard.** We truly appreciate their willingness to lend their time, talent and treasure to this worthwhile community outreach.

Second Congregational church has gone to great lengths to create protocols that keep everyone safe during this time of the pandemic. 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.

**We are in DESPERATE need of volunteers for the dinner on August 1! Please consider lending a hand to this worth while community outreach.**

*There is no **Second Collection** this weekend.*

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*We thank you for your generosity!*



*Pictured (Catechists appreciation dinner, July 9, 2021)*

**Front** Left to Right: Luisa Millington, Jessica O'Connell, Nichole Warner and Father Bob **Back:** Patrick O'Connell, Anne Anderson, Joanne Holden. Helene Deysenroth, Scott Frost, Kathy Murphy and Fr. Hugh **Missing:** Heather Gardner, Lori Gratton, Martha Hojnowski, Anne Marie Jarvis, Jason Morrissey and Sandy Latif

### Appreciating our Catechists

A catechist appreciation dinner was held on July 9 thanking Faith Formation and Confirmation teachers from Sacred Heart St. Francis and St. John's for their ministry. Fr. Bob announced that the two parishes will merge Faith Formation programs similar to the Confirmation program which serves both parishes and the school. Discussion followed, highlighting the need to keep the traditions of both churches alive, the importance of the family role in educating the children in their faith, and building the connection between the parishes and the school.

In addition to thanking all the catechists for their ministry, a special thank you was given to Luisa Millington who has served as DRE at St. Johns for the past 8 years. Long time catechists Joanne Holden and Lori Gratton also are stepping away from teaching and their dedication and service are greatly appreciated. Joanne Holden will continue ministry in Baptismal preparation at St. Johns.



### Take me out to the ballgame.....

The Knights of Columbus Council 307 invites you to Family Night at the Tri City Valley Cats Baseball Game in Troy, New York at 6:30 p.m. on July 27, 2021. Join us for some good fun, food and fellowship. Knights of Columbus subsidized tickets are \$10 each. Contact Bob Kobelia at 802-442-4749 or email him at: [robertkobelia@yahoo.com](mailto:robertkobelia@yahoo.com)