

MARCH 13, 2022



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

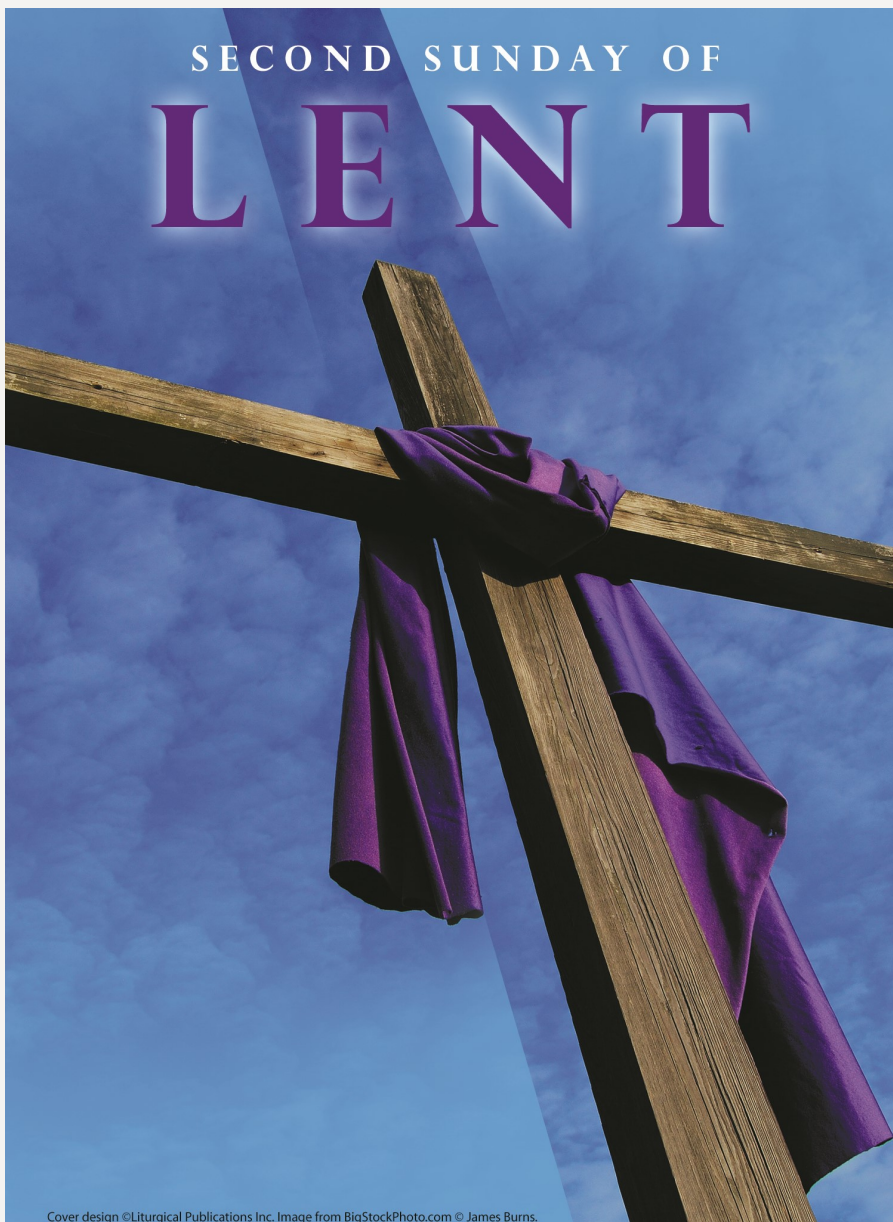
Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment



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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
March 12 — March 20, 2022

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

Sat./Sun., Mar. 12/13 Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. † Sally Letourneau - BCHS Class of 1960
 † Dodie Ruland - Patty & Frank Babcock
 7:30 a.m. † Jonathan Winner - Carol & Dean Winner
 9:30 a.m. † David H. Stehle - His Daughters

Monday, Mar. 14 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joan Alderman (24th) - Ron & Doris Alderman

Tuesday, Mar. 15 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Rose Santarcangelo - The McGean Family

Wednesday, Mar. 16 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Sylviane Burger - The Garder Family

Thursday, Mar. 17 Saint Patrick

8:00 a.m. † Dolores Fraher - Carol, Anthony, & Maria

Friday, Mar. 18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 a.m. † Mary Green (2nd) - Her Daughter, Kathy

Sat./Sun., Mar. 19/20 Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. † Dodie Fraher Ruland - Mary Morrissey
 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
 9:30 a.m. † Michael Capriola, Sr. - Paul Capriola
 † Phil O'Neill - The Family
 † Mary Guasconi - Rosemarie & Julie

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.
 - Lk 9:29-31

Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
 Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
 Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-
 28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-
 19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,
 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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Gospel Reflection

Encouraging a deeper understanding of scripture.

Second Sunday of Lent

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

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Sunday Summary

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Abram seals a covenant with God in blood and fire.

Psalms 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 Waiting for the Lord with courage leads to our salvation.

Philippians 3:17-4:1 Our citizenship is in the reign of God, from which we await our rescuer.

Luke 9:28b-36 Heaven breaks into time on a high mountain as the disciples look on.

"When you encounter difficulties and contradictions,
do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness
and time."

~ St. Francis de Sales



Faith Formation Program

"Growing In Faith Together"

For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or shsfffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org

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



Sunday, March 13

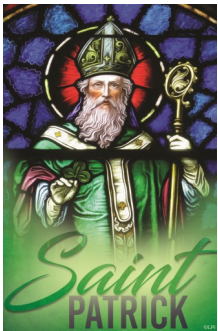
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church

Join us this Sunday, March 13 for a Youth Group Game Night at St. John the Baptist Church in North Bennington.

All youth, grades 8th — 12th, are welcome. Come for fun, food, fellowship, board games, ping pong, air hockey, and more!! Hope to see you there!

**Saint of the Week — Examples of Our Faith
St. Patrick | March 17**



Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six

long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

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The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales

Annual Wintertastic Celebration is now...

The Wintertastic Raffle and Fundraiser!

Live Streamed on March 26

Only 500 tickets will be sold and the deadline is March 18.

Some of the raffle items include \$1000 cash, membership at the Mt. Anthony Country Club, King or Queen natural form bed, car washes for a year with some extras, tax return courtesy of Frank Cody at Love, Cody, Inc., photography session with Samantha Lauzon, gas grill from Home Depot, gift certificates from Pembroke Landscaping, Ocean State Job Lot, and the list goes on!

Check out the full list at:

<https://sacredheartbennington.org/support/winter-auction/>

You can join the fun through sponsorships, ticket purchases, donations and prayers. See the Sponsor form on the website listed above. Tickets will be drawn randomly and the prizes will be awarded in the order they are listed. We hope you have fun with this event and THANK YOU very much.

Our sincere gratitude goes to:

Jason, Christine and Catherine Morrissey - Silver Sponsors

Anonymous - Platinum Sponsor

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Bank of Bennington - Bronze Sponsor

Ron & Rosemary Lindsey - Bronze Sponsor

Bill & Marcia Hendery - Angel Sponsor

In Loving Memory of James F. Cross - Angel Sponsor

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Please remember the sick, including ~

Joan Charbonneau, Barbara Marino, Dotti DePollo, Donna Savoia, Jean Thomson, Joan Douglass, Mark Fortun, Kay Krawczyk, Pauline Restino, Adelaide Talbot, Kyle Dame, Charlie Buckley, Frank Babcock, Tami Greene, Robin Guertin, Nan Mears, Diane Roy, Dorothy Roy, Rene Cassano, Caleb St. John, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Christopher Rubino, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Gloria Van Derzee, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of the Vermont Veterans' Home.

Lenten Penance Service
Sunday, March 20

Our annual Lenten Penance Service will be held on Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the church. This is an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation — a wonderful way to prepare for the great feast of Easter.



Organ Recital to Feature Music
Honoring First Responders
Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m.

Donald McMahon will perform an organ recital here at Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Church. The program will include Cesar Franck's majestic and exciting Piece Heroique, which Don will dedicate to First Responders. He will also perform a joyful and rhythmic toccata with a fun, rollicking Americana flavor by composer Denis Bedard, music of Johann Sebastian Bach, and an assortment of other selections that will showcase the versatility of our parish's magnificent pipe organ. As always, the performance is free and open to the public. No free-will offerings will be asked of anyone. Come as you are and enjoy!



Votive Candles
March 2022 Intentions

† Perpetual for Frances Bender

† Earl Alderman

requested by Ron & Doris Alderman

† Theresa & Bob Long, Sr.

requested by their Children & Families



Pope Francis has convened a Synod which calls for input from all members of the Universal Church. It is a time for you to reflect, from your personal experience, on what breaks your heart and what fills your heart about the Catholic Church.

You are invited to our joint St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish Listening Meeting on **Sunday, March 13 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish Center. You will have an opportunity to share brief comments during the listening session.

The Synod questions can be found at the entrances of the church. If you can't make the Listening Meeting, you may email your comments to saintjohnchurch1@gmail.com or place them in the collection baskets in an envelope labeled Synod before **April 1**.



Lenten Parish Mission

March 23, 24, 25

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

"Eucharist: The Light of Christ's Radiating Divine Love"

Location: Sacred Heart St. Francis Church
(in-person and live streamed)

Includes moments of Sacred Music, Adoration, Reflections, Confession and Anointing with Saint Brother Andre Oil

Wednesday, March 23 – "The Eucharist, Drawing Us Nearer to Divine Love" with reflections by Fr. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C.

Thursday, March 24 – "An Evening of Divine Life and Light" with reflections from Deacon Phil Lawson

Friday, March 25 – "Divine Healing For Our Souls and Bodies" – A Healing Mass and Anointing

NEWS FROM The Inland See

March 12-18, 2022

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Bishop Coyne announces Novena for World Peace

March 14-22, 2022



My brothers and sisters,

I am sure that you share my horror at the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and the deaths and injuries of innocent Ukrainians and the destruction taking place within their country. I know there are people of Ukrainian descent here in our state who have relatives and friends who are now in harm's way, and I offer the prayers and the support of the Catholic community to them as they desire.

I ask all Catholics to pray and fast with a particular intercession for peace in that country and the withdrawal of troops back across the Russian and Belarus borders.

Mary, Queen of Peace, please preserve the world from the madness of war.
Reunite families torn apart.
Comfort frightened children.
Console the sick and elderly who suffer alone.
Shield the men and women defending their homes.
Change the hearts of leaders to seek peaceful solutions.
Bring harmony to our broken world.
We ask all this through your help and intercession,
Most Blessed Mother, as you lead and direct us
each day into greater love for and obedience
to your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington



Join us in praying a Novena for World Peace at www.facebook.com/DioBurlington.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Day 1 — Monday, March 14

Today we pray for an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference.

Day 2 — Tuesday, March 15

Today we pray our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace.

Day 3 — Wednesday, March 16

Today we pray for healing and justice for all those who have experienced violence and racism.

Day 4 — Thursday, March 17

Today we pray for the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture.

Day 5 — Friday, March 18

Today we pray for our faith community, that we may respond boldly to the Holy Spirit's call to act together to end violence and racism.

Day 6 — Saturday, March 19

Today we pray for the protection of all first responders and members of the military who risk their lives daily to ensure our safety.

Day 7 — Sunday, March 20

Today we pray for leaders around world, that they might find ways to bring an end to war and violence, and promote peace and development for all nations.

Day 8 — Monday, March 21

Today we pray for solidarity in our global human family, that we may work together to protect those who are most vulnerable and most in need.

Day 9 — Tuesday, March 22

Today we pray that the Lord grants us peace, teaches us peace; and guides our steps in the way of peace.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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 p.m.

Fridays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

HIS Pantry is a volunteer-run parish ministry which assists those in need of food in our local community.

If you would like to become a volunteer at HIS Pantry please email hispantryshsf@gmail.com or call 802-823-0195.

Donations:

For those of you who would like to donate items to the pantry, we have a continued need for the following items, which the Foodbank usually does not supply:

- ♦ Peanut butter
- ♦ Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- ♦ Shampoo

Due to increased concern over the delta variant, we will be continuing to operate outside on Wednesdays and Fridays for the next few months.

We can not accept any more of the following donations: used shoes, adult diapers, books and miscellaneous household items. We are overflowing and have little space left! As the weather begins to turn cooler we are accepting warm winter coats and blankets.



Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Bennington Performing Arts Center

March 19 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This is a FREE event with a performance by two choirs from The Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Plus, the winner of the 2022 Martin Luther King High School Poster Contest will be recognized. Speakers include Grace Winslow and Dan Lucy. A free-will offering will benefit Bennington County Open Arms.

This event is organized by the Greater Bennington Peace and Justice Center and the Greater Bennington Interfaith Council.

This event will be held at The Performing Arts Center/Oldcastle Theatre located at 331 Main Street in Bennington. Participants are required to wear a mask and provide proof of vaccination.

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

The **Second Collection** next weekend is for the Easter Flowers.

We thank you for your generosity!

Come and Rest in the Lord



On Tuesday evenings during Lent, we will have our weekly Lenten Taize services in the church at 5:30 p.m. Taize is a village in France that is home to an ecumenical community of religious Brothers who sing, pray, fast, and perform acts of charity throughout the world. Unwind and find solace as you reach the end of your day through prayer, scripture, and song. Invite your families and friends of all faiths.



Perseverance to Succeed: Raúl and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Ukraine Solidarity Fund

Join us today in supporting Ukraine Solidarity Fund! Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and **100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.**

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this effort. **Your gift of any amount** will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world.

To make your donation online, please complete the secure form at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>. If you wish to make a payment by check, please make your check out to "Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc." and write "Ukraine Solidarity Fund" in the memo line. Then, please mail your check to: Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT, 06510-1966.