

SEPTEMBER 25, 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.

ECHARISTIC 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

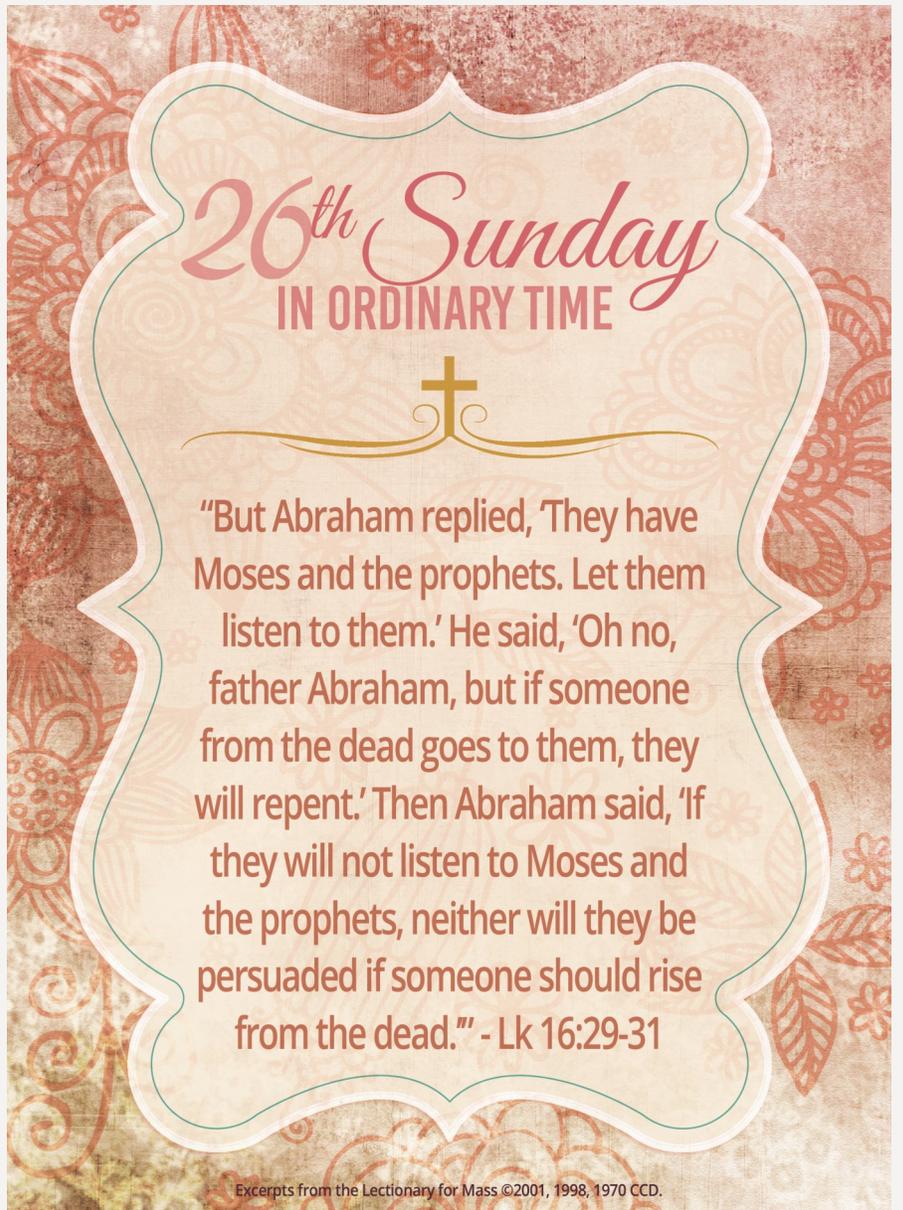
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday after Mass until 8:00 PM

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



Rev. Kevin Russeau, 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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

And Liturgical Celebrations for
September 24 — October 2, 2022

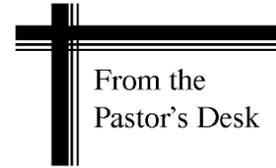
(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

- Sat./Sun., September 24/25** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, Council #307
† Magdalene V. Hogan (28th) - daughter, Sheila
† Tami Thomayer - Ann & Family
7:30 a.m. † Fr. Spinelli (57th) - BCHS Class of 1960
9:30 a.m. † Kathleen McMurray Nelson - Vicky & Julie
† Frances B. Hart - BCHS Class of 1963
- Monday, September 26** Saints Cosmas and Damian
8:00 a.m. † Declan Daly - Michael & Peg Daly
- Tuesday, September 27** Saint Vincent de Paul
No Mass
- Wednesday, September 28** Saint Wenceslaus;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
8:00 a.m. † Ann Jensen - Paula Keatley
- Thursday, September 29** Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
No Mass
- Friday, September 30** Saint Jerome
8:00 a.m. † Edward Frasier - The Family
† Henry Simpatico, Sr. (23rd) - Henry
- Sat./Sun., October 1/2** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. (Living) Jameson Wright, in celebration of his first birthday - Great Gram, Betty Tange
7:30 a.m. † Donna & Gary Antognioni - The Family
† Neva LaCroix - The Family
9:30 a.m. † Howard Shea - The Kuhn Family
† Elaine Peacock - BCHS Class of 1963

Readings for the week of September 25, 2022

- Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
- Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 0:13-16
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

©LPI



From the
Pastor's Desk

If you watch television or listen to the radio, you know that we are in an election season. Advertisements endorsing or critiquing candidates fill the airwaves. To me, politics seem more and more partisan. What are we to do as disciples of Jesus?

It is important to know that the Catholic Church does not endorse or belong to a political party. Both parties have platforms that resonate with Church teaching and both parties have platforms that contradict Church teaching. And, politicians do not always align perfectly with their political parties. Politicians are free to vote their conscience and represent their constituents even when their party is acting differently. In addition to not belonging to or endorsing a political party, the Church also does not tell us who we should vote for.

What the Church has done and continues to do is seek and teach truth. Truth has been revealed to us through Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and natural law. Taking time for prayer and asking the Holy Spirit's guidance helps us to express truth in our own lives.

Bishop Coyne will be visiting our region this week!

Our Pastoral Councils are hosting an evening with him. We will gather at Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Church on **Monday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m.** for adoration, and then move to the parish hall for a dinner and presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. Part of our discussion will deal with a local political discussion on Proposition 5, Article 22. Please join us for part or all of the event!

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

Sunday Summary

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Being comfortably well off is not a sin, but ignoring the needs of the poor is.

Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Praise the God who cares about justice and knows our need.

1 Timothy 6:11-16 Our commitment to faith in Jesus Christ is a noble confession.

Luke 16:19-31 Miracles won't save us, but our charity just might.

"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."



"Growing In Faith Together"

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

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



The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales 307 School Street Bennington, VT 05201 Mrs. Tiffany McKenna, Principal 802-442-2446

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.



Angels Needed

Every year at this time, we have a number of families who find it difficult to meet the rising cost of tuition for Catholic Education. Last year, thanks to the generosity of parishioners from Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist, we were able to help families in need. Tuition for one child this coming year is \$5,430 but no donation or gift is too small. If you would like to make a donation to our "Angel Scholarship Fund," please send it to Principal Tiffany McKenna at The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, 307 School Street, Bennington, VT 05201. Thank you for your support. It is truly appreciated by so many.



Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Amos criticizes those living comfortable lives, oblivious to the social decay surrounding them. How do you respond to the pain and suffering of others?

Second Reading:

Paul urges Timothy to live his faith authentically in preparation for judgement day. In what ways do you practice an authentic faith life?

Gospel:

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus forewarns the Pharisees about the great reversal of the rich and poor in the afterlife. How do you imagine the Pharisees reacted to this parable?

"Let us think only of spending the present day well. Then when tomorrow shall have come, it will be called today, and then we will think about it." ~ St. Francis de Sales

Faith Formation Begins This Sunday!

Classes for both St. John's and Sacred Heart St. Francis Parishes will be held at Sacred Heart St. Francis Church

Grades 1 - 5 and children ages 3 - 6 will meet after the 9:30 a.m. Mass from 10:30 a.m. to noon beginning Sunday, September 25

First Communion Families:

Mark your calendars for a family informational meeting on Tuesday, October 4 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the SHSF Parish Center. Pizza will be provided.

For more information, please contact either:

Mary Drew: maryedrew1@gmail.com Kathy Murphy: 1kathy.murphy@gmail.com



Kids' Corner ~ Sharing the Gospel



NoShare saw a poor man starving but did not share his food with him. Both men died. NoShare went to a place of punishment. He begged for water from the poor man who was in heaven, but got none. When ShareMuch saw a poor man, he took him to a homeless shelter. He bought food, drink, clothing, and blankets for everyone there. When ShareMuch died, God said, "When you shared with others, you shared with me. Welcome to heaven."

Prayer: Lord, help me share.

Something to Draw: Draw yourself taking a supper tray to children with no food in their refrigerator.

Mission for the Week: I will take boxed rice and a can of green peas to the hungry.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



Please remember the sick, including ~

Beth McLean, Connie Smith, Amy Johnson, Gloria Lauzon, Phyllis McGinty, Cindy Levitte, Linda Kenyon Thayer, Barbara Marino, Dotti DePollo, Donna Savoia, Jean Thomson, Joan Douglass, Mark Fortun, Kay Krawczyk, Pauline Restino, Adelaide Talbot, Kyle Dame, Charlie Buckley, Frank Babcock, Robin Guertin, Nan Mears, Diane Roy, Dorothy Roy, Caleb St. John, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Christopher Rubino, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of River's Edge Community Care Home.



**First Friday Holy Hour
at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish**

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales has Eucharistic Adoration each **Friday starting after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and ending at 8:00 p.m.** St. John the Baptist Parish has Eucharistic Adoration each **Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** These two programs provide an opportunity to honor the Real Presence.

Please plan to spend some time with Jesus at Adoration and plan to attend the next beautiful **First Friday** closing service on **Friday, October 7** from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**



**Votive Candles
September 2022 Intentions**

† Perpetual for Frances Bender

† Theresa & Bob Long, Sr.
requested by their children & families

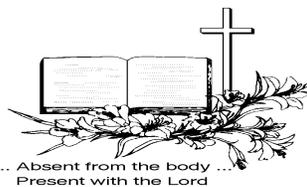
† Robert & Lena Poblocki
requested by their son, Bob



Thanksgiving Baskets

When we sit with family and friends around our tables this Thanksgiving and give thanks for all of the blessings that God has bestowed upon us, may we remember that He called us to care for the least among us. There are those who will struggle to put together a meal for their families this day. They would like to share in this great American tradition, but may not have the means to provide a bountiful table for their families. We are blessed to be able to help.

Please consider adopting a family and donating \$25 to provide all that is needed for a family to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.



*Mary F. Norris
Deborah Ann Carey
Michael J. Pinsonneault*



Annual Old Toy Show

Saturday, October 15, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish Center

Come support this annual parish fundraiser!

For sale: Kits – Plastic/Diecast

Hot Wheels – Matchbox – Toys and more!

50/50 Raffles – Beverages – Lunch

Admission: \$3.00 (kids under 12 free)

**September
Daily Mass Schedule**

Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 a.m.

Saint John the Baptist

Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 make a donation to HIS Pantry, we have a continued need for the following items:

- ◆ Canned vegetables, fruit, soups, canned pasta meals
- ◆ Pasta sauces (preferably not in glass containers)
- ◆ Peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken, mac & cheese
- ◆ Toiletries: shampoo, deodorant, bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes
- ◆ Store gift cards or cash donations: to be used by our volunteer shoppers to buy needed staples and dairy items

Our deepest thanks for your kindness and generosity!



Thank you to those who have given to the 2022 Bishop's Appeal. Your gift supports a variety of ministries and services impacting all of our parishes, including Catholic faith formation, education, vocations, emergency aid, and so much more. To learn more or to make a gift online, visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

- To date, our parish has raised \$31,209 toward our goal of \$56,012. This is 56% of our parish goal.

Thank You For Supporting Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish

August 2022 Offertory

Offertory:	\$ 24,591.91
Online Giving:	\$ <u>975.00</u>
Total:	\$ 25,566.91
Needed Each Month:	\$ 26,000.00
Monthly Ahead/Behind:	\$ - 433.09
Fiscal YTD Ahead/Behind:	\$ - 6,485.41

(Fiscal Year is July - June)

The **Second Collection** this weekend is for the Thanksgiving Baskets.

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

Thank you for your generosity!



Volunteers Needed

Looking for experienced pressure canner and water bath canner person or persons...

to volunteer to teach a class on how to preserve food by pressure canner method and water bath method. Stipend may be available for teaching. Kitchen will be supplied along with pressure canner and water bath canner if needed. Please respond to Wanda Bennett or Terry Saunders-Boucher with your interest. Email: wanda@gbicsbennington.org or terry061957@gmail.com. Anyone wanting to learn the old-fashioned art of how to can vegetables, fruits, jams, jellies, meat, soups, etc. are encouraged to contact us. Working in collaboration with the GBICS agency on Depot St. Interested persons in learning the art of canning or interested in teaching a class, please contact Wanda (802) 447-3700 or Terry (802) 855-7521. You may ask yourself, why should I learn the art of canning? Rising food prices and it provides you food when there are electrical outages and your food spoils in the refrigerator or freezer. Now is a great time to do this skill early to prepare for winter and provide food for consumption in times of food shortages.



Does anyone in the parish wish to establish a dialogue with the Immaculate Conception Church in Birzeit, Palestine?

Bethlehem was once almost 90% Christian. Now the Christian population there hovers around 10%. It is not easy being a Christian in the West Bank.

Does anyone in the Bennington Parish wish to establish a dialogue with the Immaculate Conception Church in Birzeit, Palestine? It has a large and active school attached to it. I think communication between the two churches would be of benefit to both parties.

I will be visiting Birzeit in November and would be more than happy to help establish a connection. Please contact Fr. Kevin if you are interested in learning more.

~ Robert Nowak, North Bennington

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
September 24–30, 2022 *FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON*

Third Annual Celebration in honor of
St. John Henry Newman

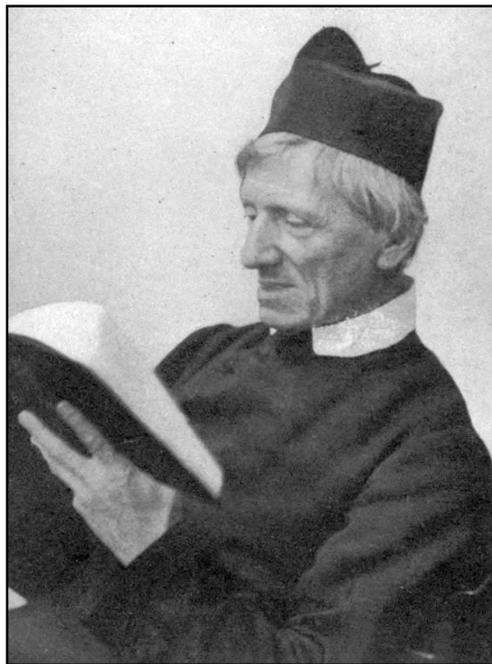


Photo titled, "John Henry Newman reading a book" by Henry J. Whitlock & Sons, Ltd., c. 1890. — Wikimedia Commons

October 16 • 4 – 8 pm

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction

"Newman, the Bible, and Conversion"

Dr. Mark Clark

Hubbard Chair, Medieval Church History and Theology,
Catholic University of America

"Real Yet Unrealized Faith: The Title to Justification"

Fr. Matthew Rensch

Pastor of St. Andrew, Waterbury, St. Patrick, Moretown
and Our Lady of the Snows, Waitsfield

Chanted Solemn Vespers followed by dinner and two presentations. Formal attire requested.

Please RSVP by October 10: vermontnewman@gmail.com

\$15 per guest/ \$25 for two / \$10 for every additional guest