

Saturday, December 11th St. Damasus I, Pope

8:30 am - St. John – Mae Brooks

9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John

3:15 pm - Confessions at St. John

4:00 pm - St. John – Susan Maurice by Christopher & Lucille Maistros

Sunday, December 12th Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - St. John – Howard L. Stevens by The Stevens Family

9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – For the Parishioners

11:30am - Queen of Peace – Hap & Betty Hutchins by their children

Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, December 13th St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Claire & Germaine Maurice by Christopher & Lucille Maistros

Tuesday, December 14th St. John of the Cross Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - St. John – Deceased Members of the Gingue & Salois Families
by Suzanne Gingue

Wednesday, December 15th Advent Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, December 16th Advent Weekday

4:00 Adoration & Confession

5:15 pm - St. John – Eric Robillard by Tracie, Gabrielle & Lucas

Friday, December 17th Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Ben Parisi by Sarah Hurlbut

Saturday, December 18th Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am - St. John – Mae Brooks

9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John

3:15 pm - Confessions at St. John

4:00 pm - St. John – Raymond Robillard by Tracie, Gabrielle & Lucas

Sunday, December 19th Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - St. John – Roger & Jane Donna by The Family

9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Healing for Billy Carnes through the intercession of
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati by Mary Ann & Bob Gessner

11:30am - Queen of Peace – For the Parishioners

Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed.

Please pray for parishioners who are ill or in need of prayers, especially:
Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis, Karson St. Marie

Prayer Chain Requests call: Sally Young 802-535-7222, Lynn Welch 802-467-3019

Adoration Chapel

The Chapel is open daily 9:30am - 9:00pm.
Tuesdays it is open 9:30am – 6:00pm.

"I keep up the Holy Hour to grow more into his likeness ... looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain."

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 12th – 9:30-11:00 Religious Education Grades 1-7 @ FLC

Sunday, Dec. 12th – 6:30 Confirmation Grades 8-12 @ FLC

Wednesday, Dec. 15th – 6:00 GSCS Christmas Concert

Saturday, Dec. 18th – Parish Advent Retreat 9:30 – 3:30 @ QP

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/21-6/30/22 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$230,000

Weekly Collection Year-to-date Dec. 5: \$112,060.69

Collections & On-line giving Dec. 5: \$4,082.66

Second Collections

Dec. 12th – Retirement Fund for Religious

Dec. 19th – Christmas Flowers

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2021

Our Goal: \$68,944.35 – Received to Date: \$45,511.00 or 66%

Christ Our Hope Campaign 2021

Our Goal: \$361,693.00 Pledges & Contrib. to Date: \$85,984.17 or 24%

Corpus Christi Parish received the matching grant of \$1,000.00.

Thank you so much to the donor who made this grant happen for us.

The Formed subscription has not been renewed. If you are interested and want to continue with an individual subscription, the monthly fee is \$9.99 or \$100 per year. Or, call Mater Dei Parish in Newport to join their group.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Corpus

Christi Conference offers assistance in the name of

Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call:

Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542; Ann Lovett: 751-8187;

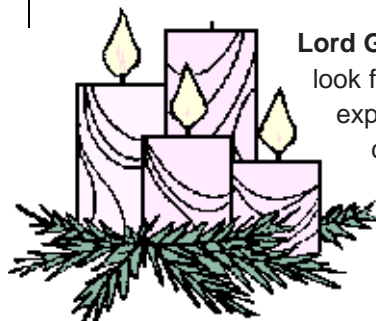
the Parish Office: 748-8129. We will arrange a visit to

see if we are able to serve you!



It is an honor, a gift to be the "hands of Jesus," as we Vincentians work with members of our area communities who contact us asking for some temporary, often immediate assistance: a ride to DMHC; help to pay an overdue electric bill; getting clothes or food or fuel.

A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent



Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advent Extra Confessions for this week:

Sunday, Dec. 12 – 3:00-4:00 pm St. Elizabeth Church

Monday, Dec. 13 – 5:00-6:00 pm St. John Church

Thursday, Dec. 16 – 4:00-5:00 pm St. John Church

Friday, Dec. 17 – 6:00-7:00 pm St. Elizabeth Church

Please make sure you are always in a state of grace (meaning, not have mortal sins) before receiving Communion.

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Christmas Concert – Wednesday, December 15th – 6:00 pm
All are welcome. Masks are required.

Raffle Basket Tickets on Sale Now

Basket Themes: Outdoor Fun, Arts & Crafts, Sports, North Pole, Everything Chocolate, Teachers' Favorites, and Family Game Night

\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Tickets are available at the rectory and at the school.

Parish Advent Retreat

December 18, 9:30 to 3:30 pm
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Danville

Come re-encounter Jesus!

Come join your brothers and sisters on our Advent journey!
Come experience the joy of believing in the Son sent by the Father to save us!

No registration fee. No charge for lunch

To register: Place registration form in basket during Offertory, or Drop off at the Rectory, or Call Tom Lovett at 802-751-8187.

Christmas Mass Schedule-Corpus Christi Parish

Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm St. John the Evangelist Church, St. Johnsbury

7:00 pm Our Lady Queen of Peace, Danville

12:00 am St. Elizabeth Church, Lyndonville

Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day

8:00 am St. John the Evangelist

10:00 am St. Elizabeth Church

No 4:00 pm Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church

Note that Catholics are obliged to attend separate Masses for Christmas and Holy Family; there are no two-for-one exceptions.

Focus (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)

I have been supporting Liam Coulter whom I knew from the Cathedral in Burlington, originally from Essex Jct.. He is a FOCUS missionary at Columbia University in NYC. This week he wrote from college about his work with other students. *"This week we had a student accept a position to be a FOCUS missionary starting next year. We have also had multiple students sign up to join us in Peru on our mission trip over spring break. It is exciting to see more and more students getting involved and actively living out their faith."* If you want to learn more about FOCUS, go to their website: www.focus.org.

It encourages me to see young Catholics going on missionary trips to spread the Catholic Faith.

Religious Education: Eydie Aremburg is looking for someone to hem a couple of table clothes. Call her at 802-748-9256 or at 802-473-8390 or email her at stjohnsk8edu@gmail.com

St. Nicholas Project

The St. Nicholas Project is an association of Catholics who support the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, VT with material and financial donations. Founded by Fr. Harlow in 2015, we promote the good works of the children's home. This week's blog is entitled, "On The Road Again." The St.



Nicholas Project is traveling to two different Catholic schools in Vermont for a Christmas ornament yard-sale. This week I went to the Good Shepherd Catholic School in St. Johnsbury, VT and next week we will be at the Bishop John A. Marshall School in Morrisville, VT. The purpose of the visit is threefold: One, is to sell Christmas ornaments to the students to take home to their families. Second, is to raise some money for the children's home. Third, is to teach the Catholic school children about the existence of the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in their own state. Each child gets a flyer to take home with his or her bag of ornaments. It's good for children to learn while they are young the value and beauty of philanthropy and charity. The visits to these schools is educational in the sense that we are showing kids that helping out children their own age in difficult circumstances can be fun and rewarding. Our first visit last week in St. Johnsbury, VT was very successful--not in the sense that it raised a lot of money, but in the sense that the school children were so generous with their money. All items sold for 25 cents and multiple items could be bought for just 25 cents. But so many of the children said we could keep all of the extra change because they wanted to donate it to the children's home. I was so deeply impressed by their generosity and touched by their thoughtfulness. I have great hope that they will be the next generation of philanthropists! As we get closer and closer to Christmas, think about teaching the children in your life the importance of being charitable. Encourage them to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children as a Christmas present. They may enjoy it more than you think. And then they may want to make it a yearly tradition-- teaching their own children the value of charity. God bless you!

To learn more, visit www.thestnicholasproject.com

Dear Father,

(The following are questions presented from Corpus Christi Rel. Ed. Students.)

Q: Is God a woman?

A: This question relates to three aspects of the nature of God: essence, creation and relationship. God exists as a pure spirit. He does not have a body which is either male or female in gender. Also, God is uncreated. He is not the product male and female reproduction; hence, no gender. Lastly, God relates to His creatures as a father. Jesus describes that relationship as paternal: "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son determines to reveal Him" (Matthew 11:27). In sum, God is neither male nor female because He doesn't have a body, but He relates to us as a father.

Thank You

A huge thank you these past few months to the Sheridan Council Knights of Columbus for painting the kitchen in the parish hall and the front porch at St. John's; Jonah and Anders Hahr for painting the stairway at St. John's and the foyer at the Rectory; to all the parishioners at St. Elizabeth who helped with the yard sales to empty the Rectory before demolition. I am grateful to all of you for your help. We've gotten a lot of projects accomplished that had been on hold. God bless you! Fr. Lance W. Harlow