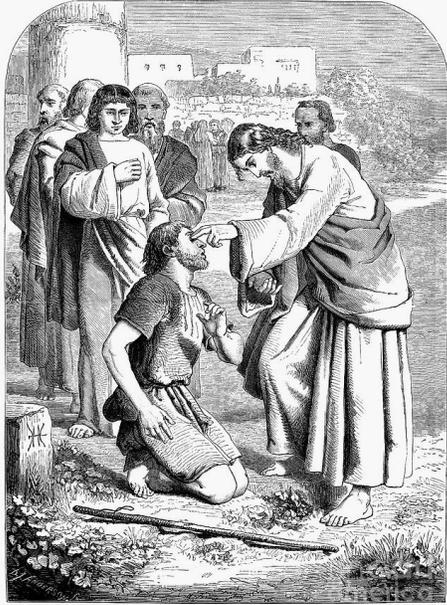


Our Lady of the Valley & Chapel of the Snows



As he passed by he saw a man blind from birth. When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he

went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." [But] others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. *John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*

THANK YOU to Chris & Ed Carter for purchasing the Electric Piano Keyboard for Our Lady of the Valley!



Readings for the Week of March 20, 2023.

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Mass Intentions

Our Lady of the Valley

Sunday 10:45 AM INT Julia Dube
 March 19 By: Dan Daigler

Chapel of the Snows

Saturday 4:30 PM RIP Daniel Desmond McCarthy
 March 18 By: Regina McCarthy-Warren

Sunday 12:30 PM RIP Souls in Purgatory
 March 19 By: Karen Kopins-Shaw

Weekly Offering

Weekend March 11, 2023 March 12, 2023

Our Lady of the Valley Offering	\$ 372.00
Chapel of the Snows Offering	\$ 1153.00
Online Giving	\$ 100.00
Total:	\$ 1625.00

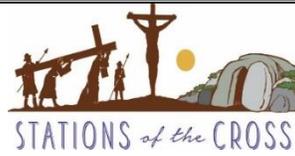
Saint of the Week ~ Saint Nicholas Owen



Nicholas was a clever builder and architect who used his skills to protect endangered priests. Without his help, hundreds of English Catholics would have been deprived of the sacraments. His gift for spotting unlikely places to hide priests was impressive, but more impressive was his

habit of seeking support for his work in prayer and the Eucharist. Feast Day is March 22nd.

Our Lady of the Valley,
First Friday Adoration 3-
4 P.M. followed by
Stations of the Cross. All
other Fridays in March Stations will begin at
3:00 P.M.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Lenten Day of Reflection

Topic: "The Dark Time Between Disaster and Faith is called Hope."

Presented by Deacon Art Miller of Archdiocese of Hartford.

Deacon Art is an author, radio host revivalist retired businessman. Director of the office for Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford and has reflections on USCCB website and more!

When: March 18, 2023 11:00 A.M. (gather at 10:30 A.M.) followed by Adoration, Reconciliation, Benediction and Mass at 4:00 P.M.

Where: Our Lady of the Valley RC Church
92 Grafton Road, Townshend, VT. 05353
Light lunch provided.

Annual Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 22 • 9 am to 3 pm Our Lady of the Angels, Parish Hall Randolph. Cost: \$30 with lunch included Register: vermontcatholic.org/womens-retreat/

This year's theme is inspired by St. Therese of Lisieux — Power of Little: How to show great love in the little things. Msgr. Richard Lavalley will be the keynote speaker. This is the same retreat that was offered in the Fall, we ask that if you attended the October retreat that you refrain from registering for this retreat as a way to give other women an opportunity to attend.



Lent is a time to break the chains of our individualism and to rediscover our companions along the journey of each day through encounter and listening, and to learn once more to love them as brothers and sisters." ~ Pope Francis Lenten Message February 22, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man. The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment. The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. (Copyright 2023 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)