

# UPPER VALLEY PARISHES – BULLETIN

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 113 Upper Plain, Bradford, VT 05033**

Parish Office Hours: **Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

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**MASS SCHEDULE:** Weekend: **Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM**

**Weekday: Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 AM**

Organist: **Irene Drew**, Tel: **603-960-0350**

Violin: **John Kucer**, Tel: **802-295-3484**

PPC: DRE: **Ginny Flynn**, Tel: **603-348-5909**

PFC:

**Missionary Churches: St. Eugene Church**

10 center St. Wells River, VT 05081

Weekend Mass: **Saturday: 4:00 PM**

PPC:, Sacristan: **William O'Malley**, Tel: **802-757-2870**

EM: Lector: **Maggie Carr**, Tel: **603-989-0087**

PFC: **Daniel Leonard**, Tel: **802-584-3887**

**Our Lady of Light Chapel**

203 Rt.132 South Strafford, VT 05070

Weekend Mass: **Sunday: 8:00 AM**

PPC:, Sacristan: **Siobhan Lopez**, Tel: **802-765-4387**

PFC: **Thomas Essex**, Tel: **802-765-4118**

**St. Francis of Assisi Church**

70 Beaver Meadow Rd. Norwich, VT 05055, P.O. Box 1216

Weekend: **Sunday: 9:00 AM**; Parish Assistant: DRE: **Fran De Gasta**,

Tel: **(802)-649-3533**; PPC: **Joe Ciambra** Tel: **(802)-558-0622**

PFC: **Carla Vincent** Tel: **(802)-649-8333**, MUSIC: **Lisa Kutolowski**

**SACRAMENTS: RECONCILIATION - BEFORE MASS and First Friday or appointment; Baptism:** Contact One month in advance; **Marriage:** Contact the Parish Office Bradford Only at least Six month in advance.



We collect food for  
poor families in DLPH  
Church in Bradford.  
Contact: **Judy Smith**

**Prayer for the Sick:** John Mackey, Barbara Hanson, Ryan Hall, John McDaniel, Cynthia, Gorge Vaillancourt, Bob Sheurich, Marilyn and Donald Dempsey, Gisela O'Brien, Dot Elliott, Andre Thibault, **ROSE DUFFY**, John Kucer, Healing for a cancer patient, Jared List, **CAROL MATAYER**, Bill Richter. **Father**, your only Son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of the whole human race; through his passion and cross he taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our **brothers** and **sisters** who are ill, whom we now re-member in a special way. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



DLPH Bradford, **Every First Friday** of the month there is a Holy Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and adoration until 10:00 A.M. **We invite all willing.**

At DLPH Bradford Church, **Every First Sunday** of the month at 11:00 AM Social Time all parishioners and guests meet for coffee, drinks, cookies and talks. We invite you.

**HOLY WEEK IS** - the most important week in Catholicism. This week of great reverence and reflection spans the final eight days of Jesus' life—from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. It is astounding how much wisdom, insight and inspiration are available to us during this one week. Here is just a sample of what happens during **Holy Week: Palm Sunday**, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem **Monday** of Holy Week, Jesus clears out the temple with a whip **Tuesday** of Holy Week, Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany and preaches on the Mount of Olives **Spy Wednesday**, Jesus is betrayed by Judas

**Holy Thursday**, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is arrested **Good Friday**, Jesus is sentenced to death, scourged, beaten, crucified, and dies on the Cross

**Holy Saturday**, Jesus is buried in the tomb and descends into hell. **Easter Sunday**, Jesus rises from the dead. **Alleluia - Alleluia - Alleluia !!!**

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*



**THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS** a central belief in Christianity, symbolizing victory over sin and death, offering hope for eternal life. Today, many Christians commemorate this event, especially during Easter, which celebrates the resurrection as a foundational element of their faith. In contemporary discussions, the resurrection is often examined from theological, historical, and cultural perspectives. It can also be seen in the context of social justice, personal transformation, and as a source of inspiration for moral living. The resurrection influences various aspects of Christian worship, community life, and individual faith practices worldwide. *Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!*

### OUR CHURCHES SUPPORT, OLPH in

**Bradford:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$1,600.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$.980.00; Annual Fuel Raffle; 24/25 – OLPH in Bradford** Our need to meet expenses: \$20.000. **We have today: \$22,695.00. NEXT WEEKEND CLOSES SEASON**  
**St. Francis of Assisi in Norwich:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$700.00; **Last Week's Collection: \$395.00.**  
**St. Eugene in Wells River:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$500.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$139.00.**  
**OLOL in South Strafford:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$300.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$229.00.**

### Bishop's Easter Message.

**My dear family in Christ,** "Why do you seek the living one among the dead?" (Lk 24:5). This question posed by the angels to the women who had come to mourn at the tomb of Jesus has always struck me as something I need to ask myself on regular basis. It seems that there are times in my life of faith when I forget that the Lord is risen. I think of him as a historical figure from the past who is but a distant memory. Saint Luke offers us another reminder of this in the story on the disciples on the road to Emmaus, "How foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!" (Lk 24:25). I sometimes forget that what we celebrate on Easter and every day since the resurrection is the fact that Jesus is alive and continues to be part of our lives. He is not just a memory, but the victorious Lord of Life who intercedes for His people redeemed by his suffering and death. The wonder of the resurrection of the Lord is meant to provide us with hope and strength throughout our lives because Jesus lives no more to die. It is my hope that all of us experience the joy of Easter today and throughout the coming 50 days. The truth of Christ's resurrection is too important to relegate to only one day and so we should celebrate this victory with gusto for the entire season, all the way through Pentecost. Let's not be too quick to set aside Easter joy for things which are much less important. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families, as I ask your kind prayers for me and my ministry as your bishop. May the Risen Christ, our Savior and Lord, strengthen us all to remember that he is among the living, now and always. God alone suffices! *April 19, 2025.*

*Bishop John McDermott Bishop of Burlington*

April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday 2025 C

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION – APRIL 12, 25. Sat, OLPH Bradford.;** 5:30pm \$335.00, 2Coll. \$138.00 at 10am \$645.00, 2Coll \$400. E. Flours \$125.00 **Fuel Donate** \$220.00, Church Donation. \$.00 & For Organ \$1,850.00. for +Paul G. \$100. **St. Eugene:** Sat. at 4:00pm \$139.00. 2Coll **G.Friday** \$60.00. Flowers \$133; **St. Francis of Assisi:** 9:00am, \$395.00, 2Coll. \$00; **OLOL:** Sunday at 8:00am. \$229.00. **Thank you so much!**

**Mass Intension: Apr 12** at 4:00pm +Rad Rivard Anniversary of deaf By Marta Rivard – wife, OLPH at 5:30pm +Jim Sweeney By Ruth Dwyer. **Apr 13** OL at 8:00am + Rose Novotarska, By Family, at 10am OLPH +Fred and Jone Russell, **Apr 14** at 8:30am +Rad Rivard By Marta Rivard, **Apr 15** at 11 am in Burlington for +Adam and Joanne Bednarowicz, **Apr 16** at 8:30am OLPH +Helen Michalak. **Apr 17** OLPH at 6pm Holly Thursday For +Helen Michalak By Family, **Apr 18** OLPH Good Friday at 6pm **Apr 19** OLPH at 7pm Holly Saturday Easter Vigil for +Helen Michalak By Family. **Apr 20** OL Easter Day at 8am All Parishioners OL. at 10am OLPH for +Fred +Jane Russell. **Apr 21** OLPH at 8:30am +Paul+Bobbie Gallerani By Family, **Apr 22** OLPH at 8:30am +Paul and Bobbie Gallerani By Family.

*Annual Fuel Raffle* in OLPH Church; 2025/2026 Start at May 1th. Will be new prize for 4<sup>th</sup> Category: 1. \$550, 2. \$450, 3. \$350, 4. \$250. Thank you to all donors for participating in this assistance program for the purchase of oil 2024/2025. At the same time, we invite you to participate in a new support program in the heating season 2025/2026. May God bless you all. *Thank you very much. Fr. Andrew*

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

#### St Francis of Assisi Church in Norwich:

**Palm Sunday** at 9:00am

**Holy Thursday** at 5:00pm

**Good Friday** at 5:00pm

**Holy Saturday** at 5:00pm

**Easter Sunday Mass** at 9:00am



#### OLPH Church Bradford Holy Week:

**Palm Sunday** St Eugene at 4:00pm, OLPH at 5:30pm, OLOL at 8:00am, OLPH at 10:00am.

**Holy Monday** 8:30am, **Holy Tuesday NO Mass**, **Holy Thursday** at 6:00pm, **Good Friday** at 3:00pm The Way of the Cross Station, at 6:00pm Good Friday liturgies.

**Holy Saturday No Mass at 4:00pm in St. Eugene.** at 7:00pm **1th Easter Mass**, Sunday Mass at 8:00am in OLOL, at 10:00am Easter Mass in OLPH Bradford. **St Eugene Easter Sunday NO MASS -We All welcome in OLPH.**