

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 OLPH 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, **Darcy O'Connell**. **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.**



OLPH 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 OLPH 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.



The 267th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church!

HABEMUS PAPAM!

May 8th 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected first American pope and chose the name Leo XIV.

The Pope, as the head of the Roman Catholic Church, has a range of significant duties and responsibilities that encompass spiritual, administrative, and diplomatic functions. Here are some of the key roles and **duties of the Pope:**

- 1. Spiritual Leadership:** The Pope serves as the spiritual leader of Catholics worldwide, providing guidance on matters of faith and morals, and promoting the teachings of the Church.
- 2. Teaching Authority:** The Pope is responsible for upholding and interpreting the doctrine of the Church. He delivers encyclicals, apostolic letters, and other documents that articulate Church teachings.
- 3. Administration of the Church:** The Pope oversees the administrative functions of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. This includes governance of the Roman Curia, the body that assists him in managing the Church's affairs.
- 4. Sacramental Role:** The Pope is a bishop and holds the sacramental authority to celebrate the sacraments, especially those of Eucharist and Confirmation. He may also ordain bishops and priests.
- 5. Guardian of Canon Law:** The Pope has the authority to create, amend, and interpret canon law, which governs the Church's internal regulations and discipline.
- 6. Diplomatic Relations:** The Pope represents the Vatican in international matters and maintains diplomatic relations with various nations. He engages in dialogue with leaders to promote peace and social justice.
- 7. Pastoral Care:** The Pope provides pastoral care to people around the world, often through visits to different countries, meeting with the faithful, and addressing societal issues.
- 8. Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue:** The Pope promotes unity among different Christian denominations and fosters dialogue with other religious traditions to encourage mutual understanding and cooperation.
- 9. Promoting Social Justice:** The Pope often speaks out on social issues, advocating for the marginalized and calling for action on issues like poverty, climate change, and human rights.
- 10. Convoing Councils and Synods:** The Pope has the authority to convene ecumenical councils or synods to address important issues facing the Church and to gather input from bishops and clergy.

These responsibilities reflect the Pope's role as both a religious leader and a figure of unity within the global Catholic community. **Congratulation Holly Father Leon XIV - God bless you are in the prayers of My Parishioners. Amen.**

OUR CHURCHES SUPPORT, OLPH in

Bradford: Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$1,600.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$.1123.00;** **Annual Fuel Raffle; 25/26 – OLPH in Bradford** Our need to meet expenses: \$20.000. **We received total: \$640.00. THANK YOU SO MUCH.** **St. Francis of Assisi in Norwich:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$700.00; **Last Week's Collection: \$535.00.** **St. Eugene in Wells River:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$500.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$180.00.** **LOL in South Strafford:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$300.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$315.00.**

May 11, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter C

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – MAY 4, 25. Sat, OLPH

Bradford.; 5:30pm \$138.00, 2Coll \$00 at 10am \$985.00, 2Coll \$00. Church Donation \$1,250.00. Fuel Donate: \$380.00 **St. Eugene:** Sat. at 4:00pm \$180.00. **Extra Donation** for 2025, \$28,904.50.00.; **St. Francis of Assisi: 9am** \$535 2Coll. \$.00; **LOL:** Sunday at 8:00am. \$315.00. **Thank you!**

MASS INTENSION: May 10 St Eugene at 4pm Doug for healing By Maggie Carr. At 5:30pm +Paul and Bobbie Gallerani By Family. May 11 LOL at 8am +Msgr Reid Mayo. At 10:00am +Paul and Bobbie Gallerani By Skipt and Carol Metayer. May 12 OLPH at 8:30am +Fred Russell. May 13 at 8:30am +Jane Russell. May 17 St E. at 4pm Pietro Tropa By Rose and Alan, 5:30pm OLPH Paul and Bobbie Galleerani. May 18 OL at 8am +Msgr Reid Mayo, at 10:00am OLPH +Msgr Reid Mayo, May 19 OLPH at 8:30am Alan Rose Picone, May 20 OLPH at 8:30am Rose and Alan Picone. May 24 at 4pm Suzanne Picone. 5:30pm OLPH +Paul and Bobbie Gallerani By Skipt and Carol M.

Annual Fuel Raffle in OLPH Church; 20. 25/2026 Start at May 1th.

Will be new prize for 4th 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, For 2024-25 we had: **\$22,695.00.**

My Brothers and Sisters, we are approaching the creation of the New Budget 25/26. The basic indicator of a good budget is the activity of parishioners who come to church and make offerings. It is on collections that we build our budgets. This year in the collection of all churches is low and the number of participants is also lower. Our expenses and burdens will increase. If nothing changes in this regard, we will face financial problems in the coming months: Bradford Church, South Strafford Church, Wells River and Norwich. The sad thing is that, on the maintenance of our parishes depends only the priest and a small group of faithful. If we are not present in them spiritually, physically and materially, we will disappear from the map of the Diocese of Burlington. Our Lady of Perpetual Help - pray for us **Amen.**

NEW FINANCIAL BURDENS OF OUR 4th CHURCHES -2025/26

My Dear Members of the Parish of all Churches OLPH Bradford, Every OLPH parish church must have an Attorney, this is a requirement of the Bankruptcy process of the Catholic Diocese of Burlington in Vermont starting in April 2025. This engagement agreement is made by and between **CLEARY SHAHI & AICHER, PC**, hereinafter called "Attorney" and OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH, hereinafter called "Client." Attorney is retained to provide legal advice and representation relative to the goals set forth in the "Agreement for the Protection of Our Parishes." The Client agrees to provide a retainer payment of **\$3,000** to be held in Attorney's trust account and used for payment of fee statements as work is performed and statements are generated. The Client understands that the retainer may need to be replenished from time to time as may be warranted in due course of the representation.

Cleary Shahi & Archer, Rutland, VT, Apr 14, 2025

Dear members of the Parish of all Churches OLPH Bradford,
Since 2017, the Diocese has been providing support services for benefits administration, accounting and finance to certain Parishes. As you are aware, the compensation under the agreement is based on 6.5% of ordinary income and has not been adjusted since 2017.
As we work through the details of the Chapter 11 reorganization, we have had to analyze our operations and our resources. With the increasing labor costs and the decreasing offertories at the Parishes, the current compensation model for Accounting Services has become unsustainable. Considering current costs and offertories, effective July 1, 2025, we need to increase the compensation to 15% of ordinary income. We understand that your budget may not be able to absorb this increase, and you may want to consider other options for your accounting services.

We will work with you to support a smooth transition if that is the right direction for your Parish. If you have any questions or want to discuss any details, please contact Lorie Dawson at

ldawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Most Reverend John J. McDermott Bishop of Burlington

Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." **Thomas said** to him, "My Lord and my God!" **Peter said** to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

