

# 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.**

**May 29, 2025, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – (obligation)**

**Masses:** In Bradford OLPH at **8:30 AM** in Wells River St. Eugene at **4:00 PM**

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.



Leo P.P. XIV

**The Ascension of the Lord took place 40 days after Easter**, which this year, is celebrated on Ascension **Thursday, May 29**. However, in most dioceses in the United States, The Ascension of the Lord is detailed in the Scriptures and in our creeds. Every Sunday, we profess it in the Nicene Creed: "(Jesus) ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end." Jesus' ascension concluded his work on earth to bring about our redemption that he began on Good Friday. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 662) "Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever." (no. 666) In "Recovering the importance and the lessons of the Ascension," Father Jeff Kirby elaborates on the significance of this feast day. "When Christ ascended into heaven, he did not leave his human nature behind. He brought that nature, our human nature, into heaven with him. The Son of God did not leave us orphans. He still has his human nature, and still bears the wounds of his passion in the kingdom of heaven. By bringing his human nature into heaven, Jesus Christ opened paradise for the human family. With a glorified human body and a human soul, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity sits at the right hand of God the Father for all eternity. This incorporation of the human and the divine makes him our presence in eternity and the mediator between God and humanity. "This is the pressing and inspiring lesson of the ascension. It touches the core of the Christian faith, our own dignity as human beings, and the life available to us after death. It is a strong reminder to us of how greatly we are loved and how intensely God desires fellowship with us." For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you." Jesus told his disciples. (John 16:7) But he promised: "I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20).

### OUR CHURCHES SUPPORT, OLPH in

**Bradford:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$1,600.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$.1,023.00; Annual Fuel Raffle; 25/26 – OLPH in Bradford** Our need to meet expenses: \$20.000. **We received total: \$2,920.00. THANK YOU SO MUCH.**  
**St. Francis of Assisi in Norwich:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$700.00; **Last Week's Collection: \$924.00.**  
**St. Eugene in Wells River:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$500.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$312.00.**  
**LOL in South Strafford:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$300.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$60.00.**

**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.**

**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." ....



### May 18, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter C

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION – MAY 11, 25. Sat, OLPH Bradford.;** 5:30pm \$430.00, 2Coll \$00 at 10am \$593.00, 2Coll \$00. Church Donation \$150.00. Fuel Donate: \$420.00 Raffle Tickets: 1,860.00 **St. Eugene:** Sat. at 4:00pm \$312.00.; **St. Francis of Assisi: 9am \$924.00. 2Coll. \$.00; OLOL: Sunday at 8:00am. \$60.00. Thank you!**

**MASS INTENSION:** May 17 St E. at 4pm Pietro Tropia 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. May 25 OLOL at 8am Rose Duffy for better health. OLPH at 10:00am +Roger Arpint By Vaillancourt. May 26 OLPH at 8:30am +Etienne Gonthier. May 27 OLPH at 8:30am +Paul Gallerani By Alleen Walden. **May 29 OLPH at 8:30am +Paul Gallerani By A. Walden. St E at 4pm +M. Bone.**

*Annual Fuel Raffle* in OLPH Church; 20. 25/2026 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.* For 2024-25 we had: **\$22,695.00.**



**Our Summer Rummage Sale** will be in OLPH Catholic Church in Bradford a **Friday and Saturday 20th and 21st June** event; we invite you to join us in supporting our budget; *Clothes, Shoes, Books, Toys, Furniture, etc ...* A rummage sale, on the other hand, is typically a charity event where a variety of used items are sold to raise money for a non-profit organization, a church.

**Bishop McDermott,** will be holding listening sessions around the Diocese this June. This will be an opportunity, in a Synodal spirit, to engage with the Bishop, offer constructive suggestions, and prayerfully look to the future together. *Saturday, June 14 St. Anthony, White River Junction 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*