

# 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: **Brenda Blair**

**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 Katherine Thibault, Rose Duffy, John Kucer, Healing for a cancer patient, Jared List, Carol Matayer, Jean Dean, Margaret Smith, 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.**

**Aug 6 OLPH Bradford at 8:30am The Transfiguration of the Lord. Aug 15 The Assumption of the B.V.Mary OLPH Bradford at 8:30am, St. Francis A. Norwich at 5:00pm -it's Day of obligation.**

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR CHURCHES

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.

**After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them;** his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Matthew 17:1-5. **REFLECTION:** All three of the Synoptic Gospels record the event of the Lord's Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36). Just prior to the Transfiguration, all three Gospels also record Jesus' trip with His disciples to Caesarea Philippi, located about thirty miles north of the Sea of Galilee. Caesarea Philippi was a primarily pagan Greek town occupied by the Romans. The Greek god Pan was worshiped there in a cave thought to be bottomless and often referred to as the gate to the netherworld because of its association with the pagan god. It was there that Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was. Peter declared, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus then blessed Peter and announced His intent to build His Church upon Peter, declaring that "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:16-18).



## **The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven is the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. This belief is part of the treasury of the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism. In the Eastern Orthodox churches, the Assumption is referred as the Dormition of the Theotokos (a Greek word literally meaning "God bearer"). Notice that the belief leaves open the question of Mary's natural death. **Catholic Teaching and the Sense of the Faithful** The Catholic Church teaches as dogma that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Did Mary Actually Die? But that brings up another point. **What is death?** We see it as the end of a person's life when the body disintegrates into dust later to be resurrected at the Last Judgment. But death is also a passage from one state of life (on earth) to another state of existence (in eternity). The Church has not said whether Mary died or not. It says only that Mary made the transition from this temporal life into eternity with God. The fact that Jesus himself died on the cross would not exclude Mary's dying, and, in fact, is an argument for some that Mary experienced death herself in imitation of her son. We just don't know. The significant issue is that, like Jesus, her body did not suffer corruption. **And so it is hopefully prayed,** "Arise, O Lord, into thy resting place: thou and the ark, which thou hast sanctified." (v. 8) Since the Church sees this New Covenant ark in Mary, it understands that she was taken into Heaven in the same manner as the Lord – that is, body and soul. **Amen.**



### OUR CHURCHES SUPPORT, OLPH in

**Bradford:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$1,600.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$1,439.00; Annual Fuel Raffle; 25/26 – OLPH in Bradford** Our need to meet expenses: \$20,000. **We received total: \$14,512.00. THANK YOU SO MUCH.**  
**St. Francis of Assisi in Norwich:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$700.00; **Last Week's Collection: \$708.00.**  
**St. Eugene in Wells River:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$500.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$247.00.**  
**OLOL in South Strafford:** Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$300.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$150.00.**

### Pray For Those Discerning God's Call To The Priesthood:

Dante Howard, Ryan Sprute, Patrick Steichen, Anthony Laus, Xavier Lien, Liam Wipfler. *Deo Gracias!*

### 2025: REJOICE IN HOPE

**\$1,737,048.48 raised of \$2,200,000.00 goal 79%** [Parish Progress report as of 7/22/25](#)

**Give to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal! One-time gifts and pledge payments are accepted through June 30, 2026. You can also help us save resources by reducing our mailings if you become a sustaining donor in the Saint Francis Circle and your gift will rollover each year.**

**My dear family in Christ,** Now that the date has passed for bringing a claim against the Diocese of Burlington in our Ch. 11 reorganization process, I ask that you join me in praying for healing in the lives of all the men and women who came forward with claims of past abuse. While I am not able to share specific information, I can inform you that over 100 individuals have filed claims. As these claims are reviewed and the next phase of the reorganization process begins, I pray we reach a just resolution in a timely fashion for all parties concerned. Assuring you of my prayers for every member of our diocese, and asking your good prayers for me, and with the conviction that God alone suffices, I remain, + *John J. McDermott Bishop of Burlington*

August 3, 2025 **Eighteenth** Sunday in Ordinary Time C

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION – JUL. 27, 25. Sat, OLPH Bradford.;** 5:30pm \$580.00, 2Coll \$.00. at 10am \$859.00, 2Coll \$.00. Church Donation \$0.00 - Fuel Donate: \$200.00. Raffle Tickets: \$450.00  
**St. Eugene:** Sat. at 4:00pm \$247.00. 2Coll. \$.00.; **St. Francis of Assisi: 9am** \$708.00. 2Coll. 0.00.; **OLOL: Sunday at 8:00am.** \$150.00 **Thank you!**

**Mass Intension:** Aug 2 St E. at 4pm +Catherin and Wendell Pelkey By Kathy Grange. OLPH At 5:30pm +Fred List By E. List, Aug 3 OL +Gary Adamski. OLPH at 10am +Fred List By E. List Aug 4 OLPH at 8:30am special intension Aug 5 OLPH at 8:30am special intension. Aug 6 OLPH 8:30am The Transfiguration of the Lord For All Churches OLPH. Aug 9 4pm St E. All Parishioners 5:30pm OLPH +Fred List By E. List. Aug 10 OL at 8am +Peggy Thorp By Kathy Family Defreitas. At 10am OLPH +Fred List By E. List. Aug 11 OLPH at 8:30am +Prof Z.Pawlak, Aug 12 OLPH at 8:30am +for prof. W. Hanc. **Aug 15 The Assumption of the B.V.Mary** +prof. Marian Wlosinski.

**For June - Fuel Raffle Tickets \$50.00 To Gwen Lacount – Congratulation!**

**O Virgin Mary, Mother** who never refuses to come to the help of your children in need, Mother whose hands never stop working for the welfare of your children, moved as they are by the loving mercy and kindness that exists in your Immaculate Heart, cast your compassionate and merciful eyes on me and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life. Oh Mother! You know the difficulties, sorrow and pain that I've had because of them. O loving Mother, I place the ribbon of my life and this knot into your loving hands, hands which can undo even the most difficult knot. Most holy Mother, come to my aid and intercede for me before God with your prayers. **I cast this knot into your hands The Ch. 11 Reorganization for the Diocese of Burlington,** and beg you to undo it, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and for the glory of God, once and for all. Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!



"LISTEN, AND LET IT  
PENETRATE INTO YOUR  
HEART ... DO NOT BE  
TROUBLED OR WEIGHED  
DOWN WITH GRIEF ...  
AM I NOT YOUR  
MOTHER? ARE YOU  
NOT UNDER MY  
SHADOW AND  
PROTECTION?"

*Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego*