

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**

Administrator and Parish Office **Rev. Andrew Bednarowicz**

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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: **Wendy Piper** Tel: **(802)-...**

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.**

HELLO
September

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.



Don't be afraid, I am with you...

REFLECTION: The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Nowadays, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation. In 326, Constantine's mother, Saint Helena, a devout Christian, embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Her mission was to identify significant sites from Christ's life and establish churches at those locations. In Jerusalem, she aimed to find the True Cross and to build a church over the sites of Mount Calvary and Jesus' tomb, known as the Holy Sepulchre. Upon identifying Mount Calvary and the empty tomb, she discovered three discarded and buried crosses. After an investigation, the local bishop confirmed they were the crosses used to crucify Jesus and the two thieves. Since Helena did not know which cross was Christ's, she arranged for a sick woman to touch all three. The woman was immediately healed upon touching one of them, indicating that it was the True Cross.

OUR CHURCHES SUPPORT, OLPH in

Bradford: Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$1,600.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$1,522.00; Annual Fuel Raffle; 25/26 – OLPH in Bradford** Our need to meet expenses: \$20,000. **We received total: \$15,862.00. THANK YOU SO MUCH.**
St. Francis of Assisi in Norwich: Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$700.00; **Last Week's Collection: \$783.00.**
St. Eugene in Wells River: Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$500.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$307.00.**
LOL in South Strafford: Our weekly need to meet expenses: \$300.00, **Last Week's Collection: \$309.00.**

2025: REJOICE IN HOPE \$2,001,800.
raised of \$2,200,000.00 goal 91%
Parish Progress report as of 9/10/25
Give to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal to June 30, 2026.

THE NEW CATECHETICAL

YEAR BEGINS with Catechetical Sunday on September 21, 2025, which is the third Sunday of September.

The theme for this year's catechesis is "Always be ready to give an explanation... for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15), which aligns with the 2025 Jubilee Year theme of "Pilgrims of Hope". This is a call for individuals to be witnesses to their faith and the hope they have in Christ.



Sep 14,25; Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Sunday

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – SEP. 7, 25. Sat, OLPH Bradford; 5:30pm \$93.00, 2Coll \$33.00. at **10am** \$1,429.00, 2Coll \$165.00. Church Donation \$200.00 - **Fuel Donate: \$220.00. Raffle Tickets: \$90.00** **St. Eugene:** Sat. at **4:00pm** \$307.00. 2Coll.\$31.00.; **St. Francis of Assisi: 9am** \$783.00. 2Coll. 76.00.; **LOL: Sunday at 8:00am.** \$309.00 **Thank you!**

Mass Intension: Sep 13 St E. at 4pm +Jan Mrciniak at 5:30pm OLPH for +Stanley Borowy. Sep 14 OL at 8:00am For All Parishioners, at 10:00 +Michael J. Polli. Sep 15 OLPH at 8:30am For Bill Lynch. Sep 16 OLPH at 8:30am For Richard and Mary Ann Church. Sep 20 St E. at 4pm For Alan Rose Picone at 5:30pm OLPH +Michael J. Polli, Sep 21 at 8:00am For Maria Archer and John. At 10:00am OLPH +Michael J. Polli. Sep 22 OLPH at 8:30am +Charlie Kirk and God support him Family, Sep 23 OLPH at 8:30am For prof. Anzelm Waiss. Sep 27 st E. at 4pm for prof. Anzelm Waiss. At 5:30pm for Irene Drew a lot blessing to her. **Thank you for all memory.**

For Aug. - Fuel Raffle Tickets \$50.00 To Janice Comandocci – Congratulation!

ATTENTION OLPH & friends! Do you craft? Knit? Sew? Crochet? Woodwork? Please note that our annual OLPH Holiday Bazaar will be coming up on November 8 and we need YOU to help us offer handmade items to sell! This is just a reminder to get started on items for the Bazaar so they are ready for November 8th! Thank-you in advance! *from Parish Council*

Any material favour done to assist the needy, and prompted by charity, is almsgiving. It is evident, then, that almsgiving implies much more than the transmission of some temporal commodity to the indigent. According to the creed of political economy, every material deed wrought by man to benefit his needy brother is almsgiving. According to the creed of Christianity, almsgiving implies a material service rendered to the poor for Christ's sake. Materially, there is scarcely any difference between these two views; formally, they are essentially different. **This is why the inspired writer says: "Blessed is he that considers the needy and the poor" (Psalm 40:2) – not he that gives to the needy and the poor.**

Hello Families, St Francis of Assisi Norwich , It's that time of year again! I hope you had a wonderful summer, and are looking forward to the start of our wonderful CCD program. To register, please just send me an email with your child's information (see below), so that we can order materials and plan class sizes. Here are the details: **Registration:** Registration can be done easily through email. **Please reply to me: mollygentine@hotmail.com,** with your child's (children's) **name, grade, address, parent names, best phone number to contact, and any allergies/medical information that we should know.** **Payment:** The registration cost for one child is \$50, and more than one child \$90. Checks should be made out to **St. Francis of Assisi**, and can be given to Fran or I at mass, or mailed to the church. (Please let me know if you need assistance with the registration fee.) Here is the church address, if mailing a check is easiest: - St. Francis of Assisi Church, PO Box 1216, Norwich, VT 05055 **Schedule:** We will have our first class on **Sunday, September 14th** after mass. It will be an opening activity with all grades together. The rest of the schedule is listed at the end of this email. First Sundays are always whole-group activities. Regular classes usually last between 30 - 45 minutes. **Thank you so much,** **Molly Gentine, Mom of Ben (10th Grade & volunteer teacher), Gus (8th Grade), and Mary Margaret (6th Grade) Phone: 973-219-6822,**

WELCOME! CCD (grades 1-8) at OLPH will begin for this school year on Sunday, September 21, after the 10am Mass. New students and families are always welcome so invite a friend or neighbor to join us! See **Ginny Flynn** with any questions.: **Tel: 603-348-5909. Email: vflynn787@gmail.com**