WEST RUTLAND-PROCTOR-CATHOLIC PARISHES

ST. BRIDGET CHURCH
28 Church St. West Rutland, VT.

MASS SCHEDULE
Daily: Mon-Tues 8:30 am
Sunday: 9:00 am

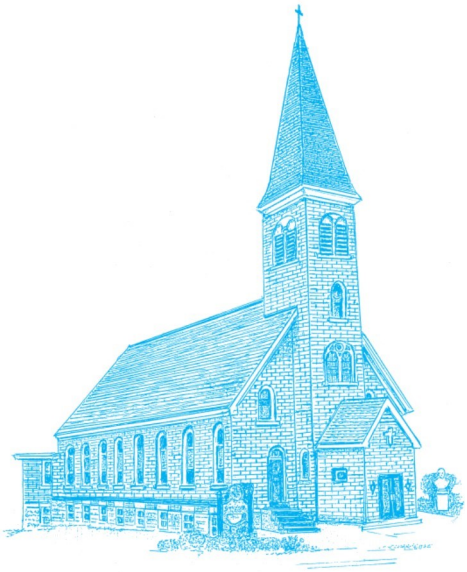
CONFESSIONS
By appointment

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CHURCH

11 Barnes St., West Rutland, VT.

MASS SCHEDULE
Daily: Wed & Fri 8:30 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm

CONFESSIONS
By appointment



Administrator, Rev. Avelino Vale
Music Ministry, Mrs. Angela Lundrigan
Mrs. Olivia Boughton, Marie Smith

Administrative Office:
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West Rutland, VT 05777
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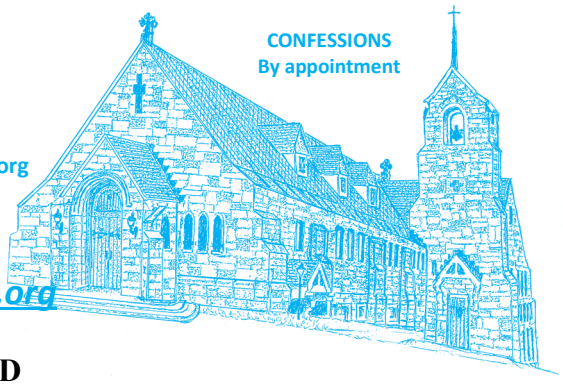
Office Hrs: Mon—Fri
8:30 am—3:00 pm

ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH
45 South Street, Proctor, VT.

MASS SCHEDULE
Daily: Thursday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS
By appointment



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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3RD, 2021

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism—Parents or guardians seeking to have a child baptized should contact the rectory prior to the desired Baptism date to attend a Baptism preparation workshop.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you are interested in what it means to be Catholic, please contact Fr. Vale.

Marriage—Registered parishioners need to make an appointment with the pastor six months prior to the requested date of marriage.

Anointing—Anyone who is seriously ill, anticipating surgery or weakened because of prolonged illness or advanced age is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Please contact the priest.

St. Bridget, St. Stanislaus Kostka, Sacred Heart Cemetery—The cemetery located on Main Street opposite St. Stanislaus Kostka Church is situated on more than ten acres in a lovely, quiet, tree-lined neighborhood. The tranquility is enhanced by majestic pine trees and monuments dating back to the mid-nineteenth century. Our primary goal is to carry out the sacred religious functions of burial and care for the resting places of the deceased. The Catholic Church regards the burying of the dead as a deep spiritual significance and a Corporal Work of Mercy. Our cemetery has been serving the West Rutland area for more than 150 years. It was consecrated in May 1865 by Bishop Louis DeGoesbriand, the first bishop of Burlington, and is one of the oldest, active Catholic cemeteries in the diocese.

St. Dominic Cemetery— St. Dominic Cemetery is located across the street from St. Dominic Church sharing a common boundary with the South Street Cemetery. For more questions please contact Henry Socinski at 802-459-2262.

MASS INTENTIONS
Epiphany of the Lord

Sat, January 2 —
4:00 PM In Memory of Genevieve Bioty (birthday) **SSK**
Requested by The Family
In Memory of the Sitek & Wojtas Families
Requested by Christine Giddings

Sun, January 3—
9:00 AM Prayers for Souls in Purgatory **SB**
In Memory of John Boughton
Requested by Jim & Olivia Boughton
11:00 AM **SD**
5:00 PM LATIN MASS **SB**

Mon, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30 AM

Tue, January 5— St. John Neumann
8:30 AM **SB**

Wed, January 6—Christmas Weekday
8:30 AM **SSK**

Thu, January 7—Christmas Weekday
5:30 PM **SD**

Fri, January 8—Christmas Weekday
8:30AM **SSK**

Sat, January 9—Christmas Weekday
4:00 PM In Memory of Sophie O'Bara **SSK**
Requested by Bo, Michelle, & Mikey
In Memory of Stanley Orzech
Requested by Jim & Olivia Boughton

Sun, January 10—Baptism of the Lord
9:00 AM In Memory of Kimberly Lefevre **SB**
Requested by Aunt and Nephew
In Memory of Marie Gawet
Requested by Jim & Olivia Boughton
11:00 AM **SD**

PRAYER VIGIL: Jan 11th, 6PM, St. Stanislaus Kostka.

CONFESSION TIMES: By appointment only.

HOLY HOUR: First Friday of the month at St. Stanislaus-Kostka, 9:00-10:00 AM.

MASS INTENTIONS: Most often we think of offering a Mass for someone who is deceased. There are other occasions too, such as birthdays, anniversaries, and special events that are nice to remember with Mass. These Mass requests are printed in the bulletin and offered up with the Prayers of the Faithful.

HAPPY NEW YEAR—2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

PARISH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN - Please note that although we are open and present, it is requested that a face covering/mask be worn upon entering the building.

Office Hrs: Mon—Fri from 8:30 am—3:00 pm
Phone: 802-438-2490. Email: wrchurches@vermontcatholic.org
Fr. Vale's Office Hours are from 9am - 4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with Parishioners and friends who are sick, suffering or in recovery: Marie Wysolmerski, Tiffany Marquis, Reilly Jakubiak, Bernice Bujak, Peg Patch, Donald Sevigny, Norman Sevigny, Joseph Czachor, Lucien Wiskoski, Nina Flory, Kathi Scaralia, Dorothy Blicharz, Jean Wiskoski Davey, James McShane, Amy Kelley-Edwards, William Boutwell, Linda Ellis, Stephanie Chehy, and those who are homebound or in nursing facilities.

Our Military Members: Ross & Brittany Lowell, Seth LaChance.

2020 Remembering and Praying . . .

St. Bridget: Pat Agan, Jim Snee, Michelle Sienicki, Mary Porter (nee McCormick), Henry Malon, Kathleen Trepanier, Thomas LaVictoire, Barbara Burns, Genevieve LaVictoire, Leo DiGangi, Father Vincent Coppola, Antoinette Godzik.

St. Stanislaus*:* Clara Mondella (nee Wojick), Sophie Krysztofik, Bob Kelley, John Zawistowski, Ann Salengo, Stanley Orzech, Joseph Czachor.

St. Dominic: Leona Kish, Anne Lebo, Joseph Tripodi, Leo LaFrance, Bob Harger.

THIS WEEKEND
SSK Jan 2: 4:00 pm Bob Smolinski
SB Jan 3: 9:00 am Susan Roland
SD Jan 3: 11:00 am TBA

NEXT WEEKEND
SSK Jan 9: 4:00 pm Mary Nemeth
SB Jan 10: 9:00 am Susan Densmore
SD Jan 10: 11:00 am John Zawistoski

JANUARY SANCTUARY CANDLE SPONSORS

SB: In Memory of The Johnson and Dwyer Families

Requested by Patti Johnson

SSK: In Memory of Casimir & Angela Maciak

Requested by Steve & Judy Bender

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—
Matt 2:10-11

CHILDREN'S FAMILY MASS:- Beginning Sunday, January 10, 2021, and every second Sunday of the month until further notice, Father Vale will be offering a Children's Family Mass at St. Bridget's Church at 4:30PM. Everyone, as well as all families and their children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

FIRST STEPS AND RIGHT TO LIFE SUPPORT

January 22, 2021 will mark the 48th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision which legalized abortion in America throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. Since 1973, legalized abortion has resulted in **over 46 million (46,000,000) unborn citizens being denied the most basic right of all - the right to LIFE. In Vermont, abortion is legal up to the moment of birth, without any restriction or justification**. Proposal 5 which will be voted on by the legislature in 2021, seeks to amend the state constitution making abortion a *personal reproductive right* and therefore the law of the land.

How is the church to respond?

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is **January 24, 2021** (the Sunday closest to the R v W anniversary), and is traditionally the Sunday when churches spotlight this travesty in America. "I believe 2021 will be a call for the church to **PRAYER** and **ACTION** in defense of the innocent unborn and to their mothers and fathers." (David Wilkinson –First Steps)

Watch your bulletin for further information to come….

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

51+ CLUB DECEMBER WINNERS

St. Bridget:- $150—Theresa Bartlett;
$100 - Janet McPhee; **$75—**Nina Flory;
$50—Don & Marie Woods

St. Stanislaus Kostka:- $150—A. Clare Godek;
$100—Dorothy Blicharz; **$75**— Barbara & Paul Trepanier;
$50 - Clayton A. Bailey

To all the amazing volunteers in all the Churches who decorated and made the Churches look fabulous. The effort and time you gave certainly was noticed. Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents! It made Christmas extra special, in spite of COVID!

Thank you to all who participated in the Giving Tree Program. It was an overwhelming response. We are blessed.

"Thank you so much for thinking of the students at West Rutland School. The gifts are very much appreciated."

Pam Notte—West Rutland School

ST. DOM'S NOTICE

St. Dominic Court St. Rose, Catholic Daughters of America

- Ledgers and historical meeting documentation for St. Dominic's Court St. Rose CDA, dating 1928-2012, has been placed in the Proctor Library Archives. People are welcome to peruse them.
- Photo albums of the CDA and other St. Dominic activities are in the St. Dominic Church basement.

Kindly submitted by Jan Horner

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

RUTLAND BOY SCOUT TROOPS 105 & 120

Saturdays, Jan 2nd and 9th

To schedule your tree pickup, please call 802-438-8721 or email RutlandBSTreeCollection@gmail.com

Donations are greatly appreciated and are accepted at pickup.

THIS IS OUR **MAJOR** *FUNDRAISER—Thank you!*

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
January 2–8, 2021
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Pope Francis proclaims Year of St. Joseph

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote "Patris corde" against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence."

A Nativity scene is pictured as Pope Francis leads his general audience in the library of the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican Dec. 16, 2020. — CNS photo/Vatican Media

St. Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting St. Paul VI.

And because of his role at "the crossroads between the Old and New Testament," St. Joseph "has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people." In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized.

"Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser," emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we "experience His truth and tenderness," because "we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us."

Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his "fiat" he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to "do the will of the Father." Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he "cooperated… in the great mystery of Redemption," as St. John Paul II said, "and is truly a minister of salvation."

At the same time, Joseph is "an accepting Father," because he "accepted Mary unconditionally" — an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, "in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident." But the bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, "setting aside his own ideas" and reconciling himself with his own history.

"Patris corde" highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

— Catholic News Service/Vatican Media