

# WEST RUTLAND-PROCTOR-CATHOLIC PARISHES

**ST. BRIDGET CHURCH**  
28 Church St. West Rutland, VT.  
Next Mass at St. Bridget: October



**ST. STANISLAUS  
KOSTKA CHURCH**  
11 Barnes St. West Rutland, VT.

*Administrator, Rev. Steven Scarmozzino*  
*Music Ministry, Mrs. Angela Lundrigan*  
*Mrs. Olivia Boughton, Marie Smith*

**ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH**  
45 South St. Proctor, VT.  
Next Mass at St. Dominic: November



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**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2021**

**ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA**

## **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. Steven Scarmozzino

**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**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SEPTEMBER MASSES AT**  
**ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA**

**Sun, September 26th, 9:00 AM**

**SSK**

In Memory of Sisters Sophie & Prudence Chrusciel

*Requested by Mary Nemeth*

In Memory of John & Julia Bruce

*Requested by Margie & Family*

In Memory of Fred Hughes

*Requested by Mary Ann Hughes*

In Memory of John Godzik

*Requested by Loretta Godzik*

In Memory of Gretchen P. Haick

*Requested by Dianne & Ed Johnson*

**Sun, October 3rd, 9:00 AM**

**SB**

In Memory of Rev. Vince Coppola, C.S.C.

*Requested by Mary T. Nemeth*

In Memory of Pat & Mary McCormack

*Requested by Pat & Diane McCormack, Jack McCormack, and Tom & Linda Sheehan*

In Memory of Norman Champine

*Requested by Malon Family*

In Memory of John Gilfeather

*Requested by Molinari Family*

In Memory of David Rogers

*Requested by Mary & Michael Harger*



***Our Thoughts and Prayers are with***  
***Parishioners and friends who are sick,***  
***suffering or in recovery:***

Marie Wysolmerski, Tiffany Marquis, Reilly Jakubiak, Bernice Bujak, Donald Sevigny, Norman Sevigny, Lucien Wiskoski, Nina Flory, Dorothy Blicharz, Amy Kelley-Edwards, William Boutwell, Linda Ellis, Stephanie Chehy, Paul Dydo, and those who are homebound or in nursing facilities.

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

***2021 Remembering and Praying . . .***

***St. Bridget***—Father Vincent Coppola, Antoinette Godrick, Rita Sabatino-Herbert, Edward Fabian, Mary White, Rina Girardi, Joseph Salengo, Gerald Angier.

***St. Stanislaus***—Joseph Czachor, Bill Kulig, Theresa M. Kulig, Joseph Kulig, Henry Chapla.

***St. Dominic***—Bob Harger, Lori Hickey.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS—**

**MASS SCHEDULE:-** Mass is only offered on Sundays at 9 AM rotating among the three Parishes.

October Masses—St. Bridget

November—St. Dominic

December—St. Stanislaus-Kostka

**TRADITIONAL MASS IN WEST RUTLAND:**

On Sunday, October 3rd, at 5 pm, a traditional Latin Mass (a/k/a Tridentine or Mass) will be offered at St. Bridget's Church. This will be a sung Mass featuring Gregorian chant. The St. Philip Neri Latin Mass Chaplaincy offers Mass at St. Bridget's on the first Sunday of each month at 5 pm. For more information please contact [latinmassvt@live.com](mailto:latinmassvt@live.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS:-** We are permitted to have 5 Mass Intentions per Sunday Mass. Please call the office if you would prefer **not** to have your scheduled intention changed to the closest Sunday at your chosen Church.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:-** If you are Homebound for any reason and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office so that we can coordinate a visit for you.

**OFFICE HOURS:-**

Mon-Thur: 8:30am –3:00pm. Fri: 8:30 am—Noon.

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**Lectors**

**THIS WEEKEND**

SSK: 9:00 am

L—Barbara Trepanier

EM—Judy Bender

**NEXT WEEKEND**

SB: 9:00 am

L—Susan Roland

EM—Kathy Budd

Altar Server—Bill Harvey



**ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA**

**SEPTEMBER SANCTUARY CANDLE SPONSOR**

*In Memory of Kelley Family*

*Requested by the Family*

**SUNDAY COLLECTION****09/19/2021**

**St. Bridget** \$1,115.00  
**St. Dominic** \$541.00  
**St. Stanislaus Kostka** \$1,124.00

**2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL**—progress chart

| Parish        | Goal     | Actual  | % of Goal |
|---------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| St. Bridget   | \$14,368 | \$4,342 | 34%       |
| St Dominic    | \$8,347  | \$3,650 | 58%       |
| St Stanislaus | \$10,302 | \$9,444 | 92%       |

**FALL FUND RAISER FOR THE ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT** is conducting a fundraiser, "**Shoes for St. Nicholas.**" They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lance W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting: [www.thestnicholasproject.com](http://www.thestnicholasproject.com) and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: [lwharlow@sover.net](mailto:lwharlow@sover.net). Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels. God bless you!

**CEMETERY REMINDER**—It is hard to believe that October 1st is right around the corner. This is the time to remove all artificial and live flower decorations/arrangements, solo lights, and other ornaments from the graves to prepare the cemetery for winter. Thanks

**RECITAL AT GRACE CHURCH—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2021**

Olivia Boughton and Alastair Stout offer the first performance of a new song cycle, "Twice", by Alastair Stout. The concert will also include songs by Purcell, Dowland and other Renaissance composers. September 26 at 4 p.m. in the Grace Church Sanctuary.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE: September 22 to October 31:**

Join in praying for the protection of the unborn and for the conversion of hearts. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful vigil of prayer and fasting with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Begins September 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Rutland:** Location: Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 11 Burnham Avenue

Hours: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Website: [www.40daysforlife.com/en/rutland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/rutland)

email: [RVT40DFLife@gmail.com](mailto:RVT40DFLife@gmail.com)

**A LIFE SYMPOSIUM: OCTOBER 2, 2021**

At Doubletree by Hilton, Burlington. Constitutional Law professor and pro-life champion Helen Alvare, co-founder of *Women Speak for Themselves*, will provide the keynote address at this day-long conference focusing on issues related to Proposal 5, a dangerous amendment aimed at enshrining the right to abortion in Vermont's Constitution, and expected to be put before voters in November 2022. Workshops will feature Melissa Ohden, Catherine Glenn Foster, Maureen Curley and youth activist Savannah Dudzik. Tickets \$50; youth scholarships available. Space is limited. For more information and to register go to [vrlc.net](http://vrlc.net).

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING...**

The ST. BRIDGET'S Fundraising committee has been acting as SANTA'S elves and busy organizing our ONLY Fundraiser this year!



Once again we will be selling assorted Christmas wreaths, decorations and scented candles.

These are grown in Northern Vermont. Brochures and order forms will be placed in bulletins the weekend of 10/3.

All order forms and orders must be placed and prepaid by 11/1.

Delivery will be the week of 11/29. Pickup will be at the Parish Hall

**Contact elves are Maxine Hurlbut @ 775-6572, Marcia Pierce @345-6799 and Patti Johnson @ 775-5607.**

Last year's fundraiser was very successful!! We welcome participation from members from all 3 parishes.

Please share this information with family and friends! Thank You.

**Something to Ponder as Vermont continues to remove our God given rights. Please visit this website to understand Proposal 5 <https://www.vrlc.net/> , and sign the petition if you want to see a change in how we respect life in Vermont.**

## **DOING OUR PART TO CHANGE HISTORY FOR THE BETTER**

In 1948, The World Medical Association created the Geneva Declaration as a proclamation of human rights. It was a direct response to the atrocities that had been committed by the Nazis. They were coming out of a period where it had been acceptable to kill, mistreat and perform experiments on those who were thought of as inferior. Therefore, the Geneva Declaration was a means for declaring respect for human life. The oath included this clause, "I will have the utmost respect for human life, from the time of conception."

However, in 1984, it was altered to no longer acknowledge conception. Instead, they replaced it with the words, "from its beginning." That too did not survive. In 2005, it was deleted altogether, leaving no reference to the earliest stages of life. It's shameful how this literally documents our society's degradation of life.

That leads us to the present. What will future generations see in the history *we* leave behind? The tragic reality is that we have a culture of death where 60 million innocent babies have been denied the right to live in the U.S. Abortion mills thrive across the country where the unborn aren't only killed, but abortionists profit from their "profession."

Yet, we have voices that are speaking out affirming the value of life. Technology, via ultrasounds, is showing the world the truth and beauty of development in the womb. Women help centers are located in communities across the country, reaching out to abortion-vulnerable women and saving babies' lives. Pro-life legislation is being introduced on both federal and state levels. Much progress is being made; but make no mistake, it's a bitter ongoing battle. For victory, we must each do our part so that we may stand at the turning point in history, where this generation will restore a culture of life.

**Pro-Life Articles—**



## God's Blessing Entails All Life

We have listened to songs with pleas of 'God Bless America' and "God Bless the U.S.A." Politicians love to end their speeches with 'God bless America.' I ask you, one and all, why should He Bless America? We forbid His name to be mentioned in public schools. Government buildings do not allow nativity scenes at Christmas. Worst of all, we have a heinous law that allows the abortion of babies in the womb, babies that are precious gifts from God Himself.

Congress has OK'd Planned Parenthood's 'gender abortions,' so if you don't want to have a girl, you can have her aborted and wait for a boy. How ironic is that? Planned Parenthood's claim that it's not a baby but 'just tissue' will be proven a lie. They would have to admit it's a girl or a boy. We have become deceived and ensnared by the devil.

Our country has sunk so low that we don't even recognize the dirt that has covered us. We need to dig ourselves out of the muck and respect all life again. Maybe then, and only then, there will be hope for us and our country of America.

*Ruth Weber*

*Davenport, Iowa*

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## Commandments Are Not Suggestions

We human beings seem to have forgotten that God is God. We also have forgotten that His Ten Commandments were not mere suggestions, but His commands.

The Fifth Commandment states 'Thou shalt not kill,' which means the innocent babies in the womb, the elderly and infirm, and all people in between should be protected.

No one has the right to kill the babies in the womb, not surgically, nor by abortion inducing pills dispensed personally or by telemedicine. No earthly being, whether he or she is a doctor, a lawyer, a politician or judge in a courtroom can change God's laws!

*One day, we will each stand before God to answer for our actions here on earth.*

*Ruth Weber*

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