

March 12, 2023...Third Week of Lent

*The Catholic Community
In the WESTERN Region of SOUTHERN and CENTRAL Vermont*

Our Churches

St. Paul, Orwell

St. Dominic, Proctor

St. Bridget, West Rutland

St. Stanislaus Kostka, West Rutland

St. John The Baptist, Castleton

Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven

St. Raphael, Poultney

"That in All Things, God May Be Glorified..."

Parish Staff

Administrative Assistant to the Pastor:

Mary Nemeth

Email: mnemeth@vermontcatholic.org

Sherri McKirryher, Parish Secretary

Michelle Davenport, Parish Bookkeeper

Kindly use "office" email for all staff.

Anointing of the Sick and Pastoral Visitation:

Contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms and Marriages: Kindly make an appointment with one of the priests or the deacon. For Baptisms, non-parishioners will need a letter of permission from their pastor. For marriages, a letter of permission from either of the couple's pastor is also required. All sacramental preparation and paperwork are to be completed in the home diocese.

Burials and Cemeteries: Contact the Parish office for burials at any of our cemeteries. Plots are available for purchase in the cemeteries in West Rutland, Fair Haven, and Poultney for either full casket or cremains. At this time, all cremains are buried as there are no columbaria available.



Pastor

Rev. Fr. Steven P. A. Scarmozzino, obl.O.S.B.

Email: sscarmozzino@vermontcatholic.org

Parish Websites

<https://ourladysevendolors.vermontcatholic.org>

<https://straphael.vermontcatholic.org>

<https://www.westrutlandcatholic.org>

Administrative Office and Mailing Address

St. John The Baptist Rectory
45 North Road, Castleton, VT 05735

In-Person Office Hours
Tues & Thurs - 9 am—2 pm

Office Phone:

802-671-8139

EMERGENCY PHONE

St. Raphael Rectory
802-287-5703

Office Email:

westernvermontchurches@vermontcatholic.org



OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ST. PAUL
Michael Ryan and the safety of 2CR Eagle Troop,
John Lettiere, Jack McElhinney, Linda Pelletier, Jimmy Shields,
Pamela Stickney

ST. BRIDGET, ST. STANISLAUS, ST. DOMINIC

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, Paul Dydo, Barbara Marino, Frank Panarello,
Gary Randall, Patty Kulig

In Loving Memory

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ST. PAUL
Fr. Richard Tinney, Concetto Jr. Poalino, Teresa Smith, Marion
Parent, Margaret Brough, Edward Pritchard, Michael Ripchik, H.
Larry Knapp

ST. BRIDGET, ST. STANISLAUS, ST. DOMINIC

David Bartlett, Andy DeLong, Joseph Mormando, Eddie Laasko,
Emily Czachor, Walter Kulig

3rd Sunday of Lent

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great.

Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come.

The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. *Of course* we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear.

— Father John Muir

©LPi



ATTENTION
PARISHIONERS OF ST. BRIDGET,
ST. DOMINIC & ST. STANISLAUS
KOSTKA

Bishop Christopher Coyne &
Msgr. John McDermott invite the
three church communities of
St. Bridget , St. Dominic &
St. Stanislaus Kostka
to a meeting on Monday, March 20th at 6pm
St. Bridget Parish Hall



A Characteristic of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Grateful

Happy Birthday! It may or may not be your birthday now, but I know it will be coming up at some point. I hope you receive many cool presents and get to spend quality time with friends and family. On special days like birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries, it is good to celebrate. After all, we need some fun and celebration in our lives.

But what about the day after? Presents remain, but the presence of others may be over, and it is back to the daily grind. Yesterday, you were filled with gratitude. You hold the memory of yesterday still close so that fuels you for the day. However, how about 2, 3, or 4 days from then? The truth is that many joys in this life cannot stay with us forever. They belong to a certain place in time. We will have our memories, yet those thoughts will never be a suitable substitute for the real thing.

There is one joy that remains throughout all our days: the joy we find in Jesus. What he gives us does not fade. The amazing thing about what he offers us is that it also provides a lens through which we see all things. Now we can see the smallest reasons to be grateful. We no longer have a life where we go from one celebration to another with the ordinary in between. All life and time are extraordinary! All gifts, great and small, are precious. This offering seems too good to be true, so what's the catch? Like all gifts given to us, for the gift to have meaning, we must be willing to receive it. The choice is yours. You can live in the ordinary, or you can revel in the extraordinary, now and forever.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Week of March 12, 2023

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA

Sunday, March 12

9:00 am John, Alice & John Jr. Molaski
by Thelecia Molaski
Walter Kulig by Jack & Theresa Kulig
Frederick Hellmuth by
The St. Stanislaus Kostka Choir
Dorothy Blicharz (100th Birthday) by Friends

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am Vernon & Frances Smith by Marie & Sharon
Andy DeLong (birthday) by Mom
Marlene Razanouski by Leona Razanouski
Stanley & Julia Jankowski by Terry Jankowski
Peter & Mary Reczek by Theresa Guillory

ST. PAUL

Sunday, March 12

11:15 am Pro Populo

Sunday, March 19

11:15 am Pro Populo

Please Note: If any Mass needs to be cancelled for any reason, the intention will be transferred or fulfilled privately.

The recommended donation is \$10.00

In cases where the donor offers more, additional Masses will be applied.



Week of March 12, 2023

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

<u>Saturday, March 11</u>	4:00 pm	Mary Masterson by Greg & Helen Lumpkin
<u>Saturday, March 18</u>	4:00 pm	Anita Perry by The Perry Family

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

<u>Sunday, March 12</u>	8:00 am	James Francis Patten, Jr. by CDA Court Isabella #173
<u>Sunday, March 19</u>	8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. James Crucitti by Teresa Crucitti

ST. RAPHAEL

<u>Sunday, March 12</u>	9:30 am	Special Intention by Mary Brown
<u>Monday, March 13</u>	8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory by Irene DeMatties
<u>Wednesday, March 15</u>	8:30 am	Deceased Members of McGuiness & Verrow Families by Dean & Sharon Bartholomew
<u>Thursday, March 16</u>	8:30 am	Edward Butler & Margaret Butler by Connie Butler & Family
<u>Friday, March 17</u>	8:30 am	Joe DeBonis, Sr. (wellbeing) by Connie Butler & Family
<u>Sunday, March 19</u>	9:30 am	James & Anna Parrott by The Family

Things To Do During Lent

THE CHOSEN SERIES

Please join us every Monday starting on March 6, 2023, from 5:30 P.M to 7:00 P.M. as we start a wonderful Video/Discussion series at Christ the King Church in Rutland. The series will start with a weekly showing of The Chosen. "This is a historical drama series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth as seen through the eyes of those who knew him". After the viewing there will be time for discussion regarding the film. We will be meeting in Engle Hall, which is the lower level of the church. The entrance to the parking lot is on Engrem Ave. Light refreshments will be served. The series ends on April 3rd.

"FORGIVEN: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION?"

This Lent at St. Paul's in Orwell we will offer 3 sessions to explore and better understand the Sacrament of Confession. Each session will include a beautiful DVD presentation made by the Augustine Institute. This study will help you recognize the beauty of the Rite of Penance and the transformative power of the grace God offers us in sacrament. The sessions will be held at the St. Paul Rectory in Orwell before Mass (10 am to 11 am) on March 12, 19, and 26th. All are welcome!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Bridget Church - Friday's @ 5 pm

St. John the Baptist Church - Friday's @ 5 pm

St. Paul Church - Friday's @ 6 pm

St. Raphael Church - Friday's @ 6 pm

Our Lady of Seven Dolors - Friday's @ 7pm



During this season of Lent, let us be aware of the need to pray, do acts of mercy and moderate certain behaviors:

Refrain from making insensitive or negative comments about people or events

Read the beatitudes in Matthew 5, verses 3 -12, the Sermon on the Mount and pray for the grace to enter the Lord's kingdom.

Call someone who is elderly or who has difficulty moving around. Offer to take them grocery shopping or run some errands for them.

More ideas next week.....

Sanctuary Candle March 2023



St. Bridget
Special Intention

St. Stanislaus Kostka
*In Memory of
Deceased Bioty Family Members
by The Bioty Family*

St. Raphael
*In Memory of
Bill G., Kevin, Joel, & Missy Williams
by The Williams Family*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

OLSD, Fair Haven

Sunday 7:15—7:45 am

SB, SD, SSK West Rutland & Proctor

By appointment

SJB, Castleton

Saturday 3:00—3:45 pm

SR, Poultney & SP, Orwell

By appointment



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday

St. Dominic-	5:30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Our Lady of Seven Dolors	7 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

St. John the Baptist	2 pm	Stations of the Cross
	3 pm	Passion of the Lord
St. Paul	2 pm	Stations of the Cross
	3 pm	Passion of the Lord
St. Dominic	3 pm	Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

St. Raphael	8 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
-------------	------	-------------------

Easter Sunday

Our Lady of Seven Dolors	8 am	Easter Sunday Mass
St. Dominic	9 am	Easter Sunday Mass
St. John the Baptist	9:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass
St. Raphael	9:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass
St. Paul	11:15 am	Easter Sunday Mass



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLPI

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH HEALING AND INTERVENTION:

The Women's Center in Middlebury will be sponsoring a new class in our area called "Her Journey". This abuse recovery program provides awareness and support for women facing domestic abuse. Biblical principles are used to encourage beliefs and behaviors that heal. "Her Journey" is a ministry of ARMS (Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services—www.abuserecovery.org). To learn of the specific location and times of when and where "Her Journey" will be offered, call 1-866-262-9284 or visit www.abuserecovery.org

The Women's Center at 102 Court Street in Middlebury is holding their annual "Spring Fill-a-Bag Free" event on Saturday, March 18th. All spring children's and maternity clothes as well as diapers and other supplies are totally free to anyone who stops in. What a great service for anyone who is pregnant or has young children. For further details call 802-388-7272.



HYMN SING

Join Olivia Boughton and Alastair Stout for a hymn sing to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United Church of West Rutland on March 19th at 3pm. Location is 80 Chapel Street, West Rutland, VT.

2023 Weekly Offertory Envelopes

The weekly offertory envelopes for 5 of our 7 churches have yet to arrive. The company has had problems with getting parts to repair their printing presses. We are now hearing they will be arriving in late March. In the meantime, please use the envelopes provided in the church for your weekly contribution. **Please include your name, address and 2022 envelope number and whether its offertory or special collection so that we may credit your donation.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DUE IN MARCH:

Our Lady of Seven Dolores, St. John the Baptist, St. Paul & St. Raphael
3/5 Easter Flowers; 3/12—Fuel; 3/19 Catholic Relief Services
St. Dominic

3/5 Fuel; 3/5 Easter Flowers; 3/19—Catholic Relief Services ; & Maintenance

Catholic Daughter's Scholarship

Our Lady of Seven Dolores Catholic Daughters are accepting applications for their annual CDA Scholarship of \$500 to be awarded to a graduating high school student planning to attend college next year. The applicant must be an attending parishioner of one of our seven cluster parishes: OLSJ; SJB; SP; SR; SD; SB or SSK. If you are interested in applying, please call: Ann Marie Mahar at 802-265-3356 or email: mharhomer@comcast.net for an application.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLPI

Mark Your Calendar - Red Cross Blood Drive



Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

**Location: St. Raphael Parish Hall,
21 E Main Street, Poultney, VT**

Time: 9:30 to 2:00 pm

Schedule online—redcrossblood.org or make your appointment

Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters of Court Isabella #173, Fair Haven have a prayer chain that goes out by email and phone calls. They take requests from the person in need of prayer or their immediate family member only (with permission of the person needing prayer). You can email requests to camshaw22@gmail.com or call Patricia Dollar at 1-802-265-3867. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please give us your email or phone number. Thank you.

Our Lady of Seven Dolores

150th Anniversary - September 2024

Returnable cans and bottles (including water bottles) are now being collected for the 150th anniversary celebration. Please bring your bottles and cans to Dawn O'Neil at the Liberty Street Market in Fair Haven..

Next planning meeting is Wednesday, March 22nd at 7 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolores Church.

St. Patrick's Day



My dear family in Christ:

This year, the Memorial of Saint Patrick falls on Friday, March 17. It is well known that Saint Patrick's Day is a day of convivial celebration for many American Catholics. In addition, St. Patrick is the secondary Patron of the Diocese of Burlington.

I therefore decree that on Friday, March 17, 2023, all Catholics of the Diocese of Burlington, no matter where they may be, and all other Catholics actually present in the Diocese on that day, are, by my authority, dispensed from the obligation (can. 87 §1). For those who make use of this dispensation, I recommend embracing some additional penance or act of charity during this Lenten season.

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Bishop of Burlington

Catholic Men's Conference: BAND OF BROTHERS

Saturday, March 25th—9 am to 2 pm

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph

Registration: Annual Men's Conference—Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington (vermontcatholic.org)

Call John Morin—802-885-3946 with questions



God Rewards You For Your Generosity!

CHURCH	OFFERTORY 3/5/23	Bishop's Annual Appeal % As of 1/1/2023
Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven	\$ 2,500.00	69%
St. Bridget, West Rutland	\$ 1,193.00	42%
St. Dominic, Proctor	\$ 500.00	60%
St. John the Baptist, Castleton	\$ 1,140.00	77%
St. Paul, Orwell	\$ 674.50	58%
St. Raphael, Poultney	\$ 2,220.00	59%
St. Stanislaus Kostka, West Rutland	\$ 1,627.00	88%

Online giving is available at all churches

**SUPPORT THE
ADVERTISERS**
that Support our
Community!

**Durfee
Funeral Home**
and cremation service

119 North Main St., Fair Haven, VT
(802) 265-8085
DIRECTOR
Christopher Book

**Knights
of Columbus
Council 810**



Roberts - Aubin Funeral Home

Walter Ducharme
Owner/Funeral Director

Onsite crematory at our Middlebury, VT location.
Peace of mind knowing your loved one never leaves our care.
Serving all faiths. Traditional and Cremation Services.
266 Allen Ave., Poultney **802-287-5511**

Gawet

**Marble & Granite
Monumental**

805 BUSINESS RT. 4
CENTER RUTLAND, VT
773-8868

Sugar & Spice
WORLD RENOWN!
Restaurant

Pancake House & Gift Shop
Breakfast • Lunch
We make our own
maple products and can ship
anywhere in the world!
Rte. 4, Mendon, Vermont
773-7832
visit www.vtsugarandspice.com



**LAKES AND HOMES
REAL ESTATE**

Call: 802-671-8042
lakesandhomesre@gmail.com
Visit us at:
Our Broomfield office
55 Route 30 North - PO Box 85
Broomfield, VT
Our 'new' Poultney office
143 Main Street, Poultney, VT



AMBIENT AIR SOLUTIONS LLC
HEAT PUMP INSTALLATION & SERVICE

Massive rebates available for
high efficiency units!
802-884-0256
nicksheatpumps@gmail.com

**NEVER MISS
OUR BULLETIN!**

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed
to you every week.

Visit www.parishesonline.com



BUY FRESH EAT FRESH

Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Stand
Pies, Jarred and Baked Goods
Cheeses, Soda, Syrup and Honey
COME VISIT US:

12072 US-4, Whitehall, NY 12887

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Anthony Praskavich

apraskavich@4LPi.com
(800) 477-4574 x6656



WESTSIDE REAL ESTATE
Melissa J. Loughan, Principal Broker

E-mail: westsidere@comcast.net
Tel/Fax: 802.438.5341,
Cell: 802.558.4367
98 Pine Hill Road
West Rutland, VT 05777-9817
Professional, Experienced and
Personalized Service
www.westsiderealestatevt.com



Residential
Commercial
Historical

Full-Service Professional Masonry Since 1967
SMALL PROJECTS WELCOME
Brick • All Types of Stone • Block • Marble
Granite • Concrete • Steps • Retaining Walls
Sidewalks • Pavers • Patios • Walkways • Fireplaces
Restoration • Leaks • Repairs • Chimneys
(802) 773-9250 • (802) 773-8312
info@atedescomasonry.com



**METICULOUS
MOWING**
& PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC.

*Mulching Up
the Competition
Since 2009*

Call or text us today!
802-342-8293

www.Meticulous802.com



**RESOURCE
SOLUTIONS**

800-CASELLA
casella.com

**Place Your Ad Here and
Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and purchase
an ad with

**AD
CREATOR
STUDIO**



4lpi.com/adcreator

**CLIFFORD
FUNERAL HOME**

GARY CLIFFORD • JAMES CLIFFORD
773-3010



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

St. Raphael, Poultney, VT

04-0754