July 9 & 10, 2022 The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday Sunday	6:30 pm 10:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Thomas For the repose of the soul of Joshua Pallotta
Monday	6:30 pm	NO Mass
Tuesday	6:30 pm	NO Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday Thursday	8:00 am ****	NO Mass
Friday	8:00 am	NO Mass at St. Thomas

Week of July 16 & 17

Saturday	6:30 pm	No Intention
Sunday	10:30 am	For the health and well being of Jean Danaher

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm and Sunday mornings at 10 am.

† PRAYER CONCERNS †

For all our sick and shut-ins, as well as our troops. For all who have died and all members of St. Mary's & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy at 644 5073.

†Eucharistic Adoration
Reconciliation

Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass Wednesday's after Mass/Saturday's 6-6:20 pm

Vermont Catholic Magazine: Next weekend's second collection, for the Vermont Catholic Magazine, helps St. Mary's defray our share of the cost (\$684/yr) to produce this magazine Diocesan wide. This is a mandatory fee based on the number of parishioners in our parish. Free copies of the quarterly magazine are made available to the parish for those who are unable to pledge a minimum of \$25 to the Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Council Vacancy: The Parish Council has a vacancy! If you are interested in joining or would like to nominate someone, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Church Cleaning: We are looking for additional volunteers to assist Sheri Buchanan in keeping our church clean. If you may be able to help please contact Cathy Kennedy or Sheri.

Thank you for supporting the Cambridge Food Shelf!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 11

Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & Mt 10:34-11:1

July 12

Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-3a, 3B-4, 5-6, 7-Mt 11:20-24

July 13

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-Mt 11:25-27

July 14

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-14ab & 15, 16 -18, 19-21 Mt 11:28-30

July 15

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 Mt 12:1-8

July 16

Mi 2:1-5 PS 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21

July 17

Gn 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42

St. Benedict, Abbot

On July 11, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Saint Benedict of Nursia, the sixth-century abbot who gave Christian monasticism its lasting foundation in Western Europe.

For his historic role as the "Father of Western Monasticism," St. Benedict was declared a co-patron of Europe (along with Saints Cyril and Methodius). St. Benedict was also the patron saint of Pope Benedict XVI's pontificate. In a 2005 general audience, Pope Benedict XVI said St. Benedict was a "powerful reminder of the indispensable Christian roots" of Europe. He cited the monk's instruction to "prefer nothing to the love of Christ," and asked his intercession "to help us keep Christ firmly at the heart of our lives."

Born to upper-class parents in Italy during the year 480, Benedict was sent to Rome to study the humanities. He lived briefly with a group of monks, then as a hermit, spending three years in solitude. He then had the confidence to emerge as an organizer of monastic communities. Benedict's monasteries in Subiaco became centers of education for children, a tradition which would continue in the order during his lifetime and beyond. His monastic movement attracted large numbers of people who were looking to live their faith more deeply.

During 529, Benedict left Subiaco for Monte Cassino, 80 miles south of Rome. It was at Monte Cassino that the abbot drew up a rule of life, the famous "Rule of St. Benedict," which emphasized prayer, work, simplicity, and hospitality. Though known as a rule for monks, it is addressed to all those who seek "to do battle for Christ the Lord, the true King." Benedict's life was marked by various intrigues and miraculous incidents, which are described in his biography written by Pope St. Gregory the Great. One of the most remarkable was his meeting in 543 with Totila, King of the Goths, in which the abbot rebuked the king's lifestyle and prophesied his death.

In his final years, the abbot had a profound mystical experience, which is said to have involved a supernatural vision of God and the whole of creation. Around the age of 63, Benedict suffered his final illness. He was carried into the church by his fellow monks, where he received the Eucharist for the last time. Held up by his disciples, he raised his hands in prayer for the last time, before dying in their arms.

No weekday Masses will be celebrated between July 4 and Aug12. Father Richard Eneji will celebrate weekend Masses for us while Father Calapan is away. Please extend a warm welcome to Father Richard.

Stewardship Committee: We are looking for individuals to join the Stewardship Committee which assists with maintenance and facility needs. If interested please call the office. Thank You!

Denis Guillemette Funeral: Sadly Denis passed in March of this year while in Florida. His funeral will be held on Friday, July 22nd at 1 pm here at St. Mary's. Father Micale will be celebrating the Mass.

Six Reasons to Oppose Proposal 5/Article 22: 1. Inhumane 2. Dangerous 3. Exploitative 4. Expensive 5.Unconscionable 6. Consequential

How is the amendment Unconscionable? Medical professionals would be prevented from conscientiously objecting to participation in procedures that they find morally reprehensible or that go Offertory Receipts for 7/2-7/3

against their best medical judgment.

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY EVERY DAY!

Jesus is coming back! Are you ready?

FY23 Weekly Goal: \$1,050 Last Week = \$ 1778.00 YTD Actual = \$ 1778.00 YTD Budget = \$ 1050.00 = \$ Over (Under) 728.00

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