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Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM

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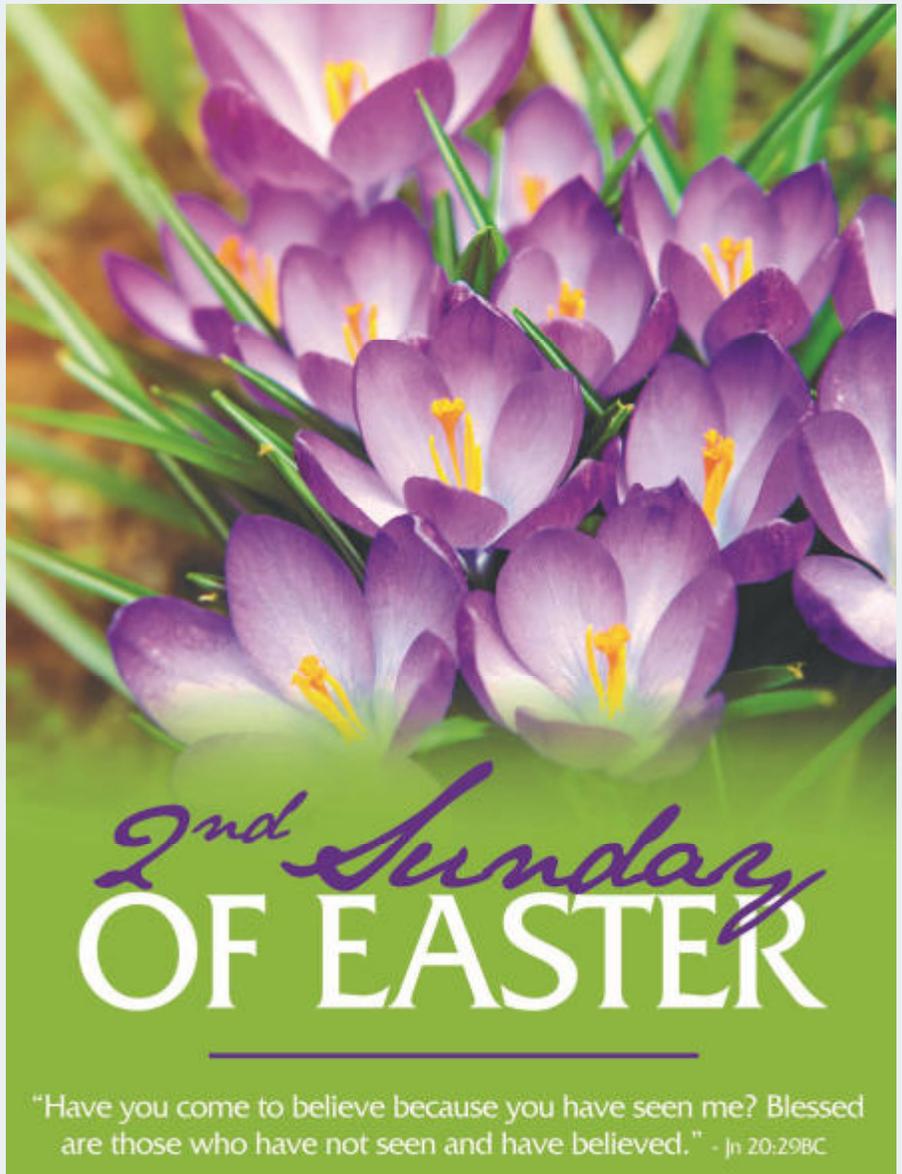
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

And Liturgical Celebrations for
April 10—April 18, 2021

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

Sat./Sun., Apr. 10/11 Divine Mercy Sunday

- 4:00 p.m. † Stan Dranginis - His Daughter
† Francis "Pete" Roy - Mary Morrissey
† Patrick M. Moore - Cousin, Saile Mahoney
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
9:30 a.m. Pete Roy (1st) - The Family

Monday, Apr. 12 Easter Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Noella Boisvert (Living)
- Her Granddaughter, Michelle O'Neil

Tuesday, Apr. 13 Saint Martin

- 8:00 a.m. † Phil O'Neill—Mary & Tom Flood

Wednesday, Apr. 14 Easter Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. In Honor of Mary Flood on the Occasion of her
90th Birthday - Jo-Anne Prouty
† Alda Betit Racicot - Mary Brochu

Thursday, Apr. 15 Easter Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. † James McMahan - Vicky & Julie

Friday, Apr. 16 Friday within the Octave of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. † Mary Bratcher - Tom & Mary Flood

Sat./Sun., Apr. 17/18 Third Sunday of Easter

- 4:00 p.m. † Mike Capriola - Mary Morrissey
† Peter Mears - Mom, Nan
7:30 a.m. † Noreen Watson - Sister, Trina & Nephew, Joe
9:30 a.m. † Len Capriola—Paul Capriola
Michelle Frank (Living) on the
Occasion of her Birthday - Mom
Our Parish Family

Gospel Reflection Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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Sunday Summary

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 New Christians bring everything they have into the bargain.

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 For this we are grateful: God's mercy endures forever.

1 John 5:1-6 Jesus comes through water and blood to be the victor of the world.

John 20:19-31 Thomas the Doubter becomes Thomas the Confessor.

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/
Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/
Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/
Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
[7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/
Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/
Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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Faith Formation Program

"Growing In Faith Together"

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Baptism

Congratulations to Peyton and Skylar Clark, sons of Jamie and Ashley Clark, who were baptized during the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, April 3. Welcome to our community of faith!



When we teach children to think as they learn, we are giving them an essential skill far more valuable than the ability to recall isolated facts. The same thinking strategies which are effective in school can be practiced in their personal lives to solve problems and to make decisions. I suggest that you encourage your child in this method of making responsible, prudent decisions.

The first step is to identify the problem. Perhaps your child wants a larger allowance, a later curfew, or some particular privilege. Perhaps there is a difference of opinion in regard to the responsibility for chores around the home. Once the exact nature of the problem is stated, it's time to gather facts and to describe the present situation accurately. The next step is to consider the advantages and disadvantages of various solutions. Many times the wisest decision involves a compromise after everyone concerned has had a chance to consider a number of possibilities.

The more experiences your child has in stating a problem, assessing a situation, discovering all pertinent facts, and evaluating the probable results or alternate actions, the more likely he or she will be able to make reasonable and sound judgments.

Differences of opinion can be approached in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect, rather than from an argumentative position now and as your child grows into adulthood.

Being able to pray about important decisions is also a good way to reflect upon the situation and it allows God a chance to play a part in whatever decision is made.



First Holy Communion Reminders

May 2, First Eucharist Family Retreat and practice which runs from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.

May 8 at 11:00 am is First Eucharist Celebration

WINTERTASTIC RESULTS

Special thanks to all those who took part in our WINTERTASTIC CELEBRATION. To the planning committee members, our donors, our sponsors, our teachers and staff, past graduates, and those who bought raffle tickets....we cannot even begin to express our sincerest gratitude. Together we were able to raise \$49,975 for our school this year from this one event. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

APRIL 11, 2021



Please remember the sick, including ~

Reatha Williams, Frank Babcock, Tami Greene, Robin Guertin, Nan Mears, Diane Roy, Dorothy Roy, Robin Tremblay, Rene Cassano, Caleb St. John, Marie Parker Mayer, Don Place, Cathy Place, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Tina Harrington, A.J. Morton, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Cindy Levitte, Christopher Rubino, Lena Reap, Dolores Pruden, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino,, Wilfred LaBonte, Gloria VanDerzee, Adrianna Dewey, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the patients of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2021

Sacred Heart

St. Francis de Sales Church

Bennington, Vermont

Divine Mercy Mass**: 2:00 p.m.

****Mass Only.** We are unable to offer an opportunity for confession at this time.

**Congratulations to our
Confirmands**

During the Easter Vigil Saturday Evening, April 3, we welcomed two adults into our Catholic Community of faith—Donna Dresser and Andrew Shoemaker.

Welcome Donna and Andrew!



**Votive Candles
April 2021 Intentions**

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† Theresa & Bob Long, Sr.
requested by the Dale Long family

**Everyday Stewardship
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Eye Has Not Seen**

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes? That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

For Your Information...

Copies of the Diocesan/Eparchial Policies and Procedures relating to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People are available in the Parish Office upon request.



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Parish Office

At this time the office continues to be closed on Wednesday afternoons until further notice.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

April 10-16, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

‘Our words are to be at the service of the *Divine Word*’

It is easy for human beings to become overwhelmed by words. Endless news reports, social media and idle chatter consume so much time and energy, and to what end?

All too often words are set against each other for reasons of power, correctness, control or manipulation. There seems to be a war going on in this “world of word-craft.”

During His sacred Passion, our blessed Lord experienced this in His humanity, but rather than engaging it, he put an end to it by fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy: “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth” (Is 53:7).

As He is, so we are to be.

We rationalize, however, the avalanche of words coming at us, or from us, by insisting that it is necessary for work or to stay updated, connected and informed; this may be partially accurate. But more importantly is the answer to the question of whether any, or all, of these words lead us and others deeper into relationship with Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate.

In short, all of our words are to be at the service of the Divine Word. This reality is certainly on full display in the homilies of St. John Chrysostom, known as “Golden-Mouth” for the eloquence with which he preached in the fourth and early fifth centuries. Or, fast forwarding roughly 800 years, we may note the thorough and unparalleled rhetoric of St. Thomas Aquinas.

And yet, isn’t it interesting that this year the Church asks us to consider St. Joseph, the man called by God to be the husband of and protector and provider for His most perfect creature, our Blessed Mother, and the foster-father of His Son, the Word made flesh.

And what’s more is that this saintly man never utters one word in the entirety of Sacred Scripture! It would be unreasonable to believe that St. Joseph never spoke during the course of his earthly life, but we can be certain that nothing he ever said

was deemed by God to be necessary for our salvation since it is not included in Sacred Scripture.

At this time in the Church’s history, we are confronted by the “secret life” of St. Joseph, particularly in his relationship to the Mother of God and the Incarnate Word.

To remain close to Jesus and Mary and grow in one’s relationship with them — as St. Joseph did — requires faith, hope, love, trust, commitment and sacrifice. Certainly, doubt and anxiety are a part of life, but they become manageable the more one’s soul follows the will of God, is in union with His Word and strengthened by His grace.

Let us, then, take every opportunity to engage more fervently and robustly a life a prayer, especially time with our Lord in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and meditate with our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph on the life of Christ through the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. For the more consistently this becomes the desire of our soul and practice of our life, the more we, like St. Joseph in union with the Blessed Mother and safeguarded by God’s Almighty Word, will love the Church, fight to defend Her dignity and honor, protect Her children from the terror of demons and work for the salvation of souls so that God’s faithful may experience the grace of a happy death.

These may be beautiful and powerful words, but unless and until they propel us to be caught up in our fascination with the Divine Word of God, we will remain perplexed by the faithful and committed silence of St. Joseph — a man who reveals in God’s Providence that words are oftentimes overrated, but the relationship we have to the Word Incarnate is what truly transforms our life, our family, our culture, our history and our vocation.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

— **Father James Dodson is vocation director
for the Diocese of Burlington**

From the Spring 2021 issue of Vermont Catholic magazine.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



HIS Pantry

“Seeing Christ in the hungry”

Phone Number: **442-1720**

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HIS Pantry at SHSF

(Facebook link)

Wednesdays 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Fridays 10:00 am – 11:30 am

HIS Pantry is a volunteer-run parish ministry which assists those in need of food in our local community.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the pantry food distribution is now being done outside, under tents in the parking lot. Now, more than ever, we need your support to help those struggling with food insecurities in our area. Here are some ways you can help:

Volunteering: We are in need of a few more volunteers during this difficult pandemic period. Here are some of the areas where we especially need help:

- * Outdoor setup & guest assistance: Wednesday afternoons and/or Friday mornings
- * Indoor stocking, food prep & packaging
- * People that can pick up donations from local stores

If you would like to become a volunteer at HIS Pantry or give us an additional hand in one of the areas listed above, please email hispantryshsf@gmail.com or call 802-823-0195.

Donations:

- * Shelf stable food and personal hygiene items are always welcome
- * Cash donations, VISA or store gift cards (can bring to the parish office or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked for HIS Pantry). Note that these gift cards are used solely by pantry volunteers to purchase needed foods as we run low. Thank you for your generosity!

Special Request

If you write a check to contribute to the parish collections, and you receive offering envelopes, please include the envelopes with your donation. Thank you.

Online Giving Now Available!

We are now offering online giving through eCatholic, the company who also manages our parish website.

To check it out, go to our website:

sacredheartsaintfrancis.com,

click on donate, then choose where you want your money to go. You have the option of donating to the offertory, the monthly school collection, the monthly maintenance collection, our parish food shelf, or to the School Capital Campaign. Plus, you can use a credit card, eChecks, or direct debit from your checking account. You can choose to do a one-time donation, or set it up to do recurring monthly donations.

It's safe, secure and easy to use. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Thank You
FOR YOUR HELP

Interfaith Dinner

On Sunday, April 4, a group of parishioners answered our call to lend a hand with the Interfaith Dinner at the Second Congregational Church. A special thank you to **Jane Taylor, Jane and Rita Pinsonneault, Sue Andrews, Suzanne Jones, Dennis and Jo-Anne Amadon**. We truly appreciate your willingness to lend your time, talent and treasure to this worthwhile community outreach.

Second Congregational church has gone to great lengths to create protocols that keep everyone safe during this time of the pandemic. If you (or a group) would be interested in hosting one of these dinners, just give the office a call at 442-3141. Thank you.

For 2021 we still have 7 more months in need of volunteers. Please consider lending a hand to this worthwhile community outreach.

Parish Resources

Baptism - Contact Kathy Murphy at the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.

Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact Kathy Murphy in the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact the pastor a minimum of 6 months prior to the requested date of marriage.

Care of the Sick

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

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*There is no **Second Collection** next weekend.*

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