

JUNE 20, 2021



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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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

And Liturgical Celebrations for
June 19—27, 2021

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

Sat./Sun., June 19/20 The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. All Fathers Living and Deceased

7:30 a.m. All Fathers Living and Deceased

9:30 a.m. All Fathers Living and Deceased

Monday, June 21 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 a.m. † Deceased members of the Cristofolini Family
- Vicky

† Philip O'Neill - The Family

Tuesday, June 22 Saint Paulinus of Nola
Saints John Fisher & Thomas More

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, June 23 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Ruth, Bob & Jim Mulvey - The Family

† Elizabeth Maroney - The Family

Thursday, June 24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Friday, June 25 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Ilona Spada (3rd) - Dr. Arunas Budnikas

Sat./Sun., June 26/27 The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Edgar Lemieux - Jack & Gloria

† James McMahan - Mary Morrissey

† Len Nichols - Mary Morrissey

† Francis "Pete" Roy - The Family

Our Parish Family

7:30 a.m. † Dick Pembroke (3rd) - The Family

David & Judy Estes (Living) - Don McMahan

9:30 a.m. Joan Murphy (Living) - Michelle & Danny Frank

The Nesbit Family (Living) - Don McMahan

Gospel Reflection

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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Sunday Summary

Job 38:1, 8-11 God tells Job who's ultimately in charge of the created order.

Psalms 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 God is the sure source of rescue in times of distress.

2 Corinthians 5:14-17 In Christ, a new creation is possible, and the old order passes away.

Mark 4:35-41 Jesus shows himself united with the power of God to banish chaos.

Readings for the week of June 20, 2021

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Program

"Growing In Faith Together"

For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or shsffaithformation@vermontcatholic.org

You are invited to join us on Facebook – SHSF Faith Formation



Congratulations Graduates!

Last Sunday, June 6, our parish recognized our graduating Seniors with our traditional blanket ceremony. Standing left to right are: Adam Matunas, Nicholas Salem, Noah Pembroke, Michael McKenna, Madison Hopkins (Valedictorian), Sloane Rivers. Also graduating this year, but not pictured are: Noah Diedrich (Valedictorian of Arlington), Danielle Moscarello, Adam Restino.

Congratulations to all of the graduates! We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

*Father,
Hear our prayers and with your unfailing protection watch over these graduates as they commence into adult life.
As they continue to grow into maturity,
Grant that they will confess your name in faith
Be fervent in charity
And persevere courageously in the hope of reaching your Kingdom.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.*

*May the lord bless you and keep you
And make you grow in his love
So that you may live worthy of the calling he has given you
in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen*

Retired!

Teachers and staff, old and new, along with family, gathered on a perfect summer afternoon to honor David Estes for his 42 years (33 as Principal) at the school of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales. Gifts included a painting of the school, a rocking chair and a resolution read by Representative Mary Morrissey.

David was recognized for his dedication to the school and congratulated for keeping the school open during a pandemic. Congratulations David! "You did it!"



The rocking chair that we hope he will put to good use.

State Rep. Mary Morrissey with David holding a framed copy of his proclamation.



David pictured with Staff and Teachers old and new. Left to right: Norina Gilarde, David, Patty Dailey, Linda Guetti, Chris Becker, Donna Belluzzi, and Janice Disco.



Please remember the sick, including ~

Kyle Dane, Rose Santarcangelo, Charlie Buckley, Lavinia, Charles Tremblay, 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, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Cindy Levitte, Christopher Rubino, Lena Reap, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Gloria VanDerzee, Adrianna Dewey, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of Crescent Manor Care Center..



**Mass of Thanksgiving:
Father Robert John Murphy**

**Sunday, June 27
9:00 AM and 11 AM at St. John the Baptist**

Father Robert will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving **Sunday, June 27 at 9:00 AM and 11 AM at St. Johns** You are invited to attend and celebrate with Robert and his family, but because of Covid and the need to socially distance, we request that you RSVP, either through your Flocknote Invitation or by calling the church office. (space is limited)



**Votive Candles
June 2021 Intentions**

- † Perpetual for Frances Bender
- † Earl Alderman
requested by Ron & Doris Alderman
- † Theresa & Bob Long, Sr.
requested by the Dale Long family
- † Raymond Pinsonneault
requested by his wife
- † Richard C. "Dick" Pembroke
requested by the family



Ordinary Time

The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year.

Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and for ever.

Vestment colors are used to represent the mood of the Mass being celebrated. There are four standard vestment colors. Green, a sign of life and growth, represents Ordinary Time



**Save the Date ~
Summer 2021
Totus Tuus
Summer Catholic Camp**

Returning to Bennington for the 9th summer
Grades 1 – 8 ~ August 2nd
(9:00 am – 3:00 pm)
High School ~ August 1st - 5th
(7:30 pm – 9:30 pm)

Join us for a week of faith and fun! A high-energy dose of faith building led by 4 young adults. Registration forms are available at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/resource/2021-bennington-totus-tuus-registration/> or at the Parish Center or on our website.

For more information email: shsftotustuus@gmail.com

This summer, due to the pandemic, the number of children participating will be limited. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first served basis. Register early to ensure a space for your child.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

June 19-25, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

The Patience of a Father

One of my favorite parts of the baptismal rite, outside of the actual baptism, is the blessing of the parents. The blessing of the father includes, "...bless the father of this child, so that, together with his wife, they may, by word and example, prove to be the first witnesses of the faith to their child. ...". Receiving that blessing, with my head bowed, is always very moving, very necessary, and quite frankly appreciated! I need all the prayers and graces I can get, especially so that my own example and words may give authentic witness to the faith.

As the father of seven children now ranging in age from three to 15 years, life is joyful, but challenging. And yet, these have been the most fulfilling and beautiful years of my life.

However, parenting doesn't come with a roadmap or instruction manual. That's why I ask the Lord for the grace to be as gentle and loving as St. Joseph was.

During this year, we have added another petition to our family prayers at dinnertime. After saying grace, I invoke one of the titles from the Litany to St. Joseph, asking that he "pray for us." It has been a small and beautiful way for us as a family to mark the Year of St. Joseph. The title that I find myself most frequently invoking, as my children can attest, is "St. Joseph, mirror of patience, pray for us!"

Fatherhood has a way of making us face our weaknesses and failings. We are confronted with them daily, especially and too often in our interactions with those closest to us, our wife and children. I know I am.

And yet, as St. Paul reminds us, "My grace is sufficient for

you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). With our Lord's help, we can be like St. Joseph as loving, self-sacrificing, and yes, even as patient, as we are called to be.

One image of St. Joseph from the film, "Jesus of Nazareth" clearly shows his patience and kind disposition even in the face of adversity: A customer comes up to Joseph to pick up a wood tool that Joseph made. The man is clearly agitated and not satisfied,

and yet St. Joseph remains calm, patient and never raises his voice or shows any agitation throughout the conversation.

While this may not be the usual reaction of a person to a difficult situation, it is for St. Joseph, as a fruit of his life rooted in grace and prayer.

And indeed, that's a model worth striving for.

In evangelization, patience is often the key to helping a person come to know our Lord. Consider how patient the Lord is with His disciples

and those who come to Him seeking truth. In the example our Lord gave of the Prodigal Son, the father exemplifies patience as he waits and watches for his lost son to return home (along, no doubt, with many prayers).

An old hymn, "O Blessed Saint Joseph" includes the prayerful verse, "The father of Jesus! I wish you would be ... a father to me" (Paderborn, 1765). I pray that we in turn may be so loving and patient with those to whom we are father and that our example and witness may draw many others to that same life of faith.

— *Deacon Phil Lawson is the executive director of pastoral ministries for the Diocese of Burlington. He can be reached at plawson@vermontcatholic.org.*



A statue of St. Joseph is seen as Pope Francis leads his general audience at the Vatican March 24, 2021. With the approval of the pope, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments has published several additions to the Litany of St. Joseph. — CNS photo/Vatican Media

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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(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:

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:

For those of you who would like to donate items to the pantry, we are most in need of the following:

- * toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors
- * dish soap, laundry pods
- * empty laundry detergent bottles (we partially refill them from large economy sized bottles).



Once again, HIS Pantry has been selected by local Hannaford store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Fight Hunger Bag Program!

For the month of June, HIS Pantry will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the **\$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford store located at 141**

Hannaford SQ Ste. 2, Bennington VT. This is a great way to raise awareness, support the environment and fundraise for our cause. Please consider helping us out once again.

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, June 6, the following parishioners: Janet and Dan Lucy, Julie Guasconi, Mary Morrissey, Carolyn and Gerry McMurray, answered our call to lend a hand with the Interfaith Dinner at the Second Congregational Church. We truly appreciate their willingness to lend their 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.

We are in need of volunteers for the dinner at the beginning of August! Please consider lending a hand to this worth while community outreach.



Bishop's Annual Appeal 2021

During the height of the pandemic, when our churches were closed, the Diocese was able to livestream more than 200 faith activities to keep us all connected, including daily and Sunday Mass, daily rosary and Adoration, bible study, book club, retreats, and so much more. This was possible because of your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

As a Church, God has called us to spread the news that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and Savior no matter the challenges. Please help us continue to do God's work by making a gift to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org. Envelopes and more information can be found at the entrances of the church.

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

*The **Second Collection** next weekend is for Peter's Pence.*

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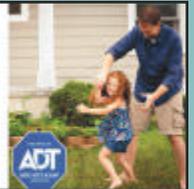
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