

Holy Angels and St. Mary's Parishes



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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Fr. Christopher Micale
Deacon Gabriel Gagne

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Holy Angels Parish

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Angels Parish

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. St. Mary's Parish

Daily Mass Times & Intentions listed inside bulletin

Confessions

Sat. ~ Holy Angels Parish ~ 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. & before Daily Mass
Confession by Appointment by calling
802-524-2585

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

The Rosary is recited before all Weekend Masses

Daily Mass Schedule

Location and Intentions

Saturday, December 25th, 2021 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Angels ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ Germaine Laroche

Holy Angels ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Annette & Henry Bouchard

Sunday, December 26th, 2021 ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Holy Angels ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ For All Parishioners
~ Intentions of members of Catholic Financial Life

St. Mary's Parish ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Paul M Bouchard & Jackie M Bouchard

Confessions 30 minutes before daily Mass

Monday, December 27th, 2021 ~ St. John

Office Closed

Holy Angels - 8:00 a.m. ~ **NO MASS**

Tuesday, December 28th, 2021 ~ The Holy Innocents

Office Closed

St Mary's Parish ~ 12:05 p.m. ~ **NO MASS**

Wednesday, December 29th, 2021 ~ St Thomas Becket

Office Closed and NO Adoration

Holy Angels ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ **NO MASS**

Thursday, December 30th,

Holy Angels ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ Claude Brosseau

Friday, December 31st, 2021 ~ St Sylvester I

Holy Angels ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ **NO MASS**

Holy Angels ~ 4:00 p.m., ~ Esther & Jim Fitzgerald
~ Jerry Patenaude

Confessions: 2:45 to 3:30pm before 4pm MASS

Saturday, January 1st, 2022 ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Angels ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ **NO MASS**

St Mary's Parish ~ 10:a.m. ~ Lionel Boulерice
~ Claire Trombley

Holy Angels ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Evelyn Goldsbury
~ Paul Boudreau

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Holy Angels ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ For All Parishioners
~ Rita D Chabot

St. Mary's Parish ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Andrew J Mawn

Please remember in your prayers those who have passed away.

Phyllis Kelley

For all Victims of COVID-19 , floods. earthquakes, and war. May they and all the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Please remember in your prayers those suffering from illness, undergoing medical treatment and their caregivers.

**NO ADORATION
WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 29th, 2021**

**PLEASE
TURN OFF YOUR PHONE**

THE OFFICE
Will be CLOSED from Friday December 24th
Thru Thursday, December 30, 2021

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31—4 PM-HOLY ANGELS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1—

10 AM ST MARY'S

4 PM - HOLY ANGELS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND—

8 AM—HOLY ANGELS

10 AM—ST MARY'S

OFFERTORY—PLEASE do not forget to give. Our Parishes need your help.

	S.M .	H.A.
Collections for December 12th	\$2420	\$5068
Other collections—12th	1011	709

One collection basket unless announced

December 25th	Christmas Offering	Both
December 26th	Offertory	Both
Januray 1st	Solemnity of Mary	Both
January 2nd	Offertory	Both

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Religious Education 2021/2022

Holy Angels Religious Education Program - Jamie Ayers DRE ~ 802-524-5181—Sunday mornings

St. Mary's Religious Education Program - Pam King DRE 802-393-3438—Tuesday PM—stmarystalbansre@gmail.com.

Other Parish News

Knights of Columbus Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month. Rosary at 6:30 and meeting at 7 PM

Ladies of St Anne's Meet the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm-Board members and 7:00 pm regular members. None until Spring

Catholic Daughters of America meet on the second Thursdays of the month at 6:30 PM.–

BINGO, will be on Thursday evenings at Holy Angels Parish Hall. Starting at 6:30 pm with early calls and regular Bingo at 7:00 PM.

~Martha's Kitchen. At this time the most efficient way to support Martha's Kitchen is with monetary donations. However, check out this month's needs posted on the board in the back of the churches. Our hours of operation are daily from 9 AM to 1 PM, your donations will be accepted then.

Church Parking~ Please be mindful of parking close to the Church buildings during and after our snow storms. Snow and ice do accumulate and may not be easily seen, but certainly will fall.

BLOOD DRIVE—Thursday December 30, 2021 9:00 AM—2:00 PM at St Mary's Parish Hall
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus –297

ADVENT-LENT *** TODAYS MISSAL

Please LEAVE in Church for ALL parishioners to be able to use, should not be taken home.

Beginning Monday, January 3rd 2022 the OFFICE will be
Closed on ALL Monday's in the future.

WHEN ADORATION RETURNS

ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5, 2022 PLEASE COME, AND SPEND TIME WITH THE LORD. WE NEED MORE TO PARTICIPATE, OR IT MAY END. AND, PLEASE COME TO BENEDICTION AT 8 PM.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31—4 PM—HOLY ANGELS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST — This year NOT a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
10 AM — ST MARY'S 4 PM — HOLY ANGELS

SUNDAY JANUARY 2ND ~ 8 AM —HOLY ANGELS 10 AM —ST MARY'S

RE: **Mask wearing** during Mass, now until at least the middle of January. **There is not a mandate, and is not mandatory.** But you are welcome to wear one, masks and hand sanitizers will be there for your use, but again NOT required.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Bulletin Message 12/25-12/26/21

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...”

(I Corinthians 13:4-8a.)

It takes a lot of love to negotiate one's way through family life. I remember every New Year's Day (Feast of Mary, Mother of God) gathering over my maternal grandparents' home for dinner. Aunt Frances the emcee or director of all family dinners would place a bowl of lentils in front of us: “You have to eat your lentils on New Year's Day, it's good luck”. I've never been overly enthusiastic when it comes to legumes. I would murmur a bit but I knew I was not in a power position so I choked them down praying that the good luck I would receive that year would be to keep lentils (as far as I'm concerned are cousins to lima beans!) far away from my mouth and stomach! We must endure much in life. We, as a nation and culture have endured a lot this past year. The year 2021 wasn't anything if it wasn't crazy. Nations are families grown large. If what must be endured in families is necessary then so it's true with our nation and the world. The first Sunday after Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family. On the eighth day of Christmas we celebrate Mary, Mother of God. Without the family we are sunk. The Church teaches us through Pope St. John Paul II that the family is the cell of society, the basic unit God created to keep things stable and to assure that human persons will flourish. Yet the family has been under attack for many years. The culture has determined that the family is fluid and that there are more approaches to the family that we should consider. Let me be perfectly clear: the Church and God Himself hate no one and want what is best for mankind, and the family *God* created is what accomplishes this end. It always goes back to the Garden of Eden with the first human family and ends us with the family at Nazareth. The first family of Adam and Eve with the sibling rivalry that led to the murder of a brother indicates what happens when we, as humans, chose to figure out spiritual things without the guidance of God; for the notion of family is spiritual not merely physical. It is the primary place in which children learn about God, His moral laws as well as the place in which we develop virtue and character, like eating something we hate because it's good for us and will help us grow and flourish to serve God and our neighbor. No other institution, including the Catholic Church, can substitute for the family in this mission and responsibility. The Holy Family at Nazareth is our guide. Mary accepts God's offer and opens herself up to scandal. St. Joseph takes Mary (who is with child) for his wife knowing the stigma that will result. The child Jesus, after His teaching in the temple and causing grief to his earthly parents, submits to Mary and Joseph: the Creator of the universe submits to His creation. We as Catholics must boldly defend the family in the world. As we begin to celebrate a New Year let's all thank God for our kin, even if they make us eat lentils! For it's through the patience and love of family members that God does His greatest work. Happy New Year to all and many thanks for all the good work done by all; we are moving forward together to serve God and neighbor. As with our Blessed Mother let us “*proclaim the greatness of the Lord*” to all we meet.

Fr. Christopher Micale

12|17, 01|07, 21, 02|04, 18 FRIDAYS The Challenge Club for Catholic Girls Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 6 - 8 pm
Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship and their Catholic faith. It's a place for girls to learn about themselves by doing apostolic projects and creating a positive impact on family, friends and the world. FOR MORE INFO: contact Mary Niekrewicz, mary.of.vt@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko, audreycgsvt@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.
12|30 THURSDAY

More than the Magi: Celebrating the Riches of Epiphany 2022

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7-8:30 pm

A reflection on the history, liturgy, and spirituality of a feast of feasts, with Fr. Richard Berube, SSE.

01|05, 19, 02|02, 16, 03|02, & 16 WEDNESDAYS

Resisting Happiness Book Club

Online • 7 pm

Come explore with us Matthew Kelly's book *Resisting Happiness* at 7-8 pm every other Wednesday for six weeks. Free book and study guide, contact pturnley@aol.com.

Offertory Envelopes for 2022

*St Mary's at St Mary's
Holy Angels at Holy Angels*

Please pick up your Envelopes

And, Please help deliver these to everyone not able to get their own

NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 25–31, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

God first loved us

I hope this last edition of *The Inland See* for 2021 finds you and your loved ones healthy and growing in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

This edition leads us through the celebration of Christmas and into the new year, a year that I have designated as a year of “Communion: Creed, worship and life.” As we celebrate Christmas, I see an opportunity for us to reflect upon the Incarnation as the greatest moment of communion between God and humanity. Consider if you will that God did not have to choose to be born through the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, but He did in the person of Jesus who later revealed why: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

Think about that for a moment, “for God so loved the world.” As such, this primary love for us, as revealed to us, calls forth a response from us to either love or not love Him in return. When we do choose to love God, we are called to do so as the great commandment says, “with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our soul.” St. Augustine of Hippo offered great encouragement for us when he wrote, “To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.”

Now out of God’s love, comes the crux of what we celebrate at Christmas, that God “gave his only Son ... so that we might have eternal life.” God did so by incarnating Himself as “true God and true man” in Jesus Christ: The Incarnation was the greatest communion because it was the primal communion, it is what began the whole great plan of salvation in and through Jesus Christ. All other communion flows from that moment. Notice as well that this moment is Trinitarian: God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, became man in the person of Jesus. Subsequently, that communion becomes manifested in each of us at the moment of baptism, when we are born again and take on the new person of Christ.

During this time of Christmas and the beginning of the Year of Communion, my encouragement is for all of us to begin by praying and meditating on the fact that God first loved us and how we love Him in return. As baptized members of the Church, we share in its communion as community and as ones in communion through the sacraments. I offer the words of Pope Leo the Great (c.400-461) from one of his Christmas homilies for your prayerful reflection:

“Our Saviour, dearly-beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and



Shown is the wood engraving "The Christstracht" by Ludwig Richter, 1854. — Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, D.C. 20540 USA

brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all. Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon. Let the gentile take courage in that he is called to life. ...”

God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Christopher J. Coyne



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