



JANUARY 19, 2020

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Now I have seen and
testified that he is
the Son of God.”

- Jn 1:34

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS - upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our Lady of Good Help Rectory Chapel
First Friday 1-3 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Mary Kay Wilczynski,
Administrative Assistant

PARISH COUNCIL

Second Wed of the month

FINANCE COUNCIL

Last Tue of the month

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grades K-9)
Sarah Carrara (247-6313)
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BINGO Saturdays,
7:00 PM - Parish Hall

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<http://www.stalphonsusvt.org>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

19 SUN Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

✠ 9:00 AM **Sophie and Alex Shutek** by the Estate

20 Mon Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

✠ 9:00 AM **Peter Senatore** by Christina & Perry Melvin

21 Tue Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

22 Wed Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

23 Thu Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

24 Fri Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

25 Sat The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

26 SUN Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23 - 9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

✠ 9:00 AM **Peter Senatore** by Bonnie & Charlie Stevens

Last Sunday's Offertory \$ **2,023.75**
Online Giving \$ 15.00
Total \$ **2,038.75**
Last Year this Date \$ 4,521.00
Building \$ 110.00
Fuel \$ 100.00
Solemnity of Mary \$ 85.00

Thank you for making up your envelopes.

Today there is a second collection for **Catholic Education**. Next week there is a special collection for **The Church in Latin America**. Please put these envelopes in the basket when it is passed for the Offertory.

BULLETIN DEADLINE IS MONDAY. Please submit all announcements, in writing, well in advance, in order for us to meet our publication deadline.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Family Catechesis Night! See Otter Valley Roman Catholic Community Events for details.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - LPi

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

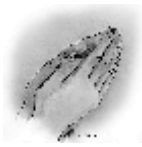
JANUARY

Sun	8:30 AM	Cantor Rehearsal
Mon	8:30 AM	Rosary, followed by Mass
Tue	8:30 AM	Rosary, followed by Mass
22	7:00 PM	Scripture & Reflection, OLGH Rectory
24	10:30 AM	Crafters, Rectory
28	6:00 PM	Finance Council, Rectory
29	7:00 PM	Scripture & Reflection, St A Rectory

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, February 13, from 5 to 7 pm. All interested families welcome to attend! MSJ will display various opportunities available, including Academics, Athletics, Service opportunities and Co-curricular activities and more! Meet faculty, staff, current students and families. Student ambassador led Campus tours.

- Financial assistance options available
- All faiths welcome!
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See how becoming part of the MSJ family can make a positive difference in your family! Students urged to schedule a "Mountie for a Day!" with us by contacting the school at 802-775-0151 or email our Enrollment Coordinator Bill Brusco at wbrusco@msjvermont.org. Mount St. Joseph is located at 127 Convent Avenue, Rutland.



IN YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joe Sabol**, brother of George Sabol, and for the consolation of his family as they mourn his death.

RUTLAND AREA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #232 FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

- Boys & Girls divisions
- Ages 9-14 divisions
- Pizza and snacks for all!
- Prizes for winners!
- Winners will advance to Districts in Fair Haven
- Try to win a state championship!

January 26, 11:30 Registration; 12:00 Start at CKS Gym. Plus, new this year, Fr. Matt will shoot, too! A special prize for anyone who ties or beats his total

LIVE THE LITURGY - LPi

Our relationships ground and define us. Understanding where we come from, who matters to us, and to whom we have an allegiance all frame and direct our lives. One unchangeable about who we are is that God formed us in our mother's womb. Unless understanding of ourselves begins with this solid fact about ourselves, our knowledge will always be incomplete. John the Baptist and Jesus knew who they were and where they came from. This allowed them to understand their purpose and express their identity. To whom do you matter? If your primary answer is God then you are on your way to knowing who you are. Each of us has a purpose and mission to fulfill. See God as your strength and get about the business of meeting life's challenges.

Otter Valley Roman Catholic Community Events

Sun Jan 19: **Family Catechesis**, required for Grades 6-9, will start at 5:00 PM, beginning with a potluck meal in the Parish Hall. All are invited. This week's topic is *The Challenges of Following Christ*.

Mon Jan 20: **RCIA Program**, Saint Alphonsus Rectory, 7PM.

Wed Jan 22: **Scripture Study and Reflection**, will begin at 7 PM in Our Lady of Good Help Rectory.

Mon Jan 27: **RCIA Program**, Saint Alphonsus Rectory, 7PM.

3RD ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday March 28th, at Saint Anthony's Church, White River Junction. The keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain, Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent five and a half years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic. Other speakers will include Msgr. John McDermott and Paul Kendall. There will also be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship, and Mass with Bishop Coyne. Registration and more info at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS WITH THE BISHOP

Married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 60) who wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington on February 2, 2020, at the 10:00am Mass should contact the parish office with the following information (couples names, anniversary year being celebrated, date married, and where married - church w/location) by Wednesday, January 22. Senior couples who are unable to attend can be recognized with a certificate. Requests need be submitted to the parish office with the same information listed above. Thank you.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE AND MEAL

Each year the Vermont Ecumenical Council provides an opportunity for all Christian Faith Communities to come together in prayer for Christian Unity in our communities, state and the world. This year our service will be held on Sunday, January 19, at 4PM, at Faith United Methodist Church, 899 Dorset St, South Burlington. More information is available at www.vecncc.org.

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