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<p>MASS SCHEDULE Sunday 9:00 AM Monday & Tuesday 9:00 AM Holy Days 9:00 AM</p>	<p>WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.</p>
<p>CONFESSIONS - upon request BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.</p>	<p>ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Our Lady of Good Help Rectory Chapel First Friday 1-3 PM</p>

OFFICE HOURS
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Mary Kay Wilczynski,
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**SAINT ALPHONSUS
 CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**
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PARISH COUNCIL
 Second Wed of the month

BINGO Saturdays,
 7:00 PM - Parish Hall

Website:
<http://www.stalphonsusvt.org>

FINANCE COUNCIL
 Last Tue of the month

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www.facebook.com/saintalphonsusvt

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

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

27 Mon Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

28 Tue Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

9:00 AM **Those who are hungry**

29 Wed 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

30 Thu 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

31 Fri Saint John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

FEBRUARY 2020

1 Sat 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

2 SUN The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

✠ 9:00 AM **Peter Senatore** by Larry & Marsha Booker

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

Last Sunday's Offertory \$ **1,317.00**

Online Giving \$ 15.00

Total \$ **1,332.00**

Last Year this Date \$ 418.00

Catholic Education \$ 210.00

Thank you for making up your envelopes.

Today there is a second collection for the **Church in Latin America**. Please put this envelope in the basket when it is passed for the Offertory.

Next Sunday the basket will be passed a second time for the **Building and Maintenance Fund**. Please be generous.

Next Sunday is **Food Shelf Sunday**. If each family could contribute one non-perishable item, our parish would have a generous donation for those in need. There is a wooden box in the east entrance for your donations and also some envelopes if you wish to give cash.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-9 9:50-11:00 AM Parish Hall

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - LPi

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we had to be. There would be nothing we had to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. Freedom!

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

YEAR END STATEMENTS

You may not have received your year-end statement yet because they were mailed out in batches. Everyone should have their statements by Wednesday. Thank you for your patience.

JANUARY

Sun 8:30 AM Cantor Rehearsal

Mon 8:30 AM Rosary, followed by Mass

Tue 8:30 AM Rosary, followed by Mass

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.

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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



LIVE THE LITURGY - LPi

Do you feel overly oppressed or burdened by life’s demands or feel unsettled and anxious about where you find yourself? Many walk through life carrying very heavy sacks on their shoulders and are weighed down by them. Moments of joy and light are far and few between, with darkness and disappointment being more the norm. God desires that we live in light and experience joy. Christ has revealed this to us. Often, we give the world and things we have created too much power over us. We lose our sense of playfulness and freedom and allow other people and things to define and influence us. We are asked to reclaim ourselves today and realize that we are being asked to spread the Gospel of joy. Are we able and willing to do this?

**Otter Valley Roman Catholic
 Community Events**

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

Wed Jan 29: **Scripture Study and Reflection**, will begin at 7 PM in Saint Alphonsus Rectory.

Mon Feb 3: **RCIA Program**, Our Lady of Good Help Rectory, 7PM.

Wed Feb 5: **Scripture Study and Reflection**, will begin at 7 PM in Our Lady of Good Help Rectory.

**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!

Takes place today, 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.

A NOTE ABOUT COLD AND FLU SEASON - from the Diocese of Burlington The Sign of Peace has been an integral and valued part of the worship of the church for centuries in the form of a kiss of peace or handshake. As we are already in this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Sign of Peace but might simply greet you with a smile.

Also, please use common sense and good judgement concerning Mass attendance if you are ill. If you do decide to come to church for Mass, please remember that frequent and thorough hand-washing, refraining from physical contact during the Sign of Peace, and refraining from receiving communion from the chalice can help prevent the spread of germs. Thank you.

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