

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD

BEHOLD



“Behold, this child is
destined for the fall and
rise of many in Israel.”

LUKE 2:34A

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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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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

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

3 Mon Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar,

Bishop 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

9:00 AM **Parishioners**

4 Tue 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43

9:00 AM **For those in poverty**

5 Wed Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

6 Thu Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

7 Fri Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

8 Sat Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita,

Virgin 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

9 SUN Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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

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 \$ **1,523.00**

Online Giving \$ 15.00

Total \$ **1,538.00**

Last Year this Date \$ 1,272.50

Latin America \$ 238.00

Catholic Education \$ 45.00

Thank you for making up your envelopes.

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

This is also **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

Healing Our Blindness

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.



FEBRUARY

Sun	8:30 AM	Cantor Rehearsal
Mon	8:30 AM	Rosary, followed by Mass
Tue	8:30 AM	Rosary, followed by Mass
12	6:00 PM	Parish Council, Rectory
25	6:00 PM	Finance Council, 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!
- MSJ offers a variety of AP classes
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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 wbruso@msjvermont.org. Mount St. Joseph is located at 127 Convent Avenue, Rutland.

THE FEAST commemorating the Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple, also known as Candlemas, is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40. Simeon announces that the light has been revealed to the nations. Traditionally on this day, candles are blessed in celebration of Christ our light.

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

Today’s celebration can be seen as another “epiphany” of sorts, whereby Jesus is recognized as the one who will fulfill the Jewish people’s messianic expectations. Jesus is the one who comes to purify and refine humanity and provide us with proper direction and focus. Jesus also presents himself to each one of us. Will we accept him as he is or only as we want or need him to be? The Gospel message is meant to be heard whole and entire. When it is, it is always a very challenging, table-turning experience that can make even the holiest among us feel a bit uncomfortable. Being purified and refined never comes easy and requires that we give ourselves fully to God and His design. Are we willing to do so?

Otter Valley Roman Catholic
 Community Events

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

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

Mon Feb 10: **RCIA Program**, Our Lady of Good Help Rectory, 7PM.

Wed Feb 12: **Scripture Study and Reflection**, 7 PM, Saint Alphonsus Rectory.

RETROUVAILLE - A Lifeline for Married Couples, February 21-23. Retrouvaille means rediscovery in French. The program helps couples put their broken pieces back together and rediscover their love for each other!

This program is for couples with marital problems, including those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced. Couples who need and want help in getting their marriages on track often find the program very useful. It is also for couples who may be cold and distant, and believe that there is no hope for their marriage. It is for couples of ALL ages, regardless of how long they have been married, or have been in trouble.

For more information and to register: call 508-271-7155, or email RetrouvailleNE@gmail.com.



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