# Saint Alphonsus Liguori Parish 2918 US Route 7 Pittsford, Vermont 05763

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A ministry of the Capuchin Franciscans, Province of St. Mary, New York and New England

Father Maurice Moreau, OFM Cap, Pastor In residence at Saint Peter's Friary with Father John Tokaz, OFM Cap.

## MASS SCHEDULE

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



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday and Tuesday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Dee Daly Administrative Assistant

**FINANCE COUNCIL** Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

**PARISH COUNCIL** Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

(Grades K-8) Sarah Carrara (353-7284) <u>sarahlynnecarrara@gmail.com</u>

Website: http://www.ovcc.vermont catholic.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/saintalphonsusvt

### SAINT ALPHONSUS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Jon Keith (483.6489) work Jon Keith (483.2029) home

**ONLINE GIVING** https:// osvhub.com/st-alphonsusliguori-parish/funds

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

**9 SUN The BAPTISM of the LORD** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

⊕ 9:00 AM The Queen Family by the Estate

10 Mon 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

9:00 AM All Souls

11 Tue 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

9:00 AM Parishioners

12 Wed 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

**13 Thu** Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

14 Fri 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

15 Sat 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

**16 SUN Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

9:00 AM The Queen Family by the Estate

## **Church Offertory**

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 1,500.00
Sunday 12/26 Offertory	\$ 765.00
Online giving	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 1,025.00
Offertory Total	\$ 815.00

Weekly Offertory Goal S	\$ 1,500.00
Last Sunday's Offertory S	\$ 1,078.00
Online giving S	\$ 150.00
Offertory Total S	\$ 1,228.00
Building & Maintenance S	\$ 184.00
Christmas S	\$ 458.00

Thanks for making up your envelopes.

Sunday January 9th Second Collection: Catholic Education

**THERE ARE VOTIVE CANDLES** in front of the Statue of Mary. Feel free before or after Mass to light a candle in honor of Mary, our Mother, and to ask for her powerful intercession.



# The Otter Valley Catholic Community

## **Religious Education**

Religious Education will be held on January 16th in the Parish Hall. Each child is to be accompanied by a parent.

Grades 1-5 will meet for class from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Grades 6 & 7 will meet for class from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

## FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS Tuesday. January 18th Parish Hall

Finance Meeting 5:45 PM Parish Council 6:30 PM



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER** a loved one, Mass cards are available for anyone who would like a Mass offered on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday. Other occasions when we have Masses offered for others are birthday, anniversary, pre-surgery, or recovering from an illness/surgery. Please contact the rectory 483-2301(email: (<u>stalphonsus@vermontcatholic.org</u>) or stop by on Mondays or Tuesdays.

**MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES** are available for those who would like to donate the wine and hosts used at Mass for the week in memory of a loved one. The suggested offering is \$10.00. Please contact the rectory 483-2301 or stop by on Mondays or Tuesdays.

**Crafters** — The next meeting is on January 14th @ 10:00 am in the Rectory. If you have any questions or interested in joining the group, please call: Elaine Ryan @ 558-9142.



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP --- LPi

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

### **RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?



Wednesday, January 12, 2022 Saint Alphonsus Parish Hall 2918 US Route 7 Pittsford, VT

11:30 a.m—5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter PITTSFORD to schedule an appointment. St. Hilary of Poitiers - January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 - c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy,



Arianism (denying the divinity of Christ; maintaining that the Son of God was created by the Father and was therefore neither coeternal with the Father, nor consubstantial). He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy. From Phyrgia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by an 'scenic route', preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX. (Vibrant churches, Jan 9, 2022, Saints)

Saint Hilary is the patron saint of:

Children with disabilities, mothers, and sick people.

Some also consider him to be the saint of lawyers and snake bites.



**Milestone Marriage Anniversaries** will be celebrated on February 6, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, with Bishop Coyne. Catholic married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2022, who wish to be recognized at this Mass should contact Nicole Hamilton at <u>nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org</u> or (802) 658-6110, ext. 1131, by Friday, January 28, 2022



