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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:15PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 4:15PM

Weekday Mass Schedule (See Mass Intentions—Page 2)

Adoration: Wednesdays 9:00AM—10:30AM

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact the Rectory. One preparation meeting with the parents is required.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Rectory at least one year in advance of the proposed wedding date. A program of marriage preparation is required.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00PM to 3:45PM Sunday: 3:15PM to 3:45PM

Or call the Rectory for an appointment

Home Visits

Please contact Georgette Coleman-(802) 522-8083

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Rectory

New Parishioners - Welcome!

Please contact the rectory to register.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day

4:15 pm - All Souls (Vigil)

SUNDAY, May 22, 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 am - All Parishioners

10:00 am - Andre Ducharme

Robert O'Connor (2nd Anniv)

Kenneth Vermette

4:15 pm - Paul Carbonneau

MONDAY, May 23,

7:00 am - Mary Juskiewicz

TUESDAY, May 24,

5:00 pm - Weldon Morrin

WEDNESDAY, May 25,

8:15 am - Richard Shaw

6:00 pm - For peace in Ukraine

THURSDAY, May 26, The Ascension of the Lord

6:45 am - All Parishioners

5:00 pm - John Murphy

FRIDAY, May 27,

7:00 am - Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, May 28,

4:15 pm - Deceased Members of the (Vigil)

Babic and Breer Families

SUNDAY, May 29, 7th Sunday of Easter; St. Paul VI, Pope; World Communication Day

8:00 am - Katie Kelly, Danny, Dan & Rubalcaba &

Brunell Families

10:00 am - Gloria Davis

4:15 pm - All Parishioners

The week ahead

Tuesday, May 24

School Board meeting

Wednesday, May 25

Adoration from 9:00 am to 10:30am

Thursday, May 26

Bible Study @ 3:00 pm

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M-F with your request.



Please note we have several candles available for family and friend.

Call the Rectory to schedule a candle of a week.

Offering is \$4.00 per candle.

Rest in Peac

Please remember in your prayers those who have passed away.

Deceased Members of St. Monica Parish

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace

Responsorial Psalm for May 21 - 22, 2022 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
"O God, let all the nations praise you."

Readings for week of May 22, 2022

<u>Sunday:</u> Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and

9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

<u>Tuesday</u>: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

<u>Thursday</u>: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20

<u>Ascension</u>: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph

1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn

16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn

16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn

17:20-26

Please pray for our sick and home bound.

People in our families, our friends and members of our parish who are ill, facing surgery, hospitalized, or experiencing difficult times have asked for our prayers.

During the course of the week, please take a few moments to offer a prayer of healing and strength for:

Laurie Alzaga Lind, Karl Boisvert, Garett Peace, Jimmy Morgan, Daniel Duggan, Lorraine Olson, Scott Leslie, Rinaldo Conti, Patty Lu, Pat Coutermarsh, Tim Long-champ, Henry Laperle, Edith Chatot, Audry Dargon, Terry McNamara, Theresa Olson, Bernadette Wass, Gage Pelletier, Lynn Lajeunesse, Paul Gingras, Dick Polonski, Joyce Hastings, Fr. Joseph Lively, Jason Fewer, Joe & Anne Egry, Roland Pepin, Thomas Gariboldi, Leo, Marcus, Louise Whitcomb



Once again we are asking for your help with the parish records. If you have changed your address or phone number in the past 5 years,

please let us know. Also if you have an email we would appreciate you giving us that also. We want to be sure that we have the correct information for our home visits, check-in calls, Communion and year end statements.

<u>Thank you</u> so much for all your help in this matter. Please send the information to:

stmonicalift@gmail.com

or call the Religious Ed office @ 802-476-4020 from 10am-2pm or leave a message.

Thanks again!

Knights of Columbus, Charles W. Jasman Memorial Scholarship

Open to a child or grandchild of a member in good standings of the K of C, Bishop Brady Council 399. Children and/or grandchildren of the deceased members of the Council in good standings at the time of death are also eligible. Applicant must be a student entering their 1st year of any accredited school or college of his/her choice. The scholarship award will be given at the beginning of the 2nd semester. Scholarships range from \$300-\$500. The scholarships are available for the Parishes of St. Monica, St. Sylvester, St. Augustine, North American Martyrs, and St. Edward.

Deadline is June 15th

For more information & application, please call:

Bill Robie @ 802-476-8961

Saint Monica Candles

May 22 - 28, 2022

Tabernacle Candle - *Lisa* **Left Tabernacle Angel -** *Don*

Right Tabernacle Angel - Hart & Chouinard Families

St. Joseph Candle - Daniel Lavigne

Blessed Mother Candle - Brian Hebert

St. Monica Icon Candle - Tom Gaffican

Pius X, St. Peter, & St. Patrick - David Murtagh

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St. Therese of Lisieux - Hart & Chouinard Families Sacred Heart of Jesus - Special Intention

St. Anthony - Douglas Long

If you would like to light a candle for a special intention, please call the rectory at 802-479-3253

The offering is \$4.00 for each candle for a week.



<u>Fr. John Milanese</u> has sold his home at 16 Countryside Circle in Barre Town.

He is selling many of his possessions as he prepares to downsize, and has generously offered to donate the proceeds from sold items, to tuition assistance at St. Monica-St. Michael School. In order to avoid congestion, and to give Fr. John an opportunity to show the sale items, he is asking that you call him at 802-479-9040 ASAP to arrange a time to view and purchase items. Don't wait: the early bird catches the worm!



Parish - \$6324.50 School - \$265.00 Others - \$325.00

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A clarification:

Due to the publication schedule of our weekly bulletin, the collection amount reported in the bulletins may come from two weeks earlier, not the previous weekend. Also, donations that we receive in the mail are included in the collection totals for the following weekend.

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Religious Education Director

The Parish Finance Council has recommended to Fr. Pat that the parish should hire a part-time religious education director. Assisted by Carolyn Raycraft, this person will be responsible for grades K-12 religious education and youth

ministry programs, coordinating Totus Tuus, First Communion and Confirmation Programs, Religious Education classes, Middle School and High School social events, primarily. The amount of hours will vary weekly and an overall number of hours and salary will be discussed with the successful candidate. The candidate should have a vibrant Catholic faith, organizational skills, and be able to be present at events on weekends and evenings. Resumes and letters of intent should be sent to Fr. Pat at 79 Summer St., Barre, Vt., 05641. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Knights of Columbus Dinner

The K of C will be hosting a pasta dinner in the parish hall, on **Saturday, June 11**, after the 4:15PM Mass. All donations offered will go to the K of C Poland, to help with the needs of Ukrainian refugees.

A variety of sauces will be prepared for the dinner. Parishioners will be able to bring a sauce to be shared as well!

Sign-up sheets will be in the church lobby to reserve a seat, as seating will be limited.

Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 30, there will be a mass at 9:00AM in St. Sylvester Cemetery to celebrate Memorial Day. The mass will be offered for parish All Souls intention. Everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair for seating. In case of rain, the mass will be celebrated in St. Monica Church.

Ascension Thursday

A Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics, Ascension Thursday will be celebrated on May 26. The mass schedule is:

Wednesday, May 25, Vigil Mass at 6:00 PM

Thursday, May 26, masses at 6:45AM; 8:15AM (School Mass); 5:00PM

Forty days after Easter, this marks the day Jesus rose from the earth and returned to Heaven.

High School Seniors Baccalaureate Mass

All graduating high school seniors are invited to the *5:00 pm Mass on Thursday, June 16*, **2022**, at St. Monica Church. This is an opportunity for your parish family to bless you as you begin a new chapter in your life and thank God for the persons you've become. If you would like to wear your cap and gown, it would make it extra special. After Mass there will be a pizza and dessert reception in the parish hall if you can attend. Your family members are certainly welcome to attend.

The Inland See

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'Every word weighs a ton'



alvin Coolidge was once asked why he spoke so infrequently, and when he did, so briefly. He had earned the moniker "Silent Cal." In response, he said that "one of the first lessons a president has to learn is that every word he says weighs a ton."

The same could be said for the creeds of our faith, those statements of the faith of the Church that we are proud to profess.

A creed, very simply, is a precise summary and formulation of the truths, or doctrines, of the faith received from Jesus Christ, which are necessary to hold for salvation. We have three principle creeds: The Apostles' Creed (the short one that accompanies the rosary), The Nicene Creed (the one used on a Sunday) and The Athanasian Creed (one much less used, but profound and beautiful nonetheless). That every word of the creeds has been debated, fought over, prayed with and safeguarded tells us how important they are.

Our own age is characterized by its philosophical materialism, which is a denial of the spiritual life, and a radical skepticism, which is severe doubt that we can actually know anything to be true. These two currents of thought have led to the de-humanizing tragedy that people no longer care whether they are

philosophically or theologically right. The philosophy of "it's all good" or "whatever floats your boat" and "you have your truth, I have mine" makes mincemeat of reality and any hope of unity. For in truth we are all created by God and find our identity in the saving words and deeds of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. St. Augustine said that "our hearts are restless until they rest in thee," and Aristotle reminded us that "all men, by nature, desire to know."

Let us recall that conversion of mind, of believing true things, of having sure knowledge of God and His will, are central to the mission of Christ. Hear Christ's words with Pontius Pilate: "Pilate said to him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.' Pilate said to him, 'What is truth?'" (Jn 18:37-38).

We are not only physical beings with material appetites. We are spiritual beings wedded to a physical body. We have souls to be saved! God did not make us to be unknowing like the animals. Allowing our minds to be flooded with divine truth, to hold certain things in our mind to be true and others false is part of the act of faith.

The most fundamental truth is this: "For God so loved the world that he gave us His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). Author G.K. Chesterton said in his 1905 book "Heretics" that the most terrible position we can be in is ignorance of our own creed. A reluctance to hold a creed simply will not do. It is against human nature. A reluctance to hold a creed will mean simply an acceptance of someone else's.

We Catholics, baptized and made members of the mystical body of Christ, are humble recipients of the fullness of truth as revealed by God in His son Jesus Christ. The creeds we possess are like heirlooms that have distilled and made crystalline the solid and unchanging truth of God and what He has done to bring us to Himself.

So, the next time you are at Sunday Mass, let your mind and heart close tightly around those sacred words, "I believe...." Martyrs have died for those words, make them a prayer — each word weighs a ton. Be "transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rm 12:2).

— Father Steven Marchand is the parochial vicar of the Rutland-Wallingford Catholic Community.



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Catholic Daughters 2022 National Education Contest Winners

At the school Mass on May 11th, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas presented the St. Augustine (local) court and state court awards to our Grade 5-8 students. The local winners of the state essay, poetry and computer art had their entries forwarded

to the national competition. We are very proud of all of the middle school students who used one of these two themes: "With God All Things Are Possible" Mark, 19:26 or Where is God in my life when I am struggling?



Local and State Winners

Division 1 Poetry. Grade 5 First Place Local and State Award - Samantha Romei – pictured right

Division 1 Poetry. Grade 5 Second Place Local Award – Katelyn Bisson

Division 2 Poetry. Grade 8 First Place Local and State Award - Parker Harrington

Division 2 Poetry. Grade 7 Second Place Local Award – Ace MacRitchie

Division 1 Essay. Grade 5 First Place Local Award – William Hasselback

Division 1 Essay. Grade 5 Second Place Local Award – Graham Bevins

Division 2 Essay. Grade 7 First Place Local and State Award – Mollie Clark

Division 2 Essay. Grade 8 Second Place Local Award - Jaxon Keane Division 1 Computer Art. Grade 5 First Place Local Award - Sam Cheney-Putney

Division 1 Computer Art. Grade 5 Second Place Local Award – Katelyn Bisson

Division 2 Computer Art. Grade 6 First Place Local and State Award - Lydia Cadorette

Division 2 Computer Art. Grade 8 Second Place Local Award – Alexander Poczobut

First Communion

Congratulations to SMSM 2nd graders who made their sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 15th.





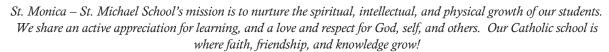
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Vermont CDA Regent, Loretta Schneider, presented Mrs. Buzzell with a check of \$900 as a donation towards the tuition assistance fund from the Catholic Daughters who attended the state convention. The school is so appreciative of this donation, especially as more families are applying for assistance.

School Play

The St. Monica—St. Michael School Drama Club will present Looking Glass Land by James Devita on Friday, June 3rd at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Tickets are available at the door by donation. All are welcome.







Congratulations to all our 1st Communion Communicants, their celebration was last Sunday, May 15, 2022 at a special Mass.



Mrs. George/Mrs. Aja Religious Education Class

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St. Monica /
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Alexis Dubois
Eilee Fuller
Eden Kaneakua
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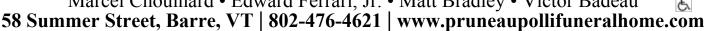


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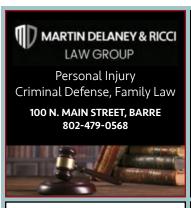
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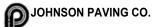
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