

February 19, 2023...Seventh Week of the Year

*The Catholic Community
In the WESTERN Region of SOUTHERN and CENTRAL Vermont*

Our Churches

St. Paul, Orwell

St. Dominic, Proctor

St. Bridget, West Rutland

St. Stanislaus Kostka, West Rutland

St. John The Baptist, Castleton

Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven

St. Raphael, Poultney

"That in All Things, God May Be Glorified..."

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Sherri McKirryher, Parish Secretary

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Kindly use "office" email for all staff.

Anointing of the Sick and Pastoral Visitation:

Contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms and Marriages: Kindly make an appointment with one of the priests or the deacon. For Baptisms, non-parishioners will need a letter of permission from their pastor. For marriages, a letter of permission from either of the couple's pastor is also required. All sacramental preparation and paperwork are to be completed in the home diocese.

Burials and Cemeteries: Contact the Parish office for burials at any of our cemeteries. Plots are available for purchase in the cemeteries in West Rutland, Fair Haven, and Poultney for either full casket or cremains. At this time, all cremains are buried as there are no columbaria available.



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OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ST. PAUL

Michael Ryan and the safety of 2CR Eagle Troop,
John Lettiere, Jack McElhinney, Linda Pelletier, Jimmy Shields,
Pamela Stickney

ST. BRIDGET, ST. STANISLAUS, ST. DOMINIC

Marie Wysolmerski, Tiffany Marquis, Reilly Jakubiak, Bernice Bujak,
Donald Sevigny, Norman Sevigny, Lucien Wiskoski,
Nina Flory, Dorothy Blicharz, Amy Kelley-Edwards, William
Boutwell, Linda Ellis, Paul Dydo, Barbara Marino, Frank Panarello,
Gary Randall

In Loving Memory

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ST. PAUL

Fr. Richard Tinney, Concetto Jr. Poalino, Teresa Smith, Marion
Parent, Margaret Brough, Edward Pritchard, Michael Ripchik

ST. BRIDGET, ST. STANISLAUS, ST. DOMINIC

David Bartlett, Andy DeLong, Joseph Mormando, Eddie Laasko,
Emily Czachor, Walter Kulig

Lenten Fasting Guidelines
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, **Fridays** during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting **are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.** When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 on.

ASH WEDNESDAY DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES/MASSES
Please see Mass intention pages for each church in this bulletin.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Our Lady of Seven Dolors - Friday's @ 7pm
St. John the Baptist Church - Friday's @ 5 pm
St. Raphael Church - Friday's @ 6 pm
St. Paul Church - Friday @ 6 pm

ST MATTHEW ORATORY, WEST CASTLETON, VT

After prayerful consideration, Bishop Coyne weighing the reasons and causes, has decided the following:

1. **St. Matthew Oratory, Avalon Beach, West Castleton, Vermont, is hereby reduced to profane but not sordid use according to the prescripts ofc. 1224 §2 for the grave causes mentioned above.**
2. **The separate process for alienation (aka sale) will commence.**
3. **Prior to any possible alienation, all sacred objects, relics, sacred furnishing, stained-glass windows, bells, confessionals, altars, etc. would be removed for use in other sacred edifices or stored in ecclesiastical custody.**

The Bishop's Decree is posted in the vestibule of this Church.

ST ANN PARISH, MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, VT

On November 29, 2022, the Presbyteral Council of the diocese was heard and determined that St. Ann Parish in Middletown Springs, Vermont, be suppressed. The people are under the spiritual care of St. Raphael's Church in Poultney to which the goods and obligations of St. Ann Parish will belong. The Bishop's Decree becomes effective on February 22, 2023.

ST. FRANCES CABRINI, WEST PAWLET, VT

On November 29, 2022, the Presbyteral Council of the diocese was heard and determined that St. Frances Cabrini Parish, West Pawlet, Vermont, be suppressed. The people are under the spiritual care of Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish, in Fair Haven to which the goods and obligations of St. Frances Cabrini Parish will belong. The Bishop's Decree becomes effective on February 22, 2023.

The Decree of Suppression is posted in the vestibule of this Church.



Week of February 19, 2023

ST. DOMINIC

Sunday, February 19 9:00 am Leo Haick by Dianne & Ed Johnson
Sophie Godzik by Mary Nemeth

Sunday, February 26 9:00 am Francis Coppinger by His Family
Vernon & Frances Smith
by Marie & Sharon

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA

Wednesday, February 22 12:00 noon Rev. Msgr. Valentine Michulka
(Ash Wednesday)

ST. PAUL

Sunday, February 19 11:15 am Pro Populo

Wednesday, February 22 5:00 pm Pro Populo
(Ash Wednesday)

Sunday, February 26 11:15 am Pro Populo

Please Note: If any Mass needs to be cancelled for any reason, the intention will be transferred or fulfilled privately.
The recommended donation is \$10.00
In cases where the donor offers more, additional Masses will be applied.



Week of February 19, 2023

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saturday, February 18 4:00 pm Neil Dunlap by Brenda Dunlap

Wednesday, February 22 12:00 Noon **Distribution of Ashes**
(Ash Wednesday)

Saturday, February 25 4:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving

OUR LADY OF SEVEN DOLORS

Sunday, February 19 8:00 am Creighton Minogue by Teresa Crucitti

Wednesday, February 22 7:00 am **Distribution of Ashes**
(Ash Wednesday)

Sunday, February 26 8:00 am Alphonse Campbell by Jeanne Tobin

ST. RAPHAEL

Sunday, February 19 9:30 am Dottie Fritsch by Jean Nickolaus

Monday, February 20 8:30 am Thomas Perry, Jr. by The Perry Family

Wednesday, February 22 8:30 am The Sireno Family by Irene DeMatties
(Ash Wednesday)

Thursday, February 23 8:30 am JoAnn & Grant Peacock

Friday, February 24 8:30 am No scheduled Mass

Sunday, February 26 9:30 am Michael S. Showalter by Jean Nickolaus

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just love poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI



Sanctuary Candle February 2023

St. Stanislaus Kostka
In Memory of
Joyce Krempa
by Mr. & Mrs. David Walczuk

St. Raphael
In Memory of
Josephine Phillips
by The Family

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

OLSD, Fair Haven

Sunday 7:15—7:45 am

SB, SD, SSK West Rutland & Proctor

Sunday before Mass, by appointment

SJB, Castleton

Saturday 3:00—3:45 pm

SR, Poultney

By appointment

SP, Orwell

By appointment



PLEASE NOTE

St. Bridget,
St. Dominic &
St. Stanislaus Kostka
Parishes

Mass Month Switch

Please note that Masses in April will be at
St. Dominic Church and in May will be at
St. Bridget.

Remainder of the calendar remains the same...
February—St. Dominic; March—St. Stanislaus



You're invited to participate in the **40 Days for Life** campaign, 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, February 22 – April 2. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way on the sidewalk across from Planned Parenthood, 11 Burnham Ave, Rutland, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

Visit 40daysforlife.com/rutland or contact Kerri Polli at klpolli@comcast.net, (802) 345-8775 for more information.

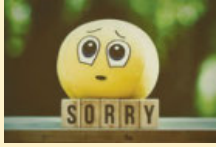
Catholic Daughter's Scholarship

Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Daughters are accepting applications for their annual CDA Scholarship of \$500 to be awarded to a graduating high school student planning to attend college next year. The applicant must be an attending parishioner of one of our seven cluster parishes: OLSD; SJB; SP; SR; SD; SB or SSK. If you are interested in applying, please call: Ann Marie Mahar at 802-265-3356 or email: maharhomer@comcast.net for an application. Please apply by April 1st.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Weekly Offertory Envelopes



The weekly offertory envelopes for 5 of our 7 churches have yet to arrive. The company has had problems with getting parts to repair their printing presses. We are hearing they will be arriving in late Feb. In the meantime, please use the envelopes provided in the church for your

weekly contribution. **Please include your name, address and 2022 envelope number and whether its offertory or special collection so that we may credit your donation.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DUE IN FEBRUARY:

Our Lady of Seven Dolores, St. John the Baptist; St. Paul

2/22—Ash Wednesday—VT Catholic Charities; 2/26—Home Mission/Black & Native Americans & Church in Eastern Europe

St. Dominic

2/12—Maintenance; 2/19—Fuel & Heat; 2/22—Ash Wednesday -VT Catholic Charities, 2/26—Home Mission/Black & Native Americans & Church in Eastern Europe

St. Raphael

2/19—Parish Improvement; 2/22—Ash Wednesday—VT Catholic Charities;

ASH WEDNESDAY ALMSGIVING COLLECTION

There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, and Residential Care Homes. The clients that come to our “doors” are some of the most vulnerable in our communities. The work that you will support will help transform people’s lives. Donations can be made through our website <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ash-Wednesday-appeal/> or by mailing a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or including it in the Mass collection basket. Please know that every gift—whatever the size-makes a difference. Thank you .

Fat Tuesday Potluck



Breakout the crockpots and gumbo and join us at St. Raphael Hall for a Fat Tuesday Potluck. All are welcome, Tuesday, February 21st at 6 pm. Please call DJ and let him know

how many are in your group and what you will be bringing. Thanks



FUNDRAISERS

Our Lady of Seven Dolores 150th Anniversary - September 2024

Change donations for the 150th will begin on the last Sunday of each month. Containers are available for you to pick up in the back of the church. Please feel free to take one home and feel free to start saving your change early.

Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters of Court Isabella #173, Fair Haven have a prayer chain that goes out by email and phone calls. They take requests from the person in need of prayer or their immediate family member only (with permission of the person needing prayer). You can email requests to camshaw22@gmail.com or call Patricia Dollar at 1-802-265-3867. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please give us your email or phone number. Thank you.

GOT GAME?

2023 FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

For Knights of Columbus—District 9—Greater Rutland Area
February 26, 2023

12:30 Warm Up, 1:00 Start

Christ the King School Gym, Killington Ave, Rutland

*Boys & Girls divisions

*Ages 9-14 divisions

*Pizza, waffles, and snacks available for all!

*Prizes for winners!

*Winners will advance to State Competition in Vergennes on March 12!

Hosted by Rutland Knights of Columbus Council #232

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO COULD USE THE SUPPORT OFFERED BY THE WOMEN’S CENTER? IS THERE A GROUP OR ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PRESENTATIONS FOR YOUTH OR PARENTS?

The Women’s Center on Court St in Middlebury has a lot to offer. Contact them to learn more about their life-affirming services. Pregnancy Support & Ultrasound; Parenting Education; Pregnancy Wellness & Childbirth Education; Healthy Relationship & Life Skills Education; Material Assistance; Dad- to- Dad Mentoring; Recovery Support for: Post-Abortion, Abuse, Miscarriage, Sexual Health & Integrity Presentations for Youth or Parents. All services are caring, confidential, and non-judgmental. Call 802.388.7272 or email joann@yourwomenscenter.org.



God Rewards You For Your Generosity!

CHURCH	OFFERTORY 2/12/23	Bishop's Annual Appeal % As of 1/1/2023
Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven	\$ 1,249.00	69%
St. Bridget, West Rutland	\$ 623.00	42%
St. Dominic, Proctor	\$ 410.00	60%
St. John the Baptist, Castleton	\$ 1,166.00	77%
St. Paul, Orwell	\$ 595.00	58%
St. Raphael, Poultney	\$ 1,457.00	59%
St. Stanislaus Kostka, West Rutland	\$ 505.00	88%

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