

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2018



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 20 – Jan.28

SAT 7:30 pm For the Parishioners

SUN 9:00 am Wilma Forand

-by Patty and Mark Couture

11:00 am Patricia Cheney

-by a friend

Daily Mass:

MON 8:30 am Special Intention

Day of Prayer for Legal Protection

of Unborn Children

TUES 8:30 am Roger Ploof

-by Glen and Rose Peno

WED 8:30 am Amanda and Henry Furkey

-by the estate

THUR 8:30 am Alfred and Amanda Furkey

-by the estate

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend:

SAT 7:30 pm Patty Cross

-by Greg and Pauline Caron

SUN 9:00 am Anne Howrigan

-by Agnes Pietryka

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Please pray for those who are ill: particularly: Mary Ann Hranek, Gabriella Laubisch, Jerry Yates, Alex Rocheleau, Don Connor, Paul Baker, Kathy Alarie, Victoria Thompson, Susan Garrow, June Morin, Alice Baker, and Cecile Garrett.

Festive Concert: Saint Mary's Church, St. Albans, with Dr. William Tortolano, Organist, and Musical Friends on Sunday January 28, at 3:00pm. The program will include Baroque Compositions by Froberger, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, J.S. Bach; contemporary settings of American folk tunes; and litanies by Alain. Four singers, including our own *John Schreindorfer*, all members of the Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola, will sing the Gregorian Magnificant in alternation with the organ setting Fugues on the Magnificant by Telemann. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will donation will be available.

Next	Week	's Ministers:

Lectors Greeters Eucharistic Ministers

Sat., Jan. 27

7:30 pm Susan Magnan Rose Peno Jeanne Persons Frank Persons

Altar Server: Liam, Nolan, and Gabe Howrigan

Sun., Jan. 28

9:00 am Gail Williams Janice and Jim Adams Mary Schreindorfer Henry Magnan

Altar Server: Anthony Andrews, Jade Garceau Gift Bearer: Gino, Joshua, and Karina Farinaccio

11:00 am Darlene Symons Don Watson Linda Watson

Altar Servers: Samantha Churchill **Gift Bearer:** Jane and Jerry Brigham

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend – Jan. 13– Jan. 14

 St. Patrick
 St. Anthony

 -St. George
 St. Anthony

 Offertory:
 \$1,147.00

 29 Week average:
 \$1,260.00

 \$379.00

Weekly Goal: \$1,275.00 \$385.00 Catholic Magazine \$ 170.00 \$ 43.00

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Second Collections:

Jan. 20-21: Projects and Food Shelf Jan. 27-28: Catholic Education

Feb. 3-4: Energy Needs

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 21 - Grades 2, 7, 9, and 10

St. Patrick Church, 6:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 23 – Grade 4

Fairfield Center School, 3:20-4:20pm

Wednesday, Jan. 24 - Grades 1, and 8

Fairfield Center School, 3:20-4:20 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 24 - Grades 3, 5, and 6

St. Patrick Church, 3:20-4:20 pm

Attention: Grade 6 changed to Wednesday.
Grade 4 changed to Tuesday.

Meetings this Month:

Monday Jan. 22, 7:00pm – Liturgy Committee

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

from 8:30am - 12:30pm

WORD OF LIFE

"When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

<u>Day of Prayer</u>: The new Roman Missal designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." In all Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The Mass on that day will be celebrated with this intention.

<u>9 Days for Life</u>: 9 Days for Life is an annual period of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. It will take place Jan. 18-26. Surrounding the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Jan 22); the overarching intention of the novena is the end to abortion. Join at 9daysforlife.com.

Catholic Men's Conference: The First annual Vermont Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday February 17, 2018 from 9am- 3:30pm. at the Holy Family Parish Center, 28 Lincoln Street Essex Junction, Vermont. Mass will be with Bishop Coyne. Please register at: vermontcatholic.org/men

Annual Diocesan Worldwide Marriage Day Mass:

The annual Diocesan Worldwide Marriage Day Mass will take place Feb. 4 at 10am at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. Couples from throughout the state celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to the Sunday Mass that will be celebrated by Bishop Christopher Coyne. Couples will receive a special blessing and gift from him. A light reception will follow. For more information contact Deacon Phil Lawson at plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Parish Finances: We recently reached the half way point of our fiscal year which ends on June 30. Our Sunday offering income since the beginning of July lagged slightly behind the figures for the same period last year; both parishes fell short of their weekly goals. While I am most grateful to all parishioners who continue to generously support us through their weekly offerings, we all know that expenses continue to rise. The beginning of each year offers an opportunity to review individual giving. If you have not increased your offering for a time and might be able to do so now, I encourage you to prayerfully consider an adjustment in your weekly contribution. If you are unable to give more, thank you for what you are doing. Any increase, however small, would help us to meet our budget and have another good year-end report. Thank you; your continuing support is greatly appreciated. -Father Bill

The Diocesan Synod Prayer:

Almighty and ever-living God, you continually guide and sustain your pilgrim Church, which you established as "the universal sacrament of salvation." Direct the Church in Vermont during this time of preparation for the Diocesan Synod. Help us to discern the signs of the time wisely, that we may joyfully proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. May we never fail to trust that "with God, all things are possible" We ask this, with the help of the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for Us.

Synod Delegate: Upon direction of Bishop Coyne, a delegate to represent our parishes at the coming Diocesan Synod has been named by Father Bill. Mr. Alfonso Capone has agreed to accept this nomination and will be attending the first of three preparatory meetings on Saturday, February 3, in Burlington. Two other such meetings will be held on Saturday, May 5, and on another Saturday in late summer. These preparatory meetings will be followed by three Synod sessions to be held on Saturdays in September and October.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Saturday: Sara Golden, James Paradee Monday: James Gagne, Kaitlin Howrigan Tuesday: Randall Clark Wednesday: Cecile Branon Thursday: Michele Bouchard, Timothy Burleson, Noah Carpenter, Connie Madison, Christopher Norris.