



The Nativity of St. John The Baptist

June 24, 2018



MASS INTENTIONS

June 23 – July 1

SAT 7:30 pm Grady Howrigan
-by his family

SUN 9:00 am Harold J. Howrigan Sr.
-by his family

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Daily Mass:

MON 8:30 am Special Intention

TUES 8:30 am Ruby and Marie Minor
-by Jim, Kathy, & Richard Howrigan

WED 8:30 am Amanda and Henry Furkey
-by their estate

THUR 8:30 am Robert and Anna Giroux

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend:

SAT 7:30 pm Deceased Mem. of the Charles
Branon family *-by their estate*

SUN 9:00 am For the Parishioners

SUN 11:00 am Cecile (Pete) Garrett
-by Jim, Kathy, & Richard Howrigan

Please pray for those who are ill: Mary Ann Hranek, Gabriella Laubisch, Jerry Yates, Paula Baker, Don Connor, Kathy Alarie, Victoria Thompson, Susan Garrow, Alice Baker, Pauline Lawyer and Terri Menard.

Mass Intentions: We currently have openings for Mass Intentions. It is a tradition of our Catholic faith to have Masses offered for the repose of the souls of those who have died. Masses may also be offered for the intentions of the living. Please call Rose at the parish office (827-3203) if you would like to schedule a mass.

St. Mary's Breakfast: St. Mary's will be serving a Breakfast on Sunday July 1st, from 8 am until 11 am. at the Parish Center on Fairfield Street. Menu will include Ham, eggs, fried potatoes, pancakes, fruit, juice, and coffee. The cost will be \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 per family.

Next Week's Ministers:

Lectors	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., June 30		
7:30 pm Candi Branon	Real Therrien	Marty Magnan Frank Persons
Altar Servers: Leah, Hannah, Kayleigh Branon		
Sun., July 1		
9:00 am Robert Norris	Mike, Gina, and Keegan Norris	Sarah Menard Norm Menard
Altar Servers: Ben and Tate Archambault		
Gift Bearers: Mark Magnan Family		
11:00 am Jane Brigham		
Joy Kane		Linda Watson
Altar Servers: Samantha Churchill		
Gift Bearers: Helen and Don Bushey		

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend June 16 – June 17

	St. Patrick	St. Anthony
		-St. George
<u>Offertory:</u>	\$1,173.00	\$204.00
50 Week average:	\$1,285.00	\$382.00
Weekly Goal:	\$1,275.00	\$385.00
Projects-Food Shelf:	\$ 562.00	\$108.00

Second Collections:

July 1: Peter's Pence

July 15: Projects- Food Shelf

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Vermont Catholic: Copies of the Summer 2018 issue of the Vermont Catholic magazine may be found at the church entrances for those who would like one.

Divine Mercy Materials: Prayer cards, posters, and other materials for the Divine Mercy devotion may be found on the table in the back of the church.

Living Faith: Copies of this booklet of Daily Devotions and Prayers for July, August, and September may be found at the church entrances. Pick one up if you would like.

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal:

If you have not yet given, we ask that you prayerfully consider donating to this year's appeal to support the Catholic Church in Vermont. Pledge cards and brochures may be found on the tables at church entrances. With God's gift of love, and together as one family, we must commit to keeping our Diocese moving forward in discipleship. Visit bishopsappealvt.org for more information about Your Gift at Work.

Evening of Gratitude: Please join Bishop Coyne and diocesan staff at the Annual Evening of Gratitude to celebrate a successful year due to your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Tuesday June 26, 6:00 Mass at Holy Angels in St. Albans followed by a celebration and conversion. Enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres, beverages and local music. Limited seating, please RSVP online at vermontcatholic.org/gratitude or Nancy Lamothe at 658-6110 x1215.

Annual Diocesan Family Mass: The Mass will be held at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte on Sunday, July 8th at 12:15 pm. Following the Mass, to be celebrated by Bishop Coyne, visitors may picnic on the shrine grounds or on the shore of Lake Champlain. Bring your own picnic lunch or purchase a barbeque lunch at the shrine. Cost for barbeque is \$10.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children 12 and under; and for families of four or more (two adults and two or more children) \$35.00. For more information contact Deacon Phil Lawson at 802-448-3513 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Vermont Catholic Magazine earned a top honor at the Catholic Media Conference June 15 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, garnering first place in the "best magazine/newsletter of the year: diocesan magazines" category and supplementing its honors with four other awards. Commenting on the "best magazine" award earned by *Vermont Catholic* magazine staff, the judges said: "Exceptional—in all aspects. Creative, engaging presentation (design/layout, art, photos, fonts) makes the reader want to turn and read every page. Every page carries relevant, relatable, interesting and valuable content. Issues of this magazine likely are retained for some time as they are coffee-table book caliber."

Today's Feast: Ordinarily the Church observes the day of a saint's death as his feast, because that day marks his entrance into heaven. To this rule there are two notable exceptions, the birthdays of Blessed Mary and of St. John the Baptist. All other persons were stained with original sin at birth, hence, were displeasing to God. But Mary, already in the first moment of her existence, was free from original sin, and John was cleansed of original sin in the womb of his mother. This is the dogmatic justification for today's feast. The birth of Jesus is observed on December 25 at the time of the winter solstice, while the birth of St. John the Baptist, his forerunner is observed six months earlier at the time of the summer solstice. Christmas is a "light" feast; the same is true today. The popular custom centering about "St. John's Fire" stems from soundest Christian dogma. St. John's Fire symbolizes Christ the Light: John was a lamp that burned and shone. We Christians, too, should be the light of the world.

Totus Tuus: This Catholic Summer Camp, similar to Vacation Bible School, is a week-long camp offered at various parishes for grade-school children during the day and high-schoolers in the evening. It is being offered at St. Mary's in St. Albans on July 8-13 (high school), and July 9-13 (grade school). For information, and to register, contact Pamela King at 527-7775 or stmarystalbansre@gmail.com

WORD OF LIFE

"Religion (cannot) be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life."

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday: Matthew Hale **Monday:**

John Bouchard, Damian Branon, Chris Jettie, Cody Jettie, Bowen Nesbitt

Tuesday: Rebekah Howrigan, Jennifer Montague, Kristine Schoembs

Wednesday: Kalli Tabor, Jessica Wilson **Thursday:** Thomas Howrigan, Melinda Malone, Kamren Dukas, Brian Trudell

Saturday: Paul Leroux, Jane Brigham

