

Christ our Savior Roman Catholic Parish

Weekend Worship

Saturday

5:30pm Saint Paul Church

Sunday

8:00am Saint Paul Church

10:00am Saint Paul Church

Daily Mass & Holy Days

Listed inside of bulletin

Confessions

After the 5:30 Saturday Mass



Opportunities for involvement in Parish Life

Adult or Youth Choir # Mass Servers # Ushers # Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary # Catholic Daughters of America # Knights of Columbus # Parish Life Committee # Lectors # Northshire Interfaith Council # Church Decorations # Religious Education -
If you are interested in any of these activities, call the Rectory for further information.

Sacramental Life

Baptisms

Parental Catechesis can be scheduled in consultation with the Pastor during the last few weeks of the pregnancy or afterwards. The actual ceremony of Baptism will be scheduled for everyone's convenience.

Marriages

Couples seeking to be married must complete a Diocesan-approved Pre-Cana program. Convenient scheduling for this requires a six-month pre-arrangement.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

If you, or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick, please, call the rectory to make arrangements.

New Parishioners

If you have recently moved to the area and have not yet registered in the Parish, you can do so by calling the Rectory. At the same time you can arrange to receive the *Vermont Catholic Magazine* and to receive collection envelopes for the Parish.

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Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 7

5:30pm – William Gormley

by Richard and Nancy Smith

Sunday, October 8

8:00am – *Pro Populo*

10:00am – Deceased Members of the Monroe Family

by Stephen and Joan Monroe

Monday, October 9

8:00am – Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters

Tuesday, October 10

8:00am – Joseph Dell by Joe and Mary Giolito

Wednesday, October 11

8:00am – Margaret Brooks by Catholic Daughters

Thursday, October 16

8:00am – Peggy Cox by Frank Cox

Friday, October 17

8:00am – Roberta Gibson by Catholic Daughters

Saturday, October 18

5:30pm – Deceased Members of the Gawlik and

McCarren Families by Helen Gawlik

Sunday, October 19

8:00am – *Pro Populo*

10:00am – Deceased Members of the Ferrarin Family

by Gioconda Ferrarin

Let us remember in prayer:

Mary Anne Bearor, John Clancy, Michelle DeCosmo,
Dorothy Leubert, Mark Madkour, Lorraine Monaco,
Karen Tatro and Bobbie Whitman

Dear All,

Consistently with the ‘grace alone, not works’ slogan, Martin Luther and the rest of the Reformers denied any value to vows. To them, vows were no more than attempts to win favor with God or to buy him off for some reason or other—and God was just not in that market! Thus, religious vows and marital vows alike became irrelevant to a good Protestant’s spirituality. Stubborn as always, however, Catholicism and catholic spirituality held on to both kinds of vows as of major importance for those who want a spirituality that includes real life.

We mentioned, last time, the monastic vows of stability, conversion and obedience. They have exactly the same effect as do the marital vows: the keep you *in place*, no matter how much you *have to change*, and regardless of *what you might prefer to do* left to your own devices. The difference between a monk and a married person is only the size of the community joined and created by the taking of vows.

This brings us to the topic, critical in all Catholic spirituality, of vocation — of God’s decision about where and how he will meet the individual Christian who seeks a closer and deeper encounter with him.

Vocation, of course, is not a lightning bolt out of the blue. Our gifts, our needs, our willingness to be led, all, will bring us, almost willy nilly to decide on our ‘state in life’. But this decision is raised to a new level of importance when it also includes the decider’s relationship with God (the horizon, the absolute behind the contingent, etc.). Here, as in the issue of morality, the conscious attention to God’s presence and activity will force the deciders to consider the impact of their relationship together on their relationship with God and the impact of God on their relationship. In a monastic setting, this decision is arrived at after a long period of probation and ‘novitiate’; in the case of marriage, after a time of courtship and engagement.

Some writer or other once ventured that only a fool would make a vow — would limit his freedom to act in advance of the necessity of his acting. In an age in which the romantic fallacy — lover conquers all — has made the wisdom of arranged marriages seem stupid, people anguish over whether they are making the *right* choice. When that choice includes God, it must

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necessarily be right. When it does not include God it will only be wise or foolish, self-gratifying or suicidal. Vows should be made, then, only in the context of one's spirituality. Life decisions that demand fidelity, sacrifice and trust, had better include the all-faithful, generous and reliable God; they cannot be lived apart from the Absolute who makes all my stabs at absolutes effective.

Some people will decide — like me — before God that they will live celibate lives — lives without mutually committed partners. It is wrong to think that celibacy is only about sex or children. There are children with only one functioning parent and married folk who have no children. The real vocational question is about whether and what kind of community one will live in.

Really and truly and celibately yours,
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“AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY”
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

October is the month of the Rosary and Respect Life Month. This year at noon on **Saturday, October 14th, at the four corners in Bennington,** we will join with hundreds of thousands of Catholics across America reciting the Rosary. We will be praying for America to once again be the leader in the world respecting life from conception to death, upholding traditional marriage and promoting religious liberty.

To date there are 14,064 rally's planned including 25 in Vermont. Please mark your calendar and be a part of this special day. America needs all the prayers we can offer. The program will include Marian prayers and music.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH and Mar 16-18, 2018 in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://wwmevt.org>.

Speaker to Address Immigrants' Situation

Lisa Catalfimo will be the guest speaker of the Interfaith Council on **Tuesday, October 10**, at 7 p.m., at the First Congregational Church in Manchester. The October 10th event is free and open to all.

Please join the **Knight of Columbus** today for their monthly breakfast in the parish hall after both the 8 and 10am masses.

Volunteer Needed

Are you able to use sign language? Vermont Catholic Charities is looking for a volunteer to visit an individual who uses sign languages as his primary means of communication. If you are fluent in sign language and would be available once a week, or once every other week, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bea Wells, LICSW @ 802-773-3379 ext 101 or bwells@vermontcatholic.org if you are available or have any questions.

Catholic Daughters

Will hold their monthly lunch meeting on **Tuesday, October 10th** at noon. Please join us and help us prepare for the upcoming Basket Party. Thank you!!

They are seeking clean baskets of all sizes and new or like new items to fill baskets for their annual **Basket Party** to be held on **Saturday, November 11th**. We are asking for these items prior to our Tuesday, October 10th meeting, as we need to put the baskets together prior to the Basket Party. Our baskets are usually based on a theme, so donation themes might be cooking, baby, school items, toys, cleaning items, bath products, kitchen items, etc. Of course, you are welcome to make up a basket and donate it completed!!!! We will leave a labeled bin in the entryway to the church for all donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE has started its 2017 prayer campaign. Between now and Nov 5 we need your prayers and would like to ask you to join us in for our vigil. We meet from 8Am to Noon every Friday in Rutland. Call Delia Warnecke at 802 287 0354 for complete details.

NO FAITH FORMATION
classes this weekend - Columbus Day Weekend.

All Grades 1 - 8 and Confirmation Program will meet at their regular time next weekend, 10/15. It is imperative that students arrive on time for classes: 8:50 on Sunday morning and 6:00 on Sunday evening. It is also important that parents come to meet students in the classroom on Sunday mornings at 9:50, to allow for catechists to participate in the 10Am Liturgy. Your cooperation is much appreciated.