

# *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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### **Faith Formation**

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## Saturday, June 16

5:30pm – Deceased Members of McCarren and Gawlik Families by Helen Gawlik

## Sunday, June 17

8:00am – *Pro Populo*

10:00am – Joseph Dell by wife, Louise

## Monday, June 18

8:00am – Barbara Armstrong by Jack McBride

## Tuesday, June 19

8:00am – Rev. Mr. Robert Little  
by Ray and Carolyn Smith

## Wednesday, June 20

8:00am – Marcello De Dominicis  
by Paula de Bitetto

## Thursday, June 21

8:00am – John Fitzsimons by Frank Sutton

## Friday, June 22

8:00am --

## Saturday, June 23

5:30pm – Deacon Louis Meunier  
by daughter Collette Galusha and Family

## Sunday, June 24

8:00am – Mary Pearce by Marie Miller  
10:00am – Bianca Ferrarin by Ray, Marie and  
Giconda Ferrarin

### **LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Mary Anne Bearor, Barbara Brewster  
Michelle DeCosmo, Mary Downey, James Porter  
Jankowski, Bernard Kerstel, Abe and Mark Madkour,  
Stephanie McGinnis, Lorraine Monaco,  
Gabiella Stewart and Karen Tatro

Dear All,

Just this past week the local paper reported statistics indicating that Vermont's suicide rate is climbing every year and at a rate significantly higher than that of the rest of the country. I have no desire to sit in judgment on or cause hurt to any one ... all of us have been touched nearly or distantly by suicide at one time or another. But with a rash of celebrity suicides in recent weeks, it seems worthwhile to address this topic from the unique view of Christian faith.

The commentator attributed this increase to a number of factors known to contribute to suicidal thoughts and actions: lack of meaningful and rewarding employment – a problem in every demographic, rural life – making travel and casual socializing hard; financial stresses – making socializing even less easy; aging and health issues – that compound each other if you lose your license to drive. All of these make for a life of isolation that turns one's bottle and firearm into one's best friends. Additionally, many people move to Vermont to escape the crowding and over-commitment of life in 'the city'. They come here, then, cut off from all that was their life before, and set down roots that are neither deep nor wide spreading.

But there was one thing that the commentator did not mention as contributor to a pre-suicide mindset: Vermont alternates with Maine in being the least religious state in the union. Now, in many ways, failure to participate in active religious communities is as much a result of distance, poverty and health and a 'retirement' mentality as any other isolation. But it is, in so many ways, worse because it leaves one with no external reminder that he or she is not alone in the universe. Not only do the 'nones' have no contact with other humans, they lose their contact with God!

In such case, why would one **not** take the position (the position that underlies all of the arguments in favor of assisted suicide) that an autonomous choice of when and how to die must be a right and alright?

I don't want to say that non-belonging to a Church predicts suicide, but people rarely commit suicide in company. Thus, one thinks that concern on the part of those who belong for those who are isolated by other factors could well prevent suicide.

How does such concern take shape? Call someone whose face you have not seen in Church for a while – ask to visit or transport or just chat. This need not be a

daily thing, but people who have found joy in 'church' contact should not have to wither because we cannot bring ourselves to active care. Nor should they have to beg for attention! I swear to you that the housebound whom I visit always ask about their former 'pew-mates', even if the latter have neither thought nor curiosity about them.

The only remedy to circumstantial isolation is intentional inclusion. Reach out! Bring in! Maybe save a life! Maybe save your own soul!

Really and truly and inseparably yours,  
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### **2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Love is always a gift from God and with these gifts we are able to help so many families – more than 2,000 people in financial crisis receive emergency aid and those that cannot afford tuition at our Catholic schools receive \$340,000 in subsidizes. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the appeal to support the Catholic Church in Vermont.

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the past and in this 2018 Campaign! To date, our pledge goal progress is **\$ 35,343.** toward a total goal of **\$ 61,078.**

For more information and to make your gift, please visit [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org).

The **Arlington Catholic Book Club** will meet again on June 21st at 4:00 at 27 Bentley Lane in Arlington to discuss the book "I Believe In Love" by Father Jean C.J.d'Elbee, a personal retreat based on the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux. Feel free to join in the conversation in person or write to us at [arlingtoncatholicbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:arlingtoncatholicbookclub@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you either way.

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### **Kid's Summer Lunch Program Collection**

In our local school systems there are more kids than you imagine who receive government-subsidized lunches at school every day. This is because their parents' income falls below a certain level. Obviously, the families that struggle but cannot pay for school lunches will be just as challenged during the summer months when there is no subsidy for lunches. "Summer Lunch" is a program launched by the religious communities of our area to provide lunches for the youngsters in the north half of Bennington County.

Your generosity in the second collection, **TODAY** will assure that OUR children are cared for and nourished all year 'round.

The **Catholic Daughters** will be holding their **Annual Bazaar, next weekend, June 23rd to 24th** in St. Paul's Parish Hall. We have begun to collect items for the White Elephant Sale. Please leave items in the back of the church hall. Categories accepted are: *Antiques, Crafts, Glassware, All Holidays/Christmas, Kitchen Items, Linens/Bedding, Jewelry and Scarves.* Please be sure all items are clean and in working order! Items we cannot accept are clothing, shoes, ski equipment, baby strollers/cribs/playpens, computers or TVs, furniture, books, VHS tapes/DVDs/CDs. We will be able to begin our set up for the White Elephant Sale and the Silent Auction on June 15th. Any help from our Parishioners is greatly appreciated!!

If any Parishioner owns a business and would like to make a donation for the Silent Auction, please let us know. Also, we would love items from any Parishioner who makes a craft, such as pottery, wooden items, jewelry, etc. All donors will be thanked through a brochure given to all attendees, as well as in The Vermont News Guide!! Please call Karen Cestaro, the Silent Auction Chairwoman, at 914-523-8337 if you have such an item.

**Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

Please wait to bring your **Baby Bottles** for the **True North Pregnancy Resource Center** until the weekend of July 1, 2018.