

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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Saturday, April 14

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

Sunday, April 15

8:00am – Intentions of Christopher Travers
by parents, Charles and Barbara Travers
10:00am – Bob Gibney
by sister, Jan and Ed Pillard

Monday, April 16

8:00am – Ralph Felix Helft by Jack McBride

Tuesday, April 17

8:00am – NO MASS

Wednesday, April 18

8:00am – NO MASS

Thursday, April 19

8:00am – James Griffin by Marg McNally

Friday, April 20

8:00am -- Desmond Rowley
by Stephen and Joan Monroe

Saturday, April 21

5:30pm – Barbara Rohrbach
by Frank and Kathe Henrich

Sunday, April 22

8:00am – *Pro Populo*
10:00am – Ray and Nina Mohr
by Louise Dell

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Mary Anne Bearor, Michelle DeCosmo, Mary Downey
James Porter Jankowski, Abe and Mark Madkour,
Lorraine Monaco and Karen Tatro

Dear All,

The first thing to notice about a world gone wrong is that there is no distinction made in the Scriptures between the wrongness of sin or the wrongness of death. Eternal life and forgiveness of sins are, equally the goals of God's loving mission of the Son. Since fear of death (or diminishment of 'the good life') is often enough the excuse we offer for sinning, they are already linked in our thinking. Equally, *death* is the Scriptures' favorite description of the inevitable consequence of sin.

So, without sinning, the Son of God goes so far to embrace the world gone wrong that he becomes mortal with all those doomed to die because of sin. Death is now doubly the result of sin, it comes into history because we turn away from the Lord of Life; it becomes permanent when we turn away from the death of ours that has been embraced by the loving Son of God. This is why the *Act of Contrition* proposes two motives for repentance – *loss of heaven* and *love of God*. In the world of God's love revealed in the Son, fear of death and fear of sin are just one fear – or, at least, that is how we are supposed to understand things. Love of God and a willingness to live and, even to die, wholly for him are, by the same token, the same thing.

It is to this truth that the Church points when she asserts that we are saved by the death of Jesus. His death changes our death. No longer the loss of every good gift from God, it is our ultimate encounter with God! Nothing else will explain why it is that the first Christians came into the Church that was persecuted unto death; death was what evilly violent emperors threatened in order to lead them away from God. It must have been, then, that God's love was uniquely and most powerfully present in a death like that of the Son.

Saint Paul tells the Romans that *all who are baptized into Christ Jesus are baptized into his death*. No one ever understood that better than the one who had once persecuted Christians but who was soon to die for him.

This sets us up to understand:
the changes that Christianity made in its understanding of the baptism practiced by John the Baptist,

the connection that has always existed between Christian Baptism and the celebration of Easter, the unbreakable link between Baptism and Eucharist, the meaning of Confirmation (which was lost at the beginning of the last century), the meaning of Christian holiness and its practice, the meaning of sin and repentance and forgiveness, the meaning of Christian death and hope.

What more could one ask for as an Easter present!

Really and truly and sacramentally yours,
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If you forgot or could not find

The materials for the second round of consultation for the upcoming Diocesan Synod., there are extra copies on the tables at the doors and we will hold off on the tabulations for another week.

A Synod sets the direction we will follow in the Diocese of Burlington for the foreseeable future. This consultation is undertaken to guarantee that as many as possible have input. That assures that all will find their voices in the final documents of the Synod.

Two ways to host the Next Sunday Morning Fellowship!

The Parish Life Committee will hold its monthly fellowship next Sunday, April 22 after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Way 1: Individuals or families are asked to bring some fruit, brunch or dessert item to share. The goods may be either home-made or store bought. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will be most appreciated.

Way 2: More importantly, bring a friend, young or old, Catholic or not. Invite them to join us in worship and in fellowship.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH and Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://wwmevt.org>.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

"Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time."
Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. The retreat will be held May 4-6, 2018 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195, which includes a private room, meals and retreat materials. Some financial assistance will be available for those unable to pay the entire cost. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 (c), Kathy Kelly, 802-282-2028 or Denise Freeman, 607-353-0039 or rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com. For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact: 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

K of C Memorial Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus 6816, Manchester, VT will be offering two different scholarships to members of the 2018 graduating class. One, in honor of Ed Sossi, a \$1,000 scholarship will be **awarded to a student who has been accepted to a trade or technical school**. Mr. Sossi was an invaluable member of our council who was dedicated to the support of our parish and of the community of Manchester. Applicants should be able to demonstrate a successful high school academic career, school and community involvement and financial need.

The second is the Ted and Adeline Lenczowski Memorial Scholarship. The Lenczowski family has been generous in their support of the Knights of Columbus and our scholarship program. This scholarship will be worth a minimum of \$1,000.

To apply for this scholarship your family must be registered members of Christ Our Savior Parish. It is expected that you will be attending college in the fall of 2016. Applicants will be judged by their academic proficiency and their service to parish and community programs.

You can pick up applications at your schools guidance office.