

# *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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### **Rectory**

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### **Faith Formation**

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## Saturday, November 10

5:30pm – Kenneth R. Smith by Grace and Family

## Sunday, November 11

8:00am -- *Pro populo*

10:00am – Larry Washburn by wife, Sue

## Monday, November 12

8:00am – *Souls in Purgatory*

## Tuesday, November 13

8:00am – Charlie Goodwin by Family

## Wednesday, November 14

8:00am - Charlie Goodwin by the Buhr Family

## Thursday, November 15

8:00am – Deidre Furtado by a friend

## Friday, November 16

8:00am – *All Souls Intentions*

## Saturday, November 17

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

## Sunday, November 18

8:00am -- Ed Sossi by Marie and Family

10:00am – Bernard Routhier

by Faith Formation Program

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

Mary Anne Bearor, Michelle DeCosmo,  
Donald Horn, James Porter Jankowski,  
Abe and Mark Madkour, Dolores Mahlmann,  
Louise Martin, Stephanie McGinnis, Lorraine Monaco,  
and Gerard and Guy Routhier

Dear All,

I have been reading reviews of a new documentary film, made here, in Vermont, about the challenges facing those who are released from prison after ‘paying their debt to society’. I don’t know if I will get to see it or not; but the story it tells is only too familiar to those in the helping professions – including Priesthood.

If you go to jail after committing a crime, you find yourself in a universe where all the laws that govern normal society are abrogated. Only the rules of the prison and only the unofficial ‘rules’ of the resident population obtain. And the fundamental rule in both of those sectors is ‘shut up and do what you’re told’. ‘Three hots and cot’, whatever health-care is contracted, whatever educational and counseling possibilities the state will pay for and a disciplinary system imposed with draconian severity: these are the daily life of the incarcerated. And then comes release.

There is very little ‘honor among thieves’. So, while you were in jail your former ‘friends’ moved on to new endeavors. Your former employer has hired a replacement, there are all kinds of continued limits on your activities and the requirements of parole may not allow for much regular work anyway. Worst of all, your family may have moved on to other loyalties, affections and places. You are largely alone; you are an identified felon.

In discussing forgiveness, it is possible (I knew this all along) to forget about ‘doing the time for the crime’. And if that were all the story to be told about a criminal, or just a garden variety mis-doer, I would not feel so compelled to natter on about forgiveness. But everyone has a different version of justice – about what a malefactor deserves as punishment – and deterrence – what one who is tempted must pay for giving in or being weak. And so, the prescriptions of the law may seem too easy to some and the likelihood of reform in a prison atmosphere too slim, and the malleability of human character utterly beyond imagining. So, the old Latin saw continues in force *semel malus, semper malus* – once a bad man, always a bad man.

So, here’s the thing: In a society that does not value forgiveness, there is no such thing as justice! There is no end to punishment! There is no hope for the wrongdoer! And every one is judge, jury and executioner! No one talks about the rights of parolees

or the repentant! And this is true of legal infractions, and moral sins and merely cultural contraventions.

The Apostle James says very clearly *the wrath of man worketh not the justice of God*; and Jesus is very clear that the *measure you use on others will be used on you*. Even if we disbelieve the former, how many of us could endure the latter? And how, more tellingly, perhaps, would you like to see your own son or daughter treated.

The apologists for ‘justice’ and ‘punishment’ and ‘deterrence’ are all hypocrites unless they are equally vocal in their espousal of the cause of forgiveness.

Really and truly and unforgivably yours,  
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### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**

Christ Our Savior Parish is hosting its 6<sup>th</sup> Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. We need your help to make it a success. If you are able to volunteer the day of the dinner, *or* cook a 15 lb. turkey (to be provided), *or* donate a pie, please contact the person indicated below:

#### **VOLUNTEER DAY OF THE DINNER:**

Nancy Black - [nblack330@comcast.net](mailto:nblack330@comcast.net)

#### **COOK A TURKEY (to be provided):**

Kathe Henrich @ 362-0449 or [kchenrich@comcast.net](mailto:kchenrich@comcast.net)

#### **DONATE A PIE:**

Mary Zullo @ 802-779-8090 or [marzull@comcast.net](mailto:marzull@comcast.net)

#### **QUESTIONS:**

Carolyn Smith @ 362-3516 or [2mr.ching@comcast.net](mailto:2mr.ching@comcast.net)

### **In Remembrance**

#### **ALL SOULS Day**

Throughout the month of November several Masses have been scheduled in remembrance of the faithful departed. These Masses will be offered for the deceased whose names have been listed on the **All Souls Day** remembrance envelopes. Additional envelopes are available at the entrances to the churches. The Mass schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, November 21 - 5:30 PM**

**Friday, November 30 - 8:00 AM**

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Let us live and love in our marriage as we await the coming of Jesus. Make time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 30-Dec 2, 2018 in Isle La Motte, VT and Mar 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

Please join the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** at their breakfast this Sunday, after both masses. Also, they would like your support them in buying chances for their **200 Club Raffle**. Forms are located on tables at the entrances of Church and they will have them at the breakfast.

Next week, the second collection will be for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. This collection supports community and economic development initiatives that address the root causes of poverty. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

### **NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PIE AUCTION**

Invites you to attend the premiere Pie auction on Sat., Nov. 17, 2018 starting at 6:00 PM to be held at the Manchester Inn Event Barn on Rte 7A. This will be a fun filled evening with music from BBA students, appetizers, a cash bar, a little pie tasting, and a large selection of pies for a silent and a live auction. Tickets are available for \$15 from Steering Committee members or through the N 2 N office at 802-367-7787. The Manchester Inn's parking is very limited so you may park your cars at The Orvis Flagship Store and shuttles will be available. Hope to see you there!

### **Prayer for the Diocesan Synod**

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.

Cf. Lumen Gentium, 48; Bishop DeGoesbriand and Bishop Coyne’s episcopal mottos;  
Mt 19:26; Proverbs 3:5.

### **INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF THE NORTSHIRE**

IFCN Thanksgiving worship service, Tuesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. at Dorset Church. We are asked to bring finger food for refreshments for the reception following. The