

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, August 11

5:30pm – Deceased Members of the Pickering Reunion Families

Sunday, August 12

8:00am – Patricia Tracy
by Tom and Julie Michaels
10:00am – *Pro populo*

Monday, August 13

8:00am –

Tuesday, August 14

8:00am – **no mass**

THE ASSUMPTION MARY

Tuesday, August 14

5:30pm *Pro Populo*

Wednesday, August 15

12:10pm Dennis Porterfield
by Harold & Kathleen Hogstrom

Thursday, August 16

8:00am – Stanizlaw Pietrowski by Daughter

Friday, August 17

8:00am -- Intentions of Christopher Farrell, S.J.
by Carolyn Smith

Saturday, August 18

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

Sunday, August 19

8:00am -- Jennifer Garwood by
Tom and Julie Michaels
10:00am -- Deirdre Furtado
by Judy Mongelluzzi

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

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

Dear All,

Someone reminded me of the rest of that quote with which I started: Success means showing up *and doing the work* ... participation.

In Liturgy, doing the work means all that ‘catholic’ sitting, standing, kneeling, singing, praying and shaking hands that so dismay our visitors from other denominations. This we do because this is what *we do*, when we come together.

Oddly, it does not mean receiving Holy Communion. Participation in that rite depends on one’s preparedness and suitability – *being in the state of grace* – and that depends largely on the measure in which one *participates* in a truly Christian way in the rest of life.

What does ‘catholic participation look like outside of a liturgical setting?

Take one’s friendship circle. If all my friends are non-Catholics or un-believers, this means that that I am choosing my friends on some other basis than a shared faith, shared morals or shared concerns. I might like them because they belong to the same club, come from the same place, live in the same town, vote for the same people as I. But that is not a Christian friendship.

Let us think of our political participation. Voting is a civic duty. But that is not participation in the real political process. A catholic Democrat would be working in the party machine to bring the party to a more pro-life position. A catholic Republican would be working in the party machine to bring the party to a broader pro-life position.

Political movers and shakers know that they can get lots of votes if they pander to the basest instincts of their ‘religious’ constituents. But they do not participate in that religion! On the contrary, they have convinced everyone that religious people do not take part in politics! And we have acquiesced!

Non-participation in family life means that parents do not take leadership roles when kids want pleasure instead of work. It means having tantrums and banging doors when work comes along at a time when a kid wants pleasure. It means fault-finding between spouses and failure to forgive all ‘round.

The enemies of participation in Liturgy and in life as well are the same: A lazy acceptance of the status quo; A bland assumption that ‘someone else will do it’; A very ‘american’ attitude of entitlement that tells me that my right is right no matter when or where or how or with whom I exercise it; a commitment that nothing will happen in my backyard (*nimby*) – indeed nothing should happen in my back yard, because I bought and paid for that yard.

There is a huge difference between participation – doing the work – and just showing up. Working is tiring. Working is often unrewarding. Working is something the slugs of the world deride.

Working is not what we retired for. Working is seldom noticed. Working does not feed my ego. Participation is all those things and more! Just showing up is floating – without making waves in a warm bath (98.6 degrees). The one part of the world where people show up and do not work, do not participate (besides the US Congress) is a cemetery!

Jesus said: Work while the day lasts, for the night is coming when no one can work.

Really and truly and brightly yours,
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August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holyday of obligation. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this day. The Schedule of Masses is included amongst the Mass Intentions.

Our **Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer** will celebrate the Assumption with a day long series of events. See their website: www.ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org or call 802-896-6000.

2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Our parish is over our goal for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The appeal supports so many essential services that directly impacts our parish, including emergency aid to families in our parish, Pre-Cana, DRE training and so much more. If you have not yet made a gift, please consider a gift of any size.

Breakfast with the Knights of Columbus after the 10am Mass.

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3–September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray/!

The ***Catholic Daughters*** will have their meeting on Tuesday, August 14th at noon. One item we will be planning is our November Basket Party.

The **Loretto Home** and **St. Joseph Kervick Residence** in Rutland currently has rooms available. . If you, or anyone you know, is in need of Level III services, please call (802)-773-8840 for more information, or to schedule a tour.

To learn more about the homes:
<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/residential-care-homes/>

September 23-24, 2018: ***Young Adult Retreat*** at **Dumaine Retreat House** (open to all young adults ages 18-29). Father Jon Schnobrich will be the spiritual director for the retreat, and flyers and more information will be forthcoming.

Our Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 26 from 5pm ‘til 7!

With food, music, company and a sheltering tent will take place, as usual, on the lawn beside the pond.

*Burgers and dogs will be catered by the Hound Dog -- of red wagon fame
Desserts and main dishes will come from those who like to party!
Volunteers for setting up should call the parish.*