

# *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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 13 - Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018

Saturday, January 13

5:30pm - Alberto Comini by Mary Alec Gersten

Sunday, January 14

8:00am - John Hughes by Dorothy Leubert

10:00am - Joseph Dell by Joyce Papke

Monday, January 15

8:00am - Sal Rotunno by wife, Tricia

Tuesday, January 16

8:00am - Dr. James Ralph

by Abraham and Brenda Madkour

Wednesday, January 17

8:00am -

Thursday, January 18

8:00am - Paul O'Leary by Knights of Columbus

Friday, January 19

8:00am -- Helen Jones by the Family

Saturday, January 20

5:30pm - Starr Brinckerhoff

by Stephen and Joan Monroe

Sunday, January 21

8:00am - Marilyn Christensen

by Ed and Paula Teeling

10:00am - Anna Charbonneau by Marie Sossi

Let us remember in prayer:

Mary Anne Bearor, Michelle DeCosmo,

Mark Madkour, Lorraine Monaco, and Karen Tatro

Rest in peace, Paul O'Leary, husband of Betty, has been called home to the Father. Let us pray for his peaceful repose and for all who mourn his passing.

Dear All,

Children have been on my mind lately - not mine! Other people's. Specifically, I have been dealing with folks who want to protect kids - from suicide (there was a speaker here in Manchester recently), from drugs (there's an opioid addiction program coming) and a new law legalizing as much pot as a kid can pay for), from bad relationships (no matter the child's age), from loss of faith (a pastoral consult from another parish) and from their own bad choices (because of major psychiatric issues), from marital failure. Who'da think that an old bachelor could get so involved in such issues?!

One thing has come through very clearly in all these discussions, something very hard to say and even harder to hear, but much in need of saying anyway. Parents, even with the best of intentions seem unable to avoid over-identifying with their offspring. There was a time when we made fun of 'little league' daddies; then it was 'soccer mommies'; now its helicopter parents. It all comes to the same thing.

It's as if the welfare of our children (even our children who are 40 or older) is seen as an infallible barometer of our parenting skills. Thus, our self-respect is directly tied to our children. This is sooooooo bad! Over and above what it does to parental peace of mind, it creates major psychological problems for the children - over-dependency, co-dependency, various attachment disorders, etc. It is spiritually damaging to both parties. About that I can speak with more authority. And I will, of course.

At the moment of conception a child is already a full person (this is respect for life talk). As a person, his or her traits and basic endowments (and limitations) are cast in something like stone and inscribed in the very fleshy DNA of the embryo. All that a parent can do after this is to discover and support this (literally) embryonic person in the achievement of his or her destined maturation. Anything else can only be in some measure destructive of the child and heartbreaking to the parent.

In the interest of full disclosure, I am not a believer that nurture and overcome nature. That is like saying that parental will can (and may) undo God's will. What kind of priest would I be then?

Let us, then, take the air out of some clichés that can become recipes for tragedy.

Children are not gifts to the parents; nor are they something to which one had a right. Children are the fruit of human response to the vocation to procreation; they are what happens when adults put their sexuality at the disposal of the Creator. In this sense, they are the first and nearest examples of our obligation to love our neighbor. Because of this priority and proximity, they always have a unique place in the catalog of those we love; but they really are not anything but neighbors.

Remember that this is theological stuff we're talking about. I understand something of the power of ticking clocks and the desolation of empty nests and the longing (proclivity) to see oneself in miniature. But children are not parts of ourselves. They are themselves, and that is self with a capital S.

Really and truly and childishly yours,  
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Breakfast with the Knights TODAY

Please come join the Knights for breakfast in the parish hall.

The Knights would also like your support with their 200 Club Raffle Fundraiser. Forms are located on tables at the entrances of Church. Please help them support your neighbors through the year by buying a ticket.

Martin Luther King Jr. Service at ICM

The Interfaith Council's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service will be at the Israel Congregation of Manchester, 6025 Route 7A, on Monday, January 15, at 7 pm. Dr. Stewart Burns, a distinguished historian of the Civil Rights Movement and other U.S. social movements will be the speaker. The Interfaith choir (including members of our parish choir) under the direction of Jeff Linebeck and including ICM's recently arrived Cantor Scott Buckner will present two contemporary Hebrew choral works among other music. All are welcome.

WE HAVE UPGRADED OUR PHONE SYSTEMS All calls will be processed thru our main phone number which is 802-362-1380. You will have the option to pick who you speak to.

2018 Offertory Envelopes

Are located at North side entrance on the table with the weekly bulletin.

If you did not find your envelopes and/or would like envelopes. Please email the office at christosparish@comcast.net or call the rectory @

802-362-1380

Please give your name/s address and telephone number and Env # if you had one.

Film Screening of The Opiate Effect and Community Forum

On Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m., join Vermont PBS and the Manchester Community Library for a showing of The Opiate Effect, an award-winning short documentary that deals with the overdose of a University of Vermont student. Parents and those who work with children and adolescents are encouraged to attend. The panel will focus on prevention and education strategies and resources, geared towards youth. This event is presented in partnership with The Collaborative, Fed Up Manchester, GNAT and United Counseling Service. Manchester Community Library is located at 138 Cemetery Ave in Manchester Center, VT. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Cindy Waters at the Library, 802-362-2607; or Heidi French at UCS, 802-442-5491.

Preparing for Lent: A speaker from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Burkina Faso

"CRS about people and the hope we have for each other. It's about our ability to encounter our neighbors no matter where they live, to love them as God loves us".

Jacques Kabore, the Manager of CRS Burkina Faso's Livelihoods Program will be at mass on Saturday, January 20th . After the 5:30pm and will do a short presentation on the impact of your support for the poor overseas through Catholic Relief Services. Jacques says it was the mission to care for those who are most vulnerable that brought him to CRS. "I believe in the impact of solidarity," he says. "Everybody has the key of solidarity in their hand. We must use it to open the hearts of those in need."