

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, March 17

5:30pm – *Pro Populo*

Sunday, March 18

8:00am – *Pro Populo*

10:00am – Joseph Dell by sister, Diana

Monday, March 19

8:00am – Ann Gleeson by daughter, Nancy

Tuesday, March 20

8:00am –

Wednesday, March 21

8:00am –

Thursday, March 22

8:00am –

Friday, March 23

8:00am --

Saturday, March 24

5:30pm – *Pro Populo*

Palm Sunday, March 25

8:00am – Brian Gawlik by his Mother, Helen

10:00am – Joseph Pasqualini by Dolores Mahlmann

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Mary Anne Bearor, Michelle DeCosmo, Mary Downey

James Porter Jankowski, Mark Madkour,

Lorraine Monaco and Karen Tatro

Easter Flower Offerings

Parishioners are invited to make a donation to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of a loved one or for other intentions. **Please print clearly.** Envelopes for this purpose are included in your box of Offertory envelopes and on the tables at the entrances of church. Contributions may be dropped in the Offertory basket or returned to the Rectory. **The deadline for intentions to be in bulletin is Monday, MARCH 26.** The list of Flower Fund intentions will be published in the Bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 1st.

Dear All,

Once the idea of a single, unique God had really taken hold of Israel's religious imagination, they were able (as we saw last week) to understand that the other nations had, each of them, a unique relationship with the unique God. Election of one nation did not mean the reprobation of all the others; covenant with one nation did not mean that there would never be a covenant with another nation; the Law that was written on tablets of stone was not the only expression of God's will for the world.

Besides, as long as Israel was less than clear about the universality of God and his plan, they were often tempted to 'worship other Gods' or to pursue national and international policies like those of the foreigners. That's why there's was a commandment about idolatry and why the prophets so violently inveighed against monarch after monarch. The commandment they broke and the prophets they tortured and slew (thus Jeremiah in today's first lesson).

So thoroughly shattered was the Mosaic Covenant that God (says J) felt the need to make a new covenant, one that could not go away and could not be broken because it would be written in the very hearts of Israel ... in the very spot whence their sins had arisen.

The Church, following the lead of her Master, has seen this new Covenant in the Incarnation of Jesus. Frail and fallible human nature becomes in him the very place where God is to be found in human history. There, God assures the frightened and weak that there is divine strength and hope; and to those who fail he promises his own presence as the healing and redeeming source of mercy to those who confess his presence to their sinfulness.

This acceptance of Jesus' proclamation that his is the 'blood of the new and everlasting covenant' has created a new consciousness in his followers: the Covenant is not made with one race; it is a covenant with all who share the humanity of the Incarnate Son. The new Covenant is not only eternal, it is universal!

Other religions may not feel free to translate their sacred texts or break off from their culture-based forms and formalities. It may be that such concerns as security and prosperity may lead people and nations to suspicion and fear and hatred of all that is not physically local. But Christianity claims, boldly and bravely, that every authentic human aspiration is to be found in the heart of Jesus and in the Gospel of the new Covenant. Likewise,

every human fear finds its counterweight, not in drugs or a foxhole, but in a expansive and embracive love like God's own. And it even dares to state that every wrong and every hurt finds healing and every old enmity finds a new future in the mysterious business we call telling the truth and pardoning.

Every week, we come together to assert that Covenant trumps politics, universalism is more critical to human thriving than particularism, and that God is not only great, but he is greater than everything we have ever thought or known or can think or know. Thus, to quote Pope Francis, *time is greater than space.*

Really and truly and always and everywhere yours,
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Soup and Sermons with TM

Over the last several Lents we have spent Friday Evenings in Lent with meatless soups, bread and meditations on selected topics by TM. Soup is served at 530. If you would like to take part and show off your skills in the kitchen call Nancy Black at 375-9207.

AARP Tax Aide Service

Each year at income tax time, **AARP** offers free tax preparation. Although special emphasis is on low and middle incomes and older taxpayers, there is no income level or age limit. There are, however, some limits on complexity. This year the Bennington area sites are:

Manchester Town Hall

Walk in, no appointment, Fridays, Mar 2 - Apr 13, 9am-noon. For more information call Barth at 442-9504

Upcoming Discussion on Immigration Issues and DACA

"Immigration and Refugees" will be the subject of a discussion at our parish on **TODAY, March 18** at 4 pm in the parish hall. please contact Sue Washburn, sswashburn@gmail.com or call 325-3525 to get copies of the articles.

Community Food Cupboard in April

As usual every year our parish has responsibility for staffing the Community Food Cupboard in April (and also in August). Thirteen CFC open sessions have to be staffed on this round with a total of 39 volunteer slots to be filled. Three volunteers are needed on every Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday, April 28th. If you are willing and able to take part in our volunteer duty, contact Sue Washburn, sswashburn@gmail.com or (802) 325-3525 for more information and/or to get on the schedule.

Schedule for the Sacred Triduum

Palm Sunday, March 25

4:00pm

The Seven Last Words of Christ is a service of word, music and silence prolongs the themes of the Solemn Liturgy

Holy Thursday, March 29

7:00pm

The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends with the Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Repository and Adoration.

Good Friday, March 30

5:30pm

The Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

7:00pm

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Holy Saturday, March 31

11:00am

The Blessing of Easter Foods

Is a brief ceremony of Polish origin; traditional Easter food items (meats, eggs, candy – yes, candy) are blessed so that the breaking of the Lenten Fast may be, not a return to ordinary eating, but a sharing in the Heavenly Banquet that Easter inaugurates.

8:00pm

The Vigil of Easter

A service of light and a somewhat extended liturgy of the Word lead up to a joyful renewal of Baptismal promises and Holy Communion celebrated as a life-sharing with the Risen One.

Easter Sunday, April 1

8:00am and 10:00am

Masses in celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord with renewal of Baptismal Promises.

Sacrament of Penance

Thursday, March 29, following the 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Friday, March 30, following the 5:30pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Saturday, March 31, following the Blessing of Easter Foods.