

OCTOBER 11, 2020



SACRED HEART SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH • BENNINGTON, VERMONT

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Catholic parish family is united by God's love and our belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We live and share our faith in our daily actions as a parish, as a school and as individuals.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM

First Fridays (only)
Holy Hour & Benediction: 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday after Mass until 8:00 PM

Last Sunday (only)
Mass: 6:00 PM

Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM or by appointment



CONGREGATION OF
HOLY CROSS
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Rev. Robert Wiseman, c.s.c.—Pastor
Rev. Hugh Cleary, c.s.c.—Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Gary Zack—Deacon

The Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers have offered continuous service for over 60 years to the Diocese of Burlington and the Bennington area.



28th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.” - Mt 22:9-10

PARISH CENTER MAIN OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:30 AM–Noon & 1:00–4:30 PM
email: benncath@comcast.net



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

And Liturgical Celebrations for
October 10—17, 2020

(Numbers next to a name indicate Anniversary of death)

- Sat./Sun., Oct. 10/11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 p.m. † Kay & Al Allen - The Family
 † Francis "Pete" Roy - Barbara Lauzon & Family
 † Helen Whitman - Joan Douglass
 Our Parish Family
 7:30 a.m. † Len Anzivino -
 Knights of Columbus Council #307
 9:30 a.m. † Frank & Hazel Kelly - The Family
 Bob Hannan (Living) - Tom & Mary
- Monday, Oct. 12 Weekday/Columbus Day**
 8:00 a.m. † Gerard, Sr. & Mary Morin - Daughter, Marie Ray
- Tuesday, Oct. 13 Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. † Raymond Vivaldi - Mary Cox
- Wednesday, Oct. 14 Saint Callistus I**
 8:00 a.m. † Dale Plamer - Wife & Sons
- Thursday, Oct. 15 Saint Teresa of Jesus**
 8:00 a.m. † Richard & Isabell Sleeman
 - Daughter, Juliet & Son, Timothy
- Friday, Oct. 16 Saint Hedwig & Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque**
 8:00 a.m. † Joann Lipinski (Living) - Mom
- Sat./Sun., Oct. 17/18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 p.m. † Patricia Perrott - Patrick Perrott
 † Barbara Green (1st) - Her sister, Elizabeth
 † Rev. Vincent Coppola, C.S.C.
 - Jane, Rita, Mary, Noella & Marie
 7:30 a.m. † Gene Farrar - Doris & Ron Alderman
 Our Parish Family
 9:30 a.m. † Julia Souza - Anthony & Cindy Lapean
 † Ann Thibert - The Family
 † John Grady - The Family

Sunday Summary

Isaiah 25:6-10a All nations and peoples will share in the banquet of God on the holy mountain.

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 In view of our enemies, God sets a feast and anoints us with every good thing.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Whether in abundance or in want, Paul is rich in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 22:1-14 The invitation to the feast is sent out, but many find other things to do.

Note From The Pastor



Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Parish,
 We want to express our heart-felt gratitude to all of you for your love and commitment to the parish. These pandemic months have been nerve-wracking and difficult for everyone. It has been a chaotic and stressful time. In order to keep the COVID-19 virus from spreading, all the routine demands and pleasures of daily life have been curtailed and disrupted. We have not even been able to gather as a community for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Through it all you have not forgotten the financial needs of the parish. Many of you have mailed in your envelopes or dropped off your generous contributions or contributed electronically through our parish website. You have been extraordinary in maintaining your stewardship of the Parish.

We are aware of the financial strain everyone is experiencing in these complex times which makes your generosity even more outstanding. Thank you for your goodness and for the inspiration you have given us. We are blessed to be serving here at the parish.

Please know of our prayers for you and deep appreciation.

Sincerely in the Lord,
 Fr. Bob and Fr. Hugh

Note from Msgr. McDermott

In consideration of Governor Scott's August 1st order requiring facial coverings/masks for indoor public gatherings and outside gatherings, Bishop Coyne is directing all parishioners to wear facial coverings/masks when entering and leaving church buildings, including for the celebration of Holy Mass.

This directive will remain in effect until the Governor's order is modified or rescinded, or the Bishop updates our liturgical norms and protocols.

Readings for the week of October 11, 2020

- Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
- Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4,
 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/
 Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/
 Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/
 Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/
 Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/
 Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/
 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



Faith Formation Program

"Growing In Faith Together"

For more information contact the parish office at 442-3141 or 1kathy.murphy@gmail.com

You are invited to join us on Facebook –



The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales 307 School Street Bennington, VT 05201

Mr. David Estes, Principal

Providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel Values in an environment that is caring, challenging, and respectful, striving to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.

Pray for us during this school year.

Lord, please protect us, physically, emotionally and mentally. Keep us safe and healthy; increase our strength and stamina now and in the future, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

School Fundraiser "Bag2School"

Help our school raise money by cleaning out your closets of unwanted clothes!

Bag2School is working with The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales to increase awareness of the importance of textile recycling and help achieve your fundraising goals by diverting your unwanted clothing from landfill. All items are reused where possible with only a small portion recycled (those items beyond their useful life). NO items are dumped in landfill. Your school/organization has arranged a collection so the more you bring in the more you will benefit the environment and the bigger your fundraising payout will be!

What we accept

- All men's, woman's and children's clothing
footwear outerwear hats mittens
scarves belts towels purses
handbags backpacks soft bags linens

*Please do not include heavily soiled, wet clothing or hard goods

It's Simple!

- 1) Put unwanted clothing in a box or bag.
2) Bring them to the shed in the church's parking lot ONLY DURING THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION DATES AND TIMES:
October 15 & 16, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
October 17, 3:45 to 5:30 p.m.
October 18, 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.
October 19 & 20, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3) Donations are collected and weighed.
4) School receives payment.

Any Questions?

Please call the school at 442-2446.

Congratulations to our students (and their families) who received the Sacrament of Confirmation October 3rd & 4th. We are extremely proud of each and everyone of you!

- Elyse Gianna Altland
Lillian Rose Bombria
Charles Stanley Buckley
Isabella Agnes Casalinova
Kaitlynn Cecilia Cherry
Molly Mary Clark
Mitchell Patrick Cody
Madisyn Agatha Crossman
Charlotte Gianna Fischer
Elise Joan Fischer
Gabriella Cecilia Giorgi
Adelene Philomena Harrington
Alexis Elizabeth Harrington
Devin Michael Hogan
Spencer Patrick Jarvis
Erinn Agatha Jennings
Killian Sebastian Kervan
Grace Michael Kobelia
Sadie Frances Korzec
Ethan David Laforest
Payton Michael Lamoureux.
Sawyer Anthony Lampron
Kari Gianna LaTour
Lias Augustine Levin
Molly Therese Lindsey
Sean Sebastian MacDonald
Adriana Teresa Main
Maxwell Francis Mattison
Cole Francis Cummings-Mayer
Peter Luke McKenna
Catherine Catherine Morrissey
Aiden Anthony Moscarello
Danielle Elaine Moscarello
Solitaire Anthony Niles
Luisa Bridget Novelli
Jane Sarah Rivers
Matthew Francis Robinson
Donald Sebastian Roy
Nikolas Nicholas Segura
Riley Patrick Thurber
Noah Andrew Warner
Eric Andrew Whitman
Claire Monica Zimpfer
Samuel Sebastian Zimpfer



Please remember the sick, including ~

Rene Cassano, Caleb St. John, Bob Hannan, Marie Parker Mayer, Don Place, Cathy Place, Elaine Letourneau, Janet Sausville, Tina Harrington, A.J. Morton, Eden Jeannine Beckwith, Cindy Levitte, Christopher Rubino, Lena Reap, Dolores Pruden, Ruth Emaish, Matthew Rubino, Abigail Grace Lamar, Wilfred LaBonte, Therese Long, Gloria VanDerzee, Adrianna Dewey, Kenneth Swierad, Kathy Keenan, and this week we remember the residents of Cora B. Whitney.

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel Reflection**

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

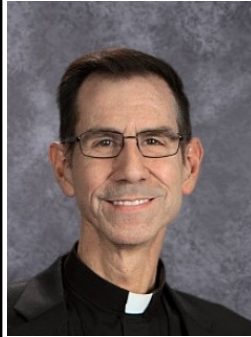
I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

Obituary for Rev. Vincent J. Coppola, C.S.C.

God called Rev. Vincent J. Coppola, C.S.C., Associate Pastor of St. Pio and Sacred Heart, home on October 2, 2020.

Father Vince was born on April 15, 1963 in Elmhurst, New York. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Queens College. Father Vince received his MA in Theology at Moreau Seminary of Notre Dame and was ordained as priest to the congregation of Holy Cross on June 9, 2001.



He is the son of Madeline Mooney and oldest brother to Michael Coppola (Christine), and Barbara Devine (Robert) and Thomas Coppola. He is also survived by his dear friend Mary Nemeth. Vince is preceded in death by his grandmother Rose Ferrigno, and his stepfather Raymond Mooney.

Father Vince served as Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish in Bennington, VT, Pastor at St. Bridget Parish in West Rutland, VT, Pastor at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in West Rutland, VT, Pastor at Holy Cross Parish in South Bend, IN, Administrator at Holy Cross Catholic School in South Bend, IN, Parochial Vicar at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, in Toms River, NJ, Parochial Vicar at St. Padre Pio Parish in Lavallette, NJ, and Parochial Vicar at the Church of Sacred Heart, Bay Head, NJ.

He was a past board member of Ave Maria Press and served in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vermont, Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne, South Bend, Indiana, and Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey.

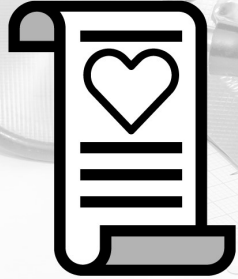
Father Vince is a religious Order Priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross, stationed at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN. Two years ago, he asked to be incardinated into the Diocese of Trenton to be closer to his beloved mother.

Father Vince gave an inspiring witness of his Love of God and self-sacrificing service in his priestly ministry. He was always dignified, courteous, generous, humble, and kind. He was deeply loved by many. A man of boundless energy and self-sacrifice, Vincent was known for his beautiful homilies that deeply touched so many parishioners. He enjoyed running, long walks with his dog, spending time with his family, and dancing. He is well known for his impersonations of Elvis Presley.

He had more direct and visible contact with people through his sacramental ministry. He led Scripture and Bible classes, Days of Reconciliation, Devotions, Penance Services, and "Coffee Hour with a Priest". He enjoyed community events and loved to work fundraisers. Vince gave relief to many who came to him for spiritual healing. He spent long periods in prayer to his God and often spoke reverently about the "Blessed Virgin Mary". The most inspiring thing was his bearing in silence his bodily pain he kept hidden from nearly everyone.

Visitation hours were held from 10:00am to 11:00am on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church located on 685 Hooper Ave, Toms River, NJ 08753, and a Funeral Mass followed at 11:00am.

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
October 10–16, 2020
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



WHY A VERMONT CATHOLIC? ADVANCE DIRECTIVE?

The Diocese of Burlington developed the Vermont Catholic Advance Directive to help you control your own health care if you become unable to communicate or to make decisions yourself. People avoid thinking about illness and death, yet we know that illness and death are realities.

What is an advance directive?

An advance directive is a document you use to appoint someone to act for you if you become unable to communicate or to participate in decisions on your health care. You can also tell your doctor your choices for your care in that document.

Why use the VCAD? Why not other forms?

The VCAD follows Catholic moral teaching on medical care. Other forms do not provide any specific moral guidance and may lead you to make immoral choices. The VCAD also follows Vermont law.

Most states recognize an out-of-state form that is valid in the patient's own state.

Who can be my health care agent?

It can be a trusted family member or friend. But think carefully: Will that person do what you want and advocate for you and your Catholic values? This is explained in the form.

What if I do not have any family nearby?

No problem. The person does not need to live locally. Instructions and discussions may be taken care of over the phone. The agent does not have to be a family member. In fact, many

people ask someone who is not a relative to serve as the health care agent.

What about organ donation?

You may decide to donate organs; you can give that instruction in your form. The one critical issue is that the hospital follows "the dead donor rule" — i.e. does not take the organs before you die. If you have any doubts or misgivings, simply do not donate.

What about my remains? Who can take care of my funeral?

You can also appoint an agent to handle funeral arrangements in the form. It may be a family member or other person. It may be the same person as your health care agent or someone else.

What about funeral instructions?

You may give explicit funeral instructions in the form including the church for a Mass and instructions on burial.

Where can I get a copy of the VCAD? Are instruction materials available?

You may print copies of the VCAD from the diocesan webpage: vermontcatholic.org/resource/vermont-catholic-advance-directive

What if I have more questions?

Contact Deacon Pete Gummere by email at pgummere@vermontcatholic.org or leave a message by calling 802-658-6110 ext. 1152.

— *Deacon Pete Gummere is a bioethicist and serves at Corpus Christi Parish in St. Johnsbury.*

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BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH



Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

You should have received a Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign packet inviting you to consider a gift over a three-year period. We understand that for some this may not be possible at this time and we ask for your prayers. For others, the amount requested may not be appropriate for your current situation but you can contribute at a different level. Please review the materials and consider what is possible for your family or visit: christourhopevt.org.

To learn more, register for a Christ Our Hope Campaign virtual chat with Bishop Coyne on October 14 at 3–4 p.m. or Oct. 20 at 7–8 p.m. at christourhopevt.org/events.



HIS Pantry

“Seeing Christ in the hungry”

Phone Number: **442-1720**

hispantryshsf@gmail.com

HIS Pantry at SHSF

(Facebook link)

Wednesdays 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Fridays 10:00 am – 11:30 am

HIS Pantry is a volunteer-run parish ministry which assists those in need of food in our local community. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the pantry food distribution is now being done outside, under tents in the parking lot. Now, more than ever, we need your support to help those struggling with food insecurities in our area. Here are some ways you can help:

Volunteering: We are in need of a few more volunteers during this difficult pandemic period! Here are some of the areas where we especially need help:

- * **Outdoor setup crew:** set up tents, tables & coolers outside on Wednesdays, 11 am - noon and/or Fridays, 9-10 am. Need to be able to lift at least 20 pounds.
- * **Outdoor guest assistance:** help out guests select food offerings (masked and socially distanced), Wednesdays 1-4pm and/or Fridays 10am - noon.
- * **Guest sign-in and/or indoor food prep & packaging:** Wednesdays Noon-4pm and/or Fridays 9am - noon
- * People that can **pick up fresh produce** at local farm markets during the summer & fall months (once/twice per month, time slots flexible)

If you would like to become a volunteer at HIS Pantry or give us an additional hand in one of the areas listed above, please email hispantryshsf@gmail.com or call **802-823-0195**.

Donations:

- * **Groceries:** rice, spaghetti, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned beans, shelf stable juices, tuna, canned chicken, mac & cheese, peanut butter
- * **Personal hygiene items:** bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products
- * **PPE:** face masks, hand sanitizers, Lysol spray
- * **Financial support:** cash donations, VISA or store gift cards (can bring to the parish office or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked for HIS Pantry). Note that these gift cards are used solely by pantry volunteers to purchase needed foods as we run low. Thank you for your generosity!

Special Note:

His Pantry would like to gratefully thank all the individuals and organizations that are so kindly giving of their time, food, gift cards and monetary donations to help feed the needy in our community. Your continued generosity during this difficult time

Thank You

F O R Y O U R H E L P

Interfaith Dinner

On Sunday, October 4, members of our Parish Community and their friends answered our call to lend a hand with the Interfaith Dinner at the Second Congregational Church. A special thank you to **Mary Drew, Christiana Salem, Julie Anisman, Nicholas Salem and Sophia Anisman**. We truly appreciate your willingness to lend your time, talent and treasure to this worthwhile community outreach. This group of volunteers made 12 large meatloaves using in part 35 pounds of ground beef!

Second Congregational church has gone to great lengths to create protocols that keep everyone safe during this time of the pandemic. If you (or a group) would be interested in hosting one of these dinners, just give the office a call at 442-3141. Thank you.

We could really, really, really use some new volunteers. Currently we have the first Sunday in November and December available for volunteers.

RCIA ...a journey in faith
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church or has questions about our Catholic Faith? Someone who:

- Has never been baptized?
- Has been baptized, but is not a practicing Catholic?
- Has been baptized, but never been confirmed?

If you know of someone like this please ask them if they would be interest in becoming a full member of our Catholic Church. For more information contact either Scott Murphy at 802-245-4990. Or you may call the parish office at 442-3141. The starting date is to be determined.

The **Second Collection** this weekend is for the maintenance of our church.

The **Second Collection** next weekend is for Mission Sunday.

We thank you for your generosity!