



St Genevieve Church

3275 Route 22A
Shoreham, VT
Mass: Saturday 7:30 pm
May-October



St Bernadette Church

9 Crown Point Road
Bridport, VT
Mass: Saturday 7:30 pm
November-April



St Mary's Church

326 College Street
Middlebury, VT
Mass: Saturday 5:15 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

STAFF

Pastor: Father Luke P. Austin
Music Director: Dr. Kevin D. Parizo
Faith Formation & Campus Ministry: Nicholas Maille
Administrative Assistant: Marianne Manning

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CONFESSION

Tuesdays:

St. Mary's: 5:45 - 6:30 pm

Saturdays:

St. Mary's: 4:30 - 5:00 pm

St. Bernadette-St. Genevieve: 7:15 pm

and always welcome by appointment

BAPTISM

Contact the Rectory 802-388-2943

MATRIMONY

Contact the Rectory at least six months before
your desired date

Parish: 802-388-2943

Office: 73 Weybridge Street (*side entrance*),
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9:30-4:30

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BEHOLD



“This is the one about whom it
is written: Behold, I am
sending my messenger ahead
of you; he will prepare your
way before you.”

MATTHEW 11:10

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Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, December 14

4:40 p.m. to 5:00 pm - group Rosary
5:15 pm - Bob Whittemore by Jan & Family
7:30 pm - (St. Bernadette's) - *Pro Popolo*

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am - Augusta Stearns (1st Anniv.) by the Parish
10:00 am - Loretta, Dennis, Wilfred, & Hilda Paquette by Lucien

Monday, December 16 - No Mass

Tuesday, December 17

4:15 pm - Jared Wetmore by the Parish
No Confessions here tonight; see Deanery schedule

Wednesday, December 18 - No Mass

8:00 am - Irene & Perley Stone by Jan Whittemore

Thursday, December 19

8:00 am - Intentions of Fr. Thomas Mattison by Carolyn Smith

Friday, December 20

8:00 am - Pauline Austin by her sister, Stephanie Gorske

Saturday, December 21

4:40 p.m. to 5:00 pm - group Rosary
5:15 pm - Frank Garbacz, Jr. (9th Anniv.) by his wife, Marie
7:30 pm - (St. Bernadette's) - Arthur "Bud" Boise

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am - *Pro Popolo*
10:00 am - Simone Lussier by Richard

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, including James Wisnowski and Kay Smith and for the consolation of their families. *V/. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord. R/. And let perpetual light shine upon them. V/. May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R/. Amen.*

Activity Schedule

Dec. 15 - HOPE Food Collection at St. Mary's

3SquaresVT

3SquaresVT is Vermont's biggest nutrition program giving you dollars to buy more food and support your local economy. It is run by the US Department of Agriculture. Eligibility is based on household income. Monthly benefits come on a debit style card. If anyone in the household is 65+ or gets SSI, benefits can be direct deposited into their bank account. For more information you can call the VT Department of Children and Families at 1-800-479-6151. If you live in Addison County, Addison Community Action/CVOEO will answer your questions and help you apply. Please call us at 802-388-2285 or come to our office at 54 Creek Road in Middlebury.

Parish Support for Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, 2019

St. Bernadette/St. Genevieve:

Envelopes: \$524.00 (23)
Total Offertory: \$635.00 Last Year: \$736.00

St. Mary's: (Weekly Need - \$4,700)

Envelopes: \$3,034.00 (121)
Total Offertory: \$4,312.37 Last Year: \$4,871.41

We have reached the season where we are submitting bulletins for publication before the weekend Masses have occurred. Therefore, figures will not always be available for the following week. Thank you for your generosity!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

St. Mary's Goal: \$58,480.00
Raised \$47,025.00 **80% of goal**

St. Bern./Gene.'s Goal: \$8,660.00
Raised \$6,490.00 **75% of goal**

A challenge grant for the whole Diocese has been issued to match funds and complete the overall goal.

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Our Sponsor this Week

J.P. Carrara & Sons

2464 Case St.

388-6363

Advent Penance Services:

Addison Deanery

Sunday, Dec. 15 - St. Peter, Vergennes, 3 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 17 - St. Ambrose, Bristol, 7 pm

Sunday, Dec. 22 - Assumption BVM, Middlebury, 3 pm

REQUESTS FOR GIFTS FOR HELEN PORTER NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

The C.S.C. will be participating this year to bring Christmas cheer to residents at Helen Porter Nursing Home. Wish tags may be found on the Christmas tree at St. Mary's.

Gifts should be returned to St. Mary's by Sunday, December 15. If you wish to include wrapping paper, that would be helpful for the staff at the nursing home. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Kirby, CSC, 802-759-2592.

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

The assets set aside for perpetual care at both St. Mary's Cemetery and St. Genevieve Cemetery have now been consolidated into one perpetual care fund for each cemetery (*i.e.*, they are still separate funds). These perpetual care funds are now held by the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. We thank the parishioners, Finance Council members, and previous pastors who helped build and wisely maintain these assets; special mention and gratitude go to Ernie Pomainville (RIP). By having the funds in one account for each cemetery, we are better able to comply with state law and Catholic investing principles; we also ensure that these funds are maintained separately from parish operations. The perpetual care fund balance for St. Mary's Cemetery is \$128,176.07, and the fund balance for St. Genevieve Cemetery is \$91,619.17. Our two cemeteries are fortunate to have these balances. Earned interest may be used for operations each year, or it may be re-invested.

Solemnity of Christmas

Vigil Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 24

St. Mary's, Middlebury, 4:00 pm
St. Genevieve, Shoreham, 7:00 pm

Mass at Night

Tuesday, Dec. 24

St. Mary's, Middlebury, 9:00 pm

Mass during the Day

Wednesday, Dec. 25

St. Mary's, Middlebury, 9:00 am

Update on St. Genevieve

Bishop Coyne is still in the information-gathering stage about the future of St. Genevieve. He has received letters from residents in Shoreham and elsewhere, including non-Catholics, asking if the building can serve a municipal purpose. He has asked Fr. Luke to approach the Town of Shoreham about this possibility. At the same time, a more in-depth facilities analysis may be done for both St. Genevieve and St. Bernadette. The Bishop's overall concern remains that we not pour money into buildings, for the sake of maintaining buildings, but rather ask: what buildings and resources are necessary for our mission?

Still needed: Charter House Lunch volunteers

If you are interested in the prep work the morning of the lunch, or serving the lunch, please let one of us know:

(2019) Dec. 31

(2020) Jan. 21st, Feb. 11th and March 3rd

Contact:

Nancy Mooney@ 388.2944 for entrees;

Janet Mosurick@ 352.4595 for side dishes;

Janice Whitemore @ 462.2811 for desserts.