



Mass Schedule & Intentions
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 December 28th ~ January 3rd, 2019

12/28 SATURDAY VIGIL:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 4:30pm *The Smith & Sheridan Families*

12/29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00am *The People of the Parish*
 10:30am *Intentions of Elaine Hines*

12/30 MONDAY

7:30am *Adoration*
 8:30am *Gabe Liege*

12/31 New Year's Eve - TUESDAY

4:30pm *The People of the Parish*

1/1/20 Solemnity of Mary ~ WEDNESDAY

10:00am ~ *Holy Day of Obligation*
Intentions of Gloria Gardella

1/2/20 THURSDAY

4:30pm *Adoration*
 5:30pm *Agnes Lintermann*

1/3/20 FRIDAY

7:30am *Adoration*
 8:30am *Charlotte Brochhausen*

NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS

Every Sunday will be Food Shelf Sunday. Please remember to bring in a food donation to Mass for the Lamoille Community Food Share. The basket is in the back of the church! Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! This week as celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (a holy day of obligation), we are reminded of the maternal presence of the one through whom God chose to come to us – Mary. As I have been your new pastor for these past 6 month, perhaps you've noticed my devotion to and trust in our Blessed Mother, as I ask for her intercession constantly. But why should we turn to her?

To quote the great Marian Saint, Louis de Montfort, "Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus." Catholics worship and adore God alone, and do not worship Mary (or the saints), but we venerate and honor her because of what she allowed God to do in and through her.

Think of it this way – If God Himself chose Mary as the way in which He would come to us in the person of Jesus, then to honor God is to imitate Him – so then in going to Him, wouldn't asking Mary's intercession make sense if we want to grow closer to God?

Or consider this: no one knows the heart of a child more than the heart of a mother. The Sacred Heart of Jesus was *literally* formed under the beating Immaculate Heart of Mary; no one knows the heart of Christ the way that Mary does. Because of that fact, the confidence that we have to ask her intercession ought to be great because our love for, our devotion to, and our confidence in Mary never stops at her – it always is brought to her Son. She is a chosen vessel of God most high, who takes nothing away from Christ's mediation, but rather magnifies His greatness!

Mother Teresa of Calcutta had such confidence in Mary's intercession, and was known for giving out rosaries and miraculous medals to people, encouraging them when they are lost, confused, distressed or scared, to simply pray, "Mary, Mother of Jesus, be a mother to me now."

As you begin this New Calendar Year of 2020, our Lord has prepared new graces to give you so that your love for Him may become stronger and deeper. Begin by asking Mary, to whom all grace was given, to be a Mother to you this year – opening your heart even more to the great mystery of Divine Love. Happy New Year – and may 2020 be a year of blessing for your family and of growth in your faith. God bless you!

*With Mary
 In Christ, Fr Jon*

Please join us on Sunday, January 5th after the 8:00am Mass for our monthly coffee hour. A great way to gather with our church family. All are welcome!

Tuesday, December 31st
New Year's Eve Mass,
 4:30pm

Solemnity of Mary, Wednesday,
January 1st 10:00am
Holy Day of Obligation

Life is Precious Trip sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington. Please have your teens and chaperones register by January 1st to secure their spots!

Register online at the following address:
<https://vermontcatholic.org/event/life-is-precious-2020/>

We have an exciting weekend in place. We'll depart on January 23rd (Thursday evening), arriving in the D.C area on Friday (January 24th) for a youth rally with thousands of teens. Following the rally, we'll join hundreds of thousands for the March for Life. On Saturday, (January 25th.) we'll spend time visiting the elderly in a nursing home, tour the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the National Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Shrine of John Paul II, and conclude our day with a Vigil Mass at the Basilica. We will return to Burlington in the late afternoon on Sunday (January 26th).

A more detailed itinerary can be found in this video promotion: <https://vimeo.com/374762184>

As the temperature lowers and the holiday season ramps up, I am reflecting on the kindness of so many people in our county who have reached out to offer a helping hand in service of our shelter guests.

Our shelter is full (Lamoille Community House) this is both cause of gladness and alarm: we are happy to serve as many as we can, and yet we are distressed at how many need basic services.

Thank you for knitting us beautiful hats and scarves, for sending toilet paper and paper towels our way, for sharing kitchen goods, socks, night tables, and nutritious dinners.

Thank you for your financial donations. We could not be open each night without your ongoing support. Please consider how you can continue to make our efforts part of your giving plan.

Checks can be mailed to : LCH, PO Box 537, Hyde Park, VT, 05655

We believe in a safe and thriving community, and we would like your support to continue to make this happen. Please be in touch with me if you have questions or would like to discuss your involvement.

Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Our guests, our staff, our volunteers, and our board, are all grateful for a warm house! We are all sending you wishes of happiness during this holiday season.

The Parish Office will be closed until January 2nd. Wishing all of you a Happy & Healthy New Year!