



Mass Schedule & Intentions

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18th ~ 24th, 2020**

1/18 SATURDAY VIGIL:
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm *The People of the Parish*

1/19 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am *Michelle Hanks*
10:30am *Pierre Frye*

1/20 MONDAY
7:30am *Adoration*
8:30am *Intentions of Lucille Tighe*

1/21 TUESDAY
11:00am *Adoration*
12noon *Barbara Lintermann*

1/22 WEDNESDAY
8:30am *DeCelle Family*

1/23 THURSDAY
4:30pm *Adoration*
5:30pm *Intentions of Pat Yoder*

1/24 FRIDAY
7:30am *Adoration*
8:30am *Daniel Dunlap*

Dear Parishioners,

I will still like to begin this episode with gratitude. The reason is that we can never be grateful enough for what we (Fr. Jon and I) have received from God through the great and loving hearts we meet in life, especially in our two parishes here, Morrisville and Stowe. May God continue to bless you and fulfil your hearts' desires.

The Christmas season is over but the joy of Christ still goes on with us still. This Christmas was my best Christmas in the United States. Why was it so? On the Christmas day, all I had in my mind was to conclude the Holy Mass and get back to the rectory and sleep for the greater part of the day till evening. My decision was so because I felt my body needed some rest after the fatigue of the few days of busy activities. After the Mass, as I was greeting the faithful while they were leaving, a family invited me for breakfast. Within me, I never wanted to go, but on a second note I decided to go and stay for few minutes and leave. On reaching there, everything I had planned changed. I saw seven young people of college age there, and I ended up spending half of my day there. Just like the young Jesus in the midst of the learned answering their questions, so was I in their midst discussing issues of faith and morality that, at the end of the day I never remembered I was tired, having spent my time meaningfully and interestingly with the young people. The striking thing was that they were attentive and we ended with prayers. My heart was filled with joy while leaving them for living up to my vocation.

John the Baptist pointed at Christ as the "Lamb of God", it is our bounding duty as Christians to point out the Lamb of God to people in the world; that is our only vocation. This vocation summarizes all other vocations. St. John Paul II described vocation as a dialogue, "In the hidden recesses of the human heart the grace of vocation takes the form of a dialogue. It is a dialogue between Christ and an individual, in which a personal invitation is given." This dialogue can only take place in the silence of our hearts. "Without the capacity for silence, man is incapable of hearing, loving, and understanding the people around him." Cardinal Sarah, "The Power of Silence." God bless you!

Fr. Joseph Chukwugozie Ikegbumam

The Lamoille Family Center sends a big "Thank You" to all who donated to their Annual Holiday Project, Toys for Tots. They distributed toys to 305 children in our community.

**3rd Annual Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday March 28th**

St. Anthony's Church, White River Junction. The Keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain, Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 ½ years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic. There will also be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship and Mass with Bishop Coyne.
Registration and more info at:
www.vermontcatholic.org/men.

GIVING GREENER

Our electronic giving total this month was \$4,005. Please consider giving electronically. Just call Phyllis at the Parish Office to sign up for the program. You can set up the amount that you would like to give monthly that meets your needs and never have to worry about writing another check. You can also give a onetime donation through electronic giving as well. Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

There are no classes this MLK weekend.

SAVE THE DATES

First Communion - Saturday, May 3rd at 10:30 AM (Blessed Sacrament)

Confirmation - Thursday, May 14th at 7 PM (St. Augustine, Montpelier)

In a few weeks, February 2nd we will be having our "Souper Bowl" Sunday. Please drop off cans of soup to our food basket at the back of the church, either during the week or during the next couple of weeks. More families and individuals are visiting the Lamoille County Food Share than ever. The food shelf appreciates the generous donations as well as the food that is delivered to them from our Parish. Please do not forget the pet food that is always appreciated.

Next week's second collection will be for Church in Latin America. Our parish's generosity supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin American and the Caribbean, including outreach to Venezuelan families affected by emigration. Thank you for your generosity!

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!