



Mass Schedule & Intentions
Second Sunday of Lent
March 7th ~ 13th, 2020

3/7 SATURDAY VIGIL:

2nd Sunday of Lent
4:30pm Kathleen Arnold

3/8 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00am The People of the Parish
10:30am Joseph & Claire Lazzaro

3/9 MONDAY

7:30am Adoration
8:30am John Wohlfahrt

3/10 TUESDAY

11:00am Adoration
12noon Gloria Fedus

3/11 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Anna Ferrari

3/12 THURSDAY

4:30pm Adoration
5:30pm Mass for Hope & Healing
Daniel Collins

3/13 FRIDAY

7:30am Adoration
8:30am Intentions of Karen Burke
4:30pm Stations of the Cross
Confessions immediately following

Most Holy Name of Jesus - Morrisville
Daily Mass Schedule
Wednesday ~ Bishop Marshall 8:15am
Thursday ~ 11:00am adoration & noon
Mass
Friday ~ Mass at 7:00pm
Hope & Healing

Dear Parishioners,

A reminder to all parishioners that confessions are being held on FRIDAYS during Lent from 5-6pm at Most Holy Name (Stations to follow) and Blessed Sacrament (Stations begin at 430pm).

In the winter edition of the Vermont Catholic Magazine Bishop Coyne named 2020 "A Year with the Saints," for the Diocese of Burlington, noting how "the saints lived their lives not only within the Church, but within the world" and "sought to make a difference in the time and place in which they lived."

Recently, both parishes have held viewings of the movie, *Padre Pio: Miracle Man*, (if you missed it you can watch it on Amazon) showing his life, his humility, and his sanctity as he endured both great physical and spiritual struggles. Padre Pio's life (1887-1968) and witness show how powerful faith in Christ can be when we follow him without reservation, in humility and obedience. Aside from his mystical gifts of supernatural knowledge (he could read souls), bi-location (be in 2 places at the same time), and the stigmata (the wounds of Christ's crucifixion), St. Pio had great compassion for those who were suffering. With donations he built a hospital in Italy called, "The Home for the Relief of Suffering," that still exists today.

Sometimes the Saints choose us! As a child, I always had an interest and curiosity in the stigmata, and remember hearing about Padre Pio; but it wasn't until my years in seminary that my devotion to him - because of the stigmata - became important. He came into my life in way I wasn't expecting, and as I began to read more about him and ask for his intercession, Jesus granted beautiful graces to me which assured me that Pio wanted to be a bigger part of my life and how I live my priesthood.

Lent is a time to allow the Lord to work deeper in our souls to purify and sanctify us. In this "Year of the Saints," to honor the heart and compassion that St. Pio showed to the physically and spiritually afflicted, I would like to invite you to a Mass of hope and healing. **Thursday, March 12 at 530pm at Blessed Sacrament in Stowe and Friday March 13 at 7pm at Most Holy Name of Jesus in Morrisville**, one of the gloves that St. Pio wore over the stigmata will be present for us to venerate, pray with and to ask for his intercession for healing at the conclusion of Mass. Venerating relics is not magic, nor is it worship, but rather allows the faithful to practice their belief in the doctrine of the Communion of Saints. I hope to see you there!

St. Padre Pio...pray for us!

*With Mary
 In Christ,*

Fr. Jon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Classes will be this Sunday, March 8th in the Parish Hall.

*Confession & Walking this Lenten Journey Together

Book: **Rediscover the Saints** - Matthew Kelly

-Grade School Students will meet from 9:15-10:15 AM

-Confirmation Students will meet from 5-6:30 PM

12th ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

Please join us in the celebration of St. Joseph's Feast on Thursday, March 19th immediately following the 4:30pm Mass at the Parish Hall. It is an Italian Potluck dinner and fellowship too! If your last name begins with A~F please bring salad or appetizer, G ~ Q bring main entree and R~Z dessert. Please bring enough to share with 6~8 people. **Should be table~ready.** Any questions or if you can volunteer, please contact Phyllis.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us on Palm Sunday, April 5th for the Koinonia Choir at our 10:30am Mass.

3rd Annual Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, March 28th. St. Anthony's Church - White River Junction. For more information go to www.vermonthcatholic.org/men.

Pastoral Note Regarding the Flu:

Please be vigilant in self-monitoring your health and that of your family. Should you show signs of illness, please **refrain from coming to Mass**. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is lifted when one is ill and risks transmitting infection to others. Also, prudential judgment should be used concerning Mass attendance when one has compromised health that would substantially increase the risk of infection in public settings. Please contact the parish to arrange a pastoral visit should illness prevent attendance at Mass.

Due to current health concerns, please note the following temporary restrictions:

Please refrain from holding hands while praying the Our Father and any physical exchange of the Sign of Peace. The Sign of Peace should simply be exchanged through a smile and nod of the head.

Communion from the chalice will not be distributed at this time. Mindful that when one receives either the Sacred Host or the Precious Blood, they are receiving the fullness of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ; only the Sacred Host will be distributed.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL NEWS

Offertory	\$ 7,464
E-Giving	\$ 4,340
Eastern Europe	\$ 530
Social Action Ministry	\$ 901
Donations	\$ 1,000
Total	\$ 14,235