



**Mass Intentions
Pentecost Sunday
May 30th ~ June 5th, 2020**

5/30 SATURDAY VIGIL:
Pentecost Sunday
Roland Brosseau

5/31 Pentecost Sunday
The People of the Parish
O'Donnell & Anderson Families

6/1 MONDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Daniel Colyer

6/2 TUESDAY
11:00am Adoration
12Noon James Cross

6/3 WEDNESDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Abel & Mary Duperre

6/4 THURSDAY
4:30pm Adoration
5:30pm Karen Bishop Balog

6/5 FRIDAY
7:30am Adoration
8:30am Florence Delaney

**Daily Masses will begin on
Monday, June 1st and weekend
Masses will begin on June 6th
and June 7th. See attach
letter from Fr Jon with
guidelines.**

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, May 31st, concludes the Easter season with the celebration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and is also the first time we can come back together for Mass publicly since March 19th. Jesus Himself longed to give the early Church the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to empower them as His witnesses in the world. How great is the joy our hearts in returning to the celebration of the Eucharist as a community, as it is this very mystery that identifies us with Christ as His mystical body!

As we begin the slow reopening of our Churches for public worship, the Bishop has asked us to keep to the safety protocols. I realize that many of us have strong opinions on both sides of this issue, however charity demands that as a community of faith, we respect the guidelines when we come together in the Church. What will this mean? It will mean that we follow the directives from the Diocese and things will be a little different when we come back together. For example, there will be no distribution of the precious blood at Mass; there will be no altar servers or Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist; lectors will come up to read from their place in the pews; every other pew will be taped off to maintain social distancing; masks are required for everyone entering the Church; we are not able to have choirs for Mass; coffee hour is suspended for the time being; and there will be a limited number of people (25% capacity) allowed in the Church for each Mass. Please keep in mind that these protocols are temporary and likely to change in the upcoming weeks.

As we get into the summer months ahead, Fr. Joseph and I look forward to seeing you and celebrating the sacraments with and for you. We have been praying each day for you and have been missing you. Please remember in your prayers those who died from the corona virus, and all who have lost loved ones during this time of pandemic, especially those who were not able to be close to their loved ones because of travel restrictions. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

God bless you and have a blessed week!

With Mary

In Christ

Fr. Jon

Renew International's Theology on Tap

About five years ago Celine Thouin began

attending in-person Theology on Tap gatherings at the Church Street Tavern in Burlington, but it was not the Covid-19 pandemic that curtailed her participation: it was starting a family.

"I haven't been able to attend an in-person event in quite a long time mainly because I have little ones to put to bed," said the parishioner of Ascension Church in Georgia.

So when the pandemic necessitated moving Theology on Tap online, she and her husband could put the children to bed then attend virtually, "which has been a real blessing," she said.

Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married. It provides opportunities for young adults to grow in their Catholic faith and meet like-minded people.

According to Bill Gavin, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese of Burlington, his office's "biggest success" during the pandemic has been Theology on Tap online; nearly 50 young adults participated in the first one. "We are excited about this prospect moving forward because a challenge with Theology on Tap has been figuring out a way to better reach young adults from all over the state," he said. "This virtual Theology on Tap is a great way of doing so." One of the online Theology on Tap presenters was Father Robert Little, parochial vicar of Corpus Christi Parish in St. Johnsbury, Lyndonville and Danville. He recently presented "Finding God in Times of Isolation and Loneliness."

About 20 participants gathered on ZOOM, so they could see one another. After he spoke, there was time for questions.

"It is great to see people from all around the state in one place, even if it is online," he said. "In the busy lives of young people, it is difficult to get people from the same area together on a given night, much less from a large area! This model, though lacking the human interaction we share when we physically

gather, allows us to continue to minister in these uncertain times."

Thouin has attended two online meetings.

"These virtual events have been a real blessing for those of us with young families, and I really hope they continue in the future," she said.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal helps make Theology on Tap possible. To make a donation, go to bishopsappealvt.org. For more information on Theology on Tap, go to vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/youth-young-adult/young-adult.

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Mass intentions available throughout 2020. If anyone would like a Mass intention for deceased, living or some who is ill. Please contact Phyllis via email at blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org or contact the office at 253-7536. They all come with beautiful cards and we will mail them out for you or leave them at the parish center mailbox. There are many dates available.

Please check our facebook page for live streaming Masses from Most Holy Name of Jesus on Saturday at 5:00pm and from Blessed Sacrament on Sunday at 9:30am. Father Jon will be the celebrant.

B L E S S E D S A C R A M E N T C H U R C H



May 30, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy that I write this letter to share the news that as of June 1st, 2020 we will be returning to the public celebration of the Sacraments in our Parish. Our first public daily Mass will be June 1st at 830am, beginning with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 730am, and June 6-7 we will return to our normal weekend Mass schedule: Saturday 430pm, Sunday 8am and 1030am.

Although it is true that in Vermont, and in Lamoille County especially, we have been blessed with NOT having many positive cases of COVID 19. However, as we slowly come back together and return to the public celebration of Mass, we are strictly following guidelines from the Diocese and the State Health Department. At this time, we are limited to 25% capacity, which is a cap of 65 people in the Church at one time. I am asking all of you to please respect that number until the restrictions are loosened. Also, for the sake of other parishioners, as well as the priests celebrating Mass, please do not enter the Church without wearing a mask for Mass.

Regarding other protocols: for entering the Church, only the main entrance to the Church by Mountain Road will be open, where there will be a sanitizing station. Please use the hand sanitizer before finding your pew. To maintain safe distancing, every other pew will be taped off. To exit the Church, all the exits will be open and parishioners are encouraged to use them all to maintain social distancing. There will be instructions given at Mass for the distribution of Holy Communion, as well as markings on the floor to maintain 6 feet between parishioners. At this time, there will be no gatherings for coffee hour following the 8am Sunday Mass.

Finally, Bishop Coyne has lifted the obligation to attend Sunday Mass UNTIL there is a vaccine available. As much as we are all looking forward to coming back together, please remember that we are a congregation that includes members who fall into the 'high risk' category, either because of age or personal health conditions. I leave it to your judgment to decide if and when you are ready to return to public Mass, but please be prudent.

This has been a trying time for us all in different ways, and we look forward so much to being together again as a family of faith. Yet, out of respect for all that has been sacrificed to keep our community and our state moving in the right direction, the exercise of charity demands of each of us to put the needs of others before our own desires in imitation of Christ.

A word of gratitude to all who have been able to continue their financial support of the Parish either online or by mailing your donation. For those who have been economically burdened during this time of pandemic, please know of my continued prayers for you. As we slowly begin the process of reopening, please be patient with these restrictions, and if you need anything from the Parish Office, please CALL and leave a message.

Please know of my prayers for you and your loved ones and remember to pray for each other during this time. May God bless and keep you!

Sincerely in Christ

Fr. Jon Schnobrich
Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church