



**Mass Intentions
Corpus Christi
June 13th ~ 19th, 2020**

6/13 SATURDAY VIGIL:

Corpus Christi

4:30pm Bill & Ginny Uber

6/14 SUNDAY ~ Corpus Christi

8:00am The People of the Parish

10:30am Geri Fiorentini

6/15 MONDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Intentions of Elaine Henry

6/16 TUESDAY

11:00am Adoration

12Noon Frances Routhier

6/17 WEDNESDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Mary Cantone

6/18 THURSDAY

4:30pm Adoration

5:30pm Intentions of Evelyn Rauseo

6/19 FRIDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Marcellino Cantone

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.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your patience and attentiveness to the protocols we are keeping. I speak for Fr. Joseph and myself when I write this: It is so nice to be back at Mass together in the Church! Last weekend, none of the Masses overflowed capacity so we will continue to keep the "first come, first seated" approach. Moving forward, if attendance reaches capacity at multiple Masses and another Mass is needed, we will adjust our approach and let you know.

First Holy Communion has been scheduled, but these Masses will only be open to candidates and their families to keep with protocols and safe distancing. Please continue to keep our candidates for First Holy Communion in your daily prayers, as they have been eagerly waiting to receive the precious Body and Blood of Our Lord!

Turning to our world today...I have been watching the news as you have and seen so much division, anger, violence, looting, racial tension and suspicion towards police officers and authority figures. Through all of this, the question that has been in my prayer is, "Lord Jesus, how does all this affect your Sacred Heart? What is your response to all of this?" What I received from Him was a 2-fold answer: "forgiveness" and "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Biblical revelation paints the picture of a God who is perfect in His actions towards humanity, meaning that like a good parent who would correct the bad behavior of a child with a punishment, so God held the people of Israel to the established consequences for their infidelity to the covenant between Him and them. Here we glimpse God's perfect justice, not measured out for vengeance, but out of love. However, it is not the full picture of God, for the Bible also reveals that our God is a God of mercy and forgiveness. Each time, whether in the Old Testament or New, that Israel as a nation, or someone individually, asked for forgiveness, it was given. How many times does Jesus insist that His disciples be men and women who imitate the master and are quick to forgive, even to make excuses for those who offend them, "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).

Although not a popular or politically correct perspective, because we are people of faith who claim the name Christian and seek to live based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, its disturbing and rather unfortunate that amidst so much division, no one seems to be speaking about the Gospel mandate of forgiveness and mercy. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." God bless you and have a grace-filled week.

With Mary

In Christ

Fr. Jon

VIRTUAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Bill Gavin, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese of Burlington, has been thinking about future challenges that might necessitate parishes and the Diocese to do ministry "in our new virtual world" post Covid-19 pandemic.

He and his administrative assistant, Rachel Lavallee, have created an online retreat for teens who were not able to attend a confirmation retreat as well as trainings and webinars for youth workers in Vermont.

"Our summer events are on hold for now, and we are waiting to see how the situation evolves," Gavin said.

But youth ministry continues.

"Our biggest success has been a young adult Theology on Tap that we have moved online," Gavin reported. Nearly 50 young adults participated in the first one.

"We are excited about this prospect moving forward as a challenge with Theology on Tap has been figuring out a way to better reach young adults from all over the state," Gavin said. "This virtual Theology on Tap is a great way of doing so."

Although the Diocese is "obviously facing a paradigm shift," Gavin said the Church can emerge from the pandemic with a better use of technology: "Online Masses, virtual presentations, virtual classrooms, etc. are just some of the things that can supplement our incarnational ministry."

Maryann McGinnis of St. John the Evangelist Church in Northfield attended two online programs — a presentation on Creating a Healthy and Holy Home and Youth Discipleship after Confirmation. "The former had some very good suggestions, ideas and reminders, some of which we already practice as a family," she said. The youth discipleship conversation was helpful because it was "comforting to know we are not

alone," she said, adding that she was encouraged to see pastors on the call.

"This conversation has motivated me to sign up for additional programs/presentations about youth discipleship," she said.

Even after physical distancing requirements are eased, Gavin said online programs will be continued.

"I enjoy being able to participate in different programs, prayer services, webinars and discussions," McGinnis said. "Online offerings enable me to attend programs in the comfort of my home and encourage me to try new things. The obstacle of the program not being local disappears."

For more information on Youth and Young Adult Ministries, go to vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/youth-young-adult/young-adult.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides essential financial support to Youth and Young Adult Ministries. To make a donation, go to bishopsappealvt.org.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PRAYER

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, we come before You today, we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Body and Blood through which we get strengthened body, soul and mind. We solemnly pledge that we will offer You our undivided love and also service to our brothers and sisters as it is Your Holy will. We pray this in the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.