



**Mass Intentions  
Fourteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 4th ~ 10th, 2020**

**7/4 SATURDAY VIGIL:**

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*4:30pm Beatrice Smith*

**7/5 SUNDAY**

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*8:00am The People of the Parish*

*10:30am The Maddock Family*

**7/6 MONDAY**

*7:30am Adoration*

*8:30am Intentions of John Edmondson*

**7/7 TUESDAY**

*11:00am Adoration*

*12noon Father Joseph Ikegbunam*

*8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**7/8 WEDNESDAY**

*7:30am Adoration*

*8:30am Dr. William Henry*

**7/9 THURSDAY**

*4:30pm Adoration*

*5:30pm Stephen Dever*

**7/10 FRIDAY**

*7:30am Adoration*

*8:30am Georgette Routhier*

**Wishing all of you and your  
families a safe and healthy  
4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy that I write this weekend's column. This joy is because we cannot thank God enough for all His love even in the face of the present pandemic ravaging the world. In everything may we never lose this sense of gratitude.

Fr. Jon, helped me with this topic HALF AND HALF, because of my 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary as priest that will be taking place on the 7-7-2020. The reason for the choice is that half of my priestly life has been in Africa and the other half in the United States.

**THE FIRST HALF**

I was ordained on 7-7-2012, at the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity, Onitsha, Nigeria, by Most. Rev. Valerian M. Okeke. We were 19, but two have gone to be with the Lord eternally. May they rest in peace. Working back home was so beautiful because I had the opportunity to serve the people of God in various capacities as: parochial vicar, as a manager in a school, chaplain, and as a pastor, the last assignment before leaving for the States. It was in 2014 that my archbishop informed me that I was going to the States. It was then that what my grand father told me many years ago as a child, even as a newly ordained priest, came to its fulfilment.

**THE SECOND HALF**

I left Africa on the 8<sup>th</sup> and reached the shores of this great nation on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2016. This second half of my priestly life has been filled with beautiful memories. Working with Fr. Roy for 2 years and 9 months has formed and filled me with gratitude. And presently with Fr. Jon for 1 year, has filled me daily with joy and growth in the love of God. I cannot ask for better experience more than this. Living in these communities of St. Albans, Stowe and Morrisville has been full of loving memories. I have seen growth in my prayer life, my love for God, my love for the people of God, my sense of gratitude for your kindness and encouragements. As long as the Lord wants, I will keep following behind Him. When I put this HALF AND HALF together, the only thing I can arrive at is gratitude: To God, to my archbishop, to you the people of God, my family (parents), my grandpa who on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July will be one year with the Lord, and also my one year here in Stowe and Morrisville. My HALF AND HALF are: Love for God and love for you! God bless you!

Yours in Christ and Mary,

Fr. Joseph

**Annual Diocesan Family  
Day Mass & Picnic  
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte  
Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – 12:15pm**

The annual Diocesan Family Mass at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte will take place at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 12. Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate. After Mass visitors may picnic on the shrine grounds or on the shore of Lake Champlain, bringing their own picnic lunch. All are asked to follow the Covid-19 Protocols issued by the Diocese of Vermont, listed below.

**Covid-19 Protocols**  
Please approach the celebration of Mass with charity and love for our clergy and faith community by following the protocols:

- ◆ Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.
- ◆ Wear a mask in Mass.
- ◆ Sanitize your hands upon entry. Due to shortages of sanitizer, please bring your own if possible.
- ◆ Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of 6 feet or more unless you are one family unit.
- ◆ Refrain from congregating in tight areas or entering cordoned off areas.

If you would like to attend the Mass, please RSVP Nancy Dulude at St. Anne's Shrine — (802) 928-3362, sas@sse.org

If you wish to continue to keep up with your weekly offertory, you can mail it to Blessed Sacrament Church, P.O. Box 27, Stowe, VT 05672

Also, you can make a one time donation or monthly offertory on E-Giving, just contact Phyllis via email ([blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org)) to sign up or call the parish office (messages are checked frequently). On our website ([bscvt.com](http://bscvt.com)) you can also donate through paypal. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**Remember in your prayers** the people of Blessed Sacrament Parish, all the sick and shut-ins, departed souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them, all military personnel and for an awareness and respect for human life from its beginning to end.

**Mass intentions available throughout 2020. If anyone would like a Mass intention for deceased, living, anniversaries or some who is ill. Please contact Phyllis via email at [blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org](mailto: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.**