



**Mass Intentions  
Sixteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 18th ~ 24th, 2020**

**7/18 SATURDAY VIGIL:**

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:30pm Daniel Colyer*

**7/19 SUNDAY**

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00am The People of the Parish  
10:30am Francis Gingras*

**7/20 MONDAY**

*7:30am Adoration  
8:30am Abigail Wylie*

**7/21 TUESDAY**

*11:00am Adoration  
12noon John and Mary Cossman*

**7/22 WEDNESDAY**

*7:30am Adoration  
8:30am Mildred Lepito*

**7/23 THURSDAY**

*4:30pm Adoration  
5:30pm Poor Souls*

**7/24 FRIDAY**

*7:30am Adoration  
8:30am Frances Routhier*

Dear *Parishioners*,

What is the good life? Summer days often allow for times of relaxing, perhaps this year a stay-cation instead of the family vacation, swimming, BBQ's – the good life. But from a greater perspective, what is the good life?

In a personal sense, the philosopher Aristotle posed the idea of Eudaimonia (You-dye-know-mee-ah), which essentially translates into human flourishing. What the ancient philosopher was getting at is the human being, fully alive, is when they have given themselves over to the pursuit of virtue. Aristotle defines moral virtue as a disposition to behave in the right manner and as a mean between extremes of deficiency and excess, which are vices. We learn moral virtue primarily through habit and practice rather than through reasoning and instruction.

A life well lived is its own reward – similar to how St. Augustine teaches that sin is its own punishment. Virtue is its own reward, as it bears the good fruit of integrity in the soul of the person and strengthens their personal character. Sin is a privation – a lack of something good.

A life of virtue is not simply what we are called to as Christians, as virtue doesn't actually give us grace. However, it does dispose the soul to receive the grace of God, if by faith, we open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.

What is the good life? I'm not sure I really agree with the question...because we aren't created for 'the good life.' Rather, we are made in the image and likeness of God, meaning that the best life we can live is a life seeking continual union with Jesus, striving to be free from sin and cultivating a life of virtue that will open us here and now to the grace of God and prepare us for the eternal bliss of Heaven! God bless you and have a great week.

*With Mary,  
In Christ,*

*Fr. Jon*

**MOST HOLY NAME PARISH ~ MORRISVILLE**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAY**

**MASS 9:00AM (NO ADORATION)**

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**

**ADORATION 8:00AM & MASS AT 9:00AM**

**FRIDAY MASS 9:00AM (NO ADORATION)**

## A STEP CLOSER TO PRIESTHOOD

I grew up in North Bennington, Vermont and went to Mass at the parishes of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist. I first thought about becoming a priest in elementary school, and my faith, prayer, and desire for the priesthood grew while attending the School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales from kindergarten through eighth grade. I then went to Mount Anthony Union High School where I had the opportunity to explain and defend my faith in a secular environment. I studied for two years at the University of Vermont. The Catholic Center there helped me mature in my prayer, virtue, and knowledge. The opportunities for daily Mass and silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the Catholic Center helped me to determine that God was calling me to further discern the call to priesthood in the seminary. I entered the seminary of Our Lady of Providence after my sophomore year in college and studied philosophy for two years at Providence College. After my study of philosophy, I was sent to Mount St. Mary's Seminary. There, I have completed three out of four years of studies in theology and preparation for the priesthood. I am currently eagerly awaiting my ordination to the transitional diaconate for the Diocese of Burlington.

— *Robert Murphy, seminarian, Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington*

**Congratulations to Bennett Eliason, Pfeiffer Blais, Owen Ruane, Mimi Bitter, Skyler McCormack, Antonio Mardach-Duclerc, Sebastian Bal, Grace Olsen, Joni Wright, Riley Thomlinson, and Sienna Semphrebon on receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**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**

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