



**Mass Intentions
Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 8th ~ 14th, 2020**

8/8 SATURDAY VIGIL:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Duperre Family

8/9 SUNDAY

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am The People of the Parish

10:30am Mary Marguite Schneiders

8/10 MONDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Intentions of Catherine Rewwer

8/11 TUESDAY

11:00am Adoration

12noon Stephen Dever

8/12 WEDNESDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Daniel Collins

8/13 THURSDAY

4:30pm Adoration

5:30pm Walter Dunn

8/14 FRIDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory

MOST HOLY NAME PARISH

MORRISVILLE

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY ~ FRIDAY

8:00AM ADORATION

9:00AM MASS

Dear Parishioners,

As you will see on the next page, the Diocese is launching a capital campaign to strengthen vibrant parishes and support the formation and charitable ministries of the Diocese. Please take a few minutes to read Bishop Coyne's letter, as I imagine many of you may be asking, "Why now?"

Many are the challenges that we face, but through them Jesus continues to call to us to generosity and sacrifice as we seek to follow Him. As your pastor, I am not asking you to do anything that I haven't done. I have already begun my pledge for our parish's capital campaign, understanding that my need to give precedes the needs of the parish and the Diocese.

St. Francis of Assisi continues to be an inspiration throughout the world, to both Christians and non-Christians alike. This spiritual lesson of our need to give as an expression of our faith in and love for God is so beautifully expressed in the "Prayer of Peace" attributed to him:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

When I thought about my pledge, I prayed to the Lord and was led to consider the countless blessings God has filled my life and priesthood with, most principally celebrating the sacraments for His holy people. My pledge became an expression of gratitude to God for all that He has done for me.

Many who read this or who receive a letter are not in a position to financially give at this time – and that is alright. My encouragement for all parishioners is to first pray, and allow your heart to consider the blessings you have received from the Lord, and from that place interiorly, let your gift be an expression of your gratitude according to your means. May the Lord continue to bless all our parishioners and families and keep us safe and ever united in His love. Have a blessed week.

*With Mary,
In Christ,
Fr. Jon*

Dear Friends,

During these unprecedented times in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have faced personal and collective challenges, including the closing of our churches and the suspension of the public celebration of the Mass, the other sacraments, devotions and funerals. But we have also realized once again something we have known throughout the history of the Church: There is nothing that can stop us from proclaiming the Good News of salvation, caring for the neediest and spiritually feeding God's flock.

Our ministries have continued in new and creative ways. The Diocese and local parishes now live-stream daily and Sunday Mass as well as devotional prayer and other faith engagement activities. During the shutdown we continued to operate Catholic schools and provide emergency aid and residential care through Vermont Catholic Charities. Now, by the grace of God, we have been able to open our doors to celebrate the sacramental worship of the Church together again.

But we still face many challenges. Prior to the pandemic, I was about to launch the first statewide capital campaign for the Catholic Church in Vermont based on the Diocesan Synod priorities that we spent two years developing. That obviously had to be postponed. Still a great deal of time and money has gone into the planning of this campaign, and the contract with the company I engaged to help run the campaign is running down. All things being equal, I would not be starting a capital campaign at this time. But I think we have to and not just for contractual reasons.

Now more than ever, we need to move forward with our synod priorities and launch the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* capital campaign. We cannot give up on the future of the parishes and ministries serving the faith community. Many of them have seen significant downturns in terms of funding, and they need our help.

This campaign is rooted in the works of Christ (Matthew 4:23) and the outcomes of the synod to build vibrant parishes (Preaching), strengthen our evangelization (Teaching) and communicate the compassion of Christ in our service to the most vulnerable (Healing).

"And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people" (Mt 4:23).

This campaign offers a wonderful opportunity for each parish to use 60 percent of the funds they raise to address specific parish needs with the other 40 percent going to the larger Catholic community to strengthen our faith formation programs and expand emergency aid to the most vulnerable among us.

Next week I will celebrate the official public kickoff at the beginning of the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass that will be live-streamed at www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass. I invite you to join me or watch at a later time. Please also take the opportunity to watch the Christ Our Hope video which explains why we need to move forward with the campaign and how it will strengthen our church for the future:

www.christourhopevt.org.

I have already made a personal pledge of over \$10,000 towards the campaign. I ask you to please join me in being

generous as well. With Christ as our hope, whatever we raise will be for His glory and the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

To all parishioners:

We are doing what we can to create and keep a safe environment for people to come to Mass and worship. That being said, there are certain variables that affect what is enforceable/controllable and what is not. The Vermont guidelines state as of Aug 1, masks are required in public when **its NOT possible to keep a 6ft distance from others who are not part of your household**, both indoor and outdoor spaces.

Facemasks are not required:

- 1) when doing strenuous exercise or activities,
- 2) for and should not be worn by children under 2,
- 3) for anyone who has trouble breathing,
- 4) for anyone unable to remove their face covering without assistance,
- 5) for anyone who has a medical or behavioral condition/reason. A person not wearing a mask cannot be asked if they have a behavioral or medical condition, nor are they required to show evidence/documentation of such a condition.

As your pastor, I care for both the physical and spiritual health of my people, which is why it is such a gift to be able to come back to Mass and to receive the sacraments, but also why there is a need for people to use discretion. We are blessed with low numbers of COVID in Vermont, but we must remember charity towards each other in all respects.

Let us continue to pray to our Blessed Mother Mary that this pandemic will end, a vaccine will be made available soon, and that we may return to the communal in-person worship of almighty God at Holy Mass.

In Christ,
Fr. Jon Schnobrich