



**Mass Intentions
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 15th ~ 21st , 2020**

8/15 SATURDAY VIGIL:

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:30pm Karen Bishop Balog*

8/16 SUNDAY

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Intentions of Charlie Turner
(90th Birthday)
10:30am People of the Parish*

8/17 MONDAY

*7:30am Adoration
8:30am Dave Richards*

8/18 TUESDAY

*11:00am Adoration
12noon Intentions of Fr. Ben Kiely*

8/19 WEDNESDAY

*7:30am Adoration
8:30am Intentions of Beverly Bishop*

8/20 THURSDAY

*4:30pm Adoration
5:30pm Auplio Corrento*

8/21 FRIDAY

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

**MOST HOLY NAME PARISH
MORRISVILLE**

MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY ~ FRIDAY

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

Dear Parishioners

As I write this, my heart is filled with deep gratitude to God for so many blessings. My prayer has lead me to great thanksgiving recently, and I thought it appropriate to offer a reflection on gratitude this week.

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thes 5:18). When things in our life are going well, it is true that we find it easier to be grateful. But how about when we are struggling? Is it possible to be grateful to God in the midst of challenges and trials? Absolutely – in fact, it’s a beautiful expression of our faith.

To take our faith seriously, which is to take our relationship with God seriously, we know that not only is it demanding, it’s counter-cultural. To thank God for the various trials we face implies our trust in His wisdom to guide us through and His grace at work in us to sanctify and strengthen us.

Even though the personal challenges we face, we can always pray, “Lord, thank you for being with me through this and not abandoning me.” What an incredible blessing our fate is because it doesn’t allow us to settle or become complacent, but always calls us deeper into the ‘more with God.’

So what new ways can you find to thank the Lord for in your life and through your challenges? God bless you and have a grace filled week.

With Mary,
In Christ,
Fr. Jon

Campaign Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
we place our hope in You
to guide the Catholic Church in Vermont to renew
our parishes,
and engage our youth;
to form lay leaders and serve the most vulnerable
among us.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,
help us build a vibrant Church
in this time and place and for
generations to come.

Seeking the intercession of our first bishop, Louis
deGoesbriand,

we pray this through Christ Our Lord, **Amen.**
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Dear Friends,

This weekend Bishop Christopher Coyne officially kicks off the Diocese of Burlington's first-ever *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign managed by the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. After two years of planning, and based on the outcomes of the Diocesan Synod, this campaign is centered on the works of Jesus:

“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).

We cannot have a vibrant church if we do not have vibrant parishes. Parishes are the heart of our church where the preaching occurs. That is why 60 percent of donations raised by each parish will go back to support its urgent needs. Twenty percent will be used to strengthen our faith formation programs or teaching ministries, such as Catholic education and youth and lay ministries. The final 20 percent will support the healing works of Christ by expanding emergency aid to the most vulnerable among us through Vermont Catholic Charities.

I invite each of you to please watch the campaign video and read the “Frequently Asked Questions” flyer to learn more about why now, more than ever, we need to move forward with this statewide campaign: www.christourhopevt.org.

Many parishes have seen significant downturns in funding and they need our help. Others have urgent projects that must be addressed. Each parish has created its own goals based on its specific needs and has recruited tremendous volunteer leadership teams.

Over the next several weeks, you will receive communications about the campaign through multiple platforms, and a packet of information with your specific parish goals will be mailed to your household with an invitation to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the campaign over a three-year period. This is an invitation not an expectation.

Due to the pandemic, some families will not be able to make a gift above their annual parish and Bishop's Appeal support. But all are invited to participate by praying the campaign prayer (below or to the right?) and supporting your pastor and volunteer leadership team in this effort.

With Christ as our hope, whatever we receive will be used to glorify Him and spread the Good News.

With gratitude,

Ellen Kane
Executive Director,

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**