



**Mass Intentions
All Saints
October 31st ~
November 6th, 2020**

10/31 SATURDAY VIGIL:

4:30pm Andrew Cheznadia

11/1 SUNDAY ~ ALL SAINTS

8:00am The People of the Parish

10:30am George Jennings

11/2 MONDAY ~ ALL SOULS

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Gloria Fedus

4:30pm Adoration

5:30pm Holy Souls

11/3 TUESDAY

11:00am Adoration

12Noon Poor Souls in Purgatory

11/4 WEDNESDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Russ & Maureen Brown

11/5 THURSDAY

4:30pm Adoration

5:30pm Doris Sheridan

11/6 FRIDAY

7:30am Adoration

8:30am Jack Morrissey

Dear Parishioners,

November is the month when the Church directs our prayer to the 4 last things: Death/Judgment, Purgatory, Heaven, and Hell. On Monday, November 2, there are two parish Masses celebrating All Souls Day, where we remember to pray for all of our deceased loved ones and all those who have gone before us marked with sign of faith. But what is purgatory and why do we pray for the souls in purgatory?

Purgatory, often imagined as a place, is actually a state of existence or condition. Someone who dies in God's grace (and therefore at peace with God and men) but who still needs purification before he can see God face to face is in purgatory. When Peter had betrayed Jesus, the Lord turned around and looked at Peter: "And Peter went out and wept bitterly"—a feeling like being in purgatory. Just such a purgatory probably awaits most of us at the moment of our death: the Lord looks at us full of love—and we experience burning shame and painful remorse over our wicked or "merely" unloving behavior. Only after this purifying pain will we be capable of meeting his loving gaze in untroubled heavenly joy. (YOUCAT 159).

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to withstand the joy of Heaven!

We pray for the souls in purgatory because they cannot pray for themselves. Since all who are baptized into Christ form one communion and are united with one another, the living can help the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory. When a man is dead, he can do nothing more for himself. The time of active probation is past. But we can do something for the faithful departed in purgatory. Our love extends into the afterlife. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed (YOUCAT 160). This is where the custom of 'having a Mass offered' for a loved one comes from. Please join us on Monday, November 2nd for one of the All Souls Day Masses – and throughout the month we will be remembering all those who have gone before us.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord...and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

In Christ,

Fr. Jon

CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN

Matthew 14:18-20: "...Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied..."

When raising big sums of money, it is natural for us to think "my small donation won't make a difference." However, as we see in Matthew 14 when Jesus feeds five thousand followers on just five loaves of bread and two fish, God can put small gifts to work and accomplish great things.

There is never a gift that is too small. Never a gift that won't make a difference. Each received, regardless of the size, is reason for celebration. Each takes us a step closer toward campaign success. Please consider how you can make a difference for the Diocese and Blessed Sacrament with your commitment to the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign.

Religious Education

Only Confirmation students will meet this week.

Meet Nov 1st from 5-6:30PM in Parish Hall
Session One: 1:3 God's dream - 1:5 Decision Point

Update: We have a new teacher! Laurie Hurley will help with Family Faith Formation events. Thank you, Laurie!

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Please drop off unused or grown-out-of winter clothing for adults and children. The large box will be at the Parish Center at Blessed Sacrament Church. Please contact Helen at 802.730.2778 with any questions. The deadline for the clothing drive is November 13th.

Share for Thanksgiving

The annual giving from the Stowe Faith Communities to the Lamoille Community Food Share for Thanksgiving food baskets has begun for the next 3 weeks. Some of you may know this giving tradition as the Turkey Challenge which has occurred over the past 30 years. The name change to **Share for Thanksgiving** is in consideration of people who will receive vegetarian and vegan baskets of food. Individual and family food insecurity has increased significantly during this time of the Covid Pandemic. Please be as generous as possible. Please write your check out to **Lamoille Community Food Share** earmarked:

"Share for Thanksgiving".

Send your check to:
Lamoille Community Food Share
PO Box 173
Morrisville, VT 05661

**MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday, November 2

11:00AM Adoration

All Souls Day

12:05PM Mass

4:30PM Adoration

5:30PM Mass

Tuesday, November 3

8:00AM Adoration

9:00AM Mass

Wednesday, November 4

11:00AM Adoration

12:00PM Mass

Thursday, November 5

8:00AM Adoration

9:00AM Mass

Friday, November 6

8:00AM Adoration

9:00AM Mass

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER
CHALLENGES TO GROW
YOUR MARRIAGE**

Choose a time to pray together with this prayer, every morning, during the day, or at bedtime. If the time you both chose didn't work, try another time.

God, thank you for the gift of my spouse and the gift of our marriage. Also, thank you for [whatever you are thankful for today].

God, help me to be loving and kind to my spouse and to serve our marriage with your grace. I also ask for [name your petitions].