

**Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September, 1<sup>st</sup>**

**SAT: 4PM** Florence Sullivan (by the Sullivan Family)  
**SUN: 8AM** Parishioners of St. Michael Parish and Their Intentions  
**10:30AM** John Sweeney (by Pam Sweeney & Family)  
**MON: NO MASS**  
**TUES: 5:15PM** Peter Nero, Sr. (by The Nero Family)  
**WED: 8:45AM** Frederick Szmit (by Fr. Justin)  
**THURS: 5:15PM** Jennie Salois (by M/M Ernie Salois & Helen Wilson)  
**FRI: 7:30AM** Rick Johnson (by Bob Johnson)  
**SAT: 4PM** Gloria Barrett (by the Vermevlen Family)  
**SUN: 8AM** Dena Junjulas (by the Junjulas Family)  
**10:30AM** Parishioners of St. Michael Parish and Their Intentions

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle is lit this week For Josie Crosby//Sanctuary Candle is lit this week For Colleen Timney

**Events This Week**

**Sat. (8/24):**  
 2:45-3:30PM — Confessions (church)  
**Sun. (8/25): Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*No Scheduled Activities*  
**Mon. (8/26):**  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)  
 6PM — Hymnal Committee Meeting  
**Tues. (8/27): St. Monica**  
 8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)  
 4:15PM — Rosary at Planned Parenthood (Pliny Park)  
 5:15PM — Mass  
 6PM — Bible Study (YC)  
**Wed. (8/28): Saint Augustine, Bishop, Dr of the Church**  
 9:15AM-6PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)  
 10AM — Rosary at Pine Heights  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal served (SBK)  
 1:00PM — Rosary at Thompson House  
 6:30PM — CHOSEN Videos (YC)  
**Thurs. (8/29): The Beheading of St John the Baptist**  
 8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)  
 10AM — Mass at The Gathering Place  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal served (SBK)  
 3:30PM — Mass at Vernon Hall  
 4:45-5:05PM — Rosary  
 5:15PM — Mass  
 6PM — “I Believe in Love” Women’s Group (YC)  
**Fri. (8/30):**  
 7:00-7:20AM — Rosary  
 7:30AM — Mass  
 8AM-7PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)  
 6pm-7pm — Disciple Maker’s Meeting (PC)  
**Sat. (8/31): St. Bartholomew, Apostle**  
 9am-3pm — Christmas Bazaar Preparations (PC)  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)  
 2:30PM — Adult Choir Rehearsal (church)  
 2:45-3:30PM — Confessions (church)  
**Sun. (9/01): Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 St. Bridget’s kitchen Fund Raiser at the Welcome Center 7am-5pm

**Weekly Stewardship Report:**

<b><u>Offertory</u></b>	
This Week	<b>4,872.32</b>

**Parish Prayer List**

Blake, Thomas Bartis, Millie Bristol, Peter Brown, Michael Carey, Anthony Church, Carol Condon, Claire Couture, Mike Lavender, Matt & Heather R., Hilda Cleary, Rebecca Gale, Patricia Hicks, Rodney Howe, Robert Kelsey, Sr., Mildred Maloskie, Carol (Honey) Malloy-Seymour, Lucy Nero, David Partridge, Kathi Renaud, Carson Rhodes, Joan Richardson, Chip Runge, Peter Smyth, Mike Stankiewicz, Nettie Lee Webb, and Parishioners & Their Families in Homes & Hospitals

**2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Parish Update**

Our parish is now at **50%** of our pledge goal. We are grateful to all of those who have been able to participate and encourage others to learn more about your gift at work: [bishopsappeal.vt.org](http://bishopsappeal.vt.org).

**St. Michael Christmas Bazaar**

Save the date: **November 23 & 24, 2019**

**Please come on Sat. 8/31 9am-3pm to help with Christmas Bazaar Preparations.**

**Young Adult Retreats**

We have two retreat opportunities for young adults: **September 13-14, 2019**, Dumaine Center, Jacksonville, VT. This retreat will be led by religious sisters from The Daughters of St. Paul. **March 21-22, 2020**, St. Ann’s Shrine, Isle la Motte, VT. This retreat will be led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website.

**Adoration**

If you are interested in having a weekly time of adoration before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, please contact Pete Nero at 254-4818.

### **Saint Michael School Appeal**

As Saint Michael School opens its doors for the 2019/2020 school year, we would like to share our sincerest thanks to you all for your continued support of our students.

This year, we have two high school students whose families have run into some financial difficulty and they are in need of some help. Both students have attended Saint Michael School for years and have been such a blessing to our school and church communities. Would you consider sponsoring one of these students so they may continue their education at Saint Michael School. One full year of Catholic Education at the high school level is \$7,650. One month of tuition would be \$765.00. We are hoping to identify a handful of people who are willing to contribute to a fund for these families. Any amount you are able to donate is greatly appreciated.

If you can help, please contact the school office at (802)254-6320. Your gift will truly make a difference in the life of two of our beloved students.

### **Volunteers Needed for Religious Education Program**

Please prayerfully consider volunteering as a catechist, classroom aide, or particularly a substitute teacher. Help the Parish to build up the Body of Christ. As is often heard in scripture, "*Do Not Be Afraid.*" You do not need to know everything about the Catholic faith to teach it. You need only to have a love of working with children and you'll find that you will learn right along with them. We have grade specific teacher's guides, mentors, trainings, and additional resources to help you. Simply be open to the Holy Spirit and Christ's call to educate our young people. Please call Tina Crocker, at 413-896-8576 for more details.

### **Registration for Parish Religious Education**

Registrations for the 2019-20 Religious Education program will be taken after all the masses during the weekends of August 17 & 18 and August 24 & 25. Registration forms can also be found at the back of the church or on the Parish website. Completed forms and payment should be returned to the Rectory. The Religious Education program is for students in kindergarten through grade 9, including youth in grades 10, 11 & 12 who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation. *Classes begin September 8th* and meet from *9:10-10:10am* on Sundays. Please call Tina Crocker at 413-896-8576 with questions.

### **Take-A-Bag**

St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry is sponsoring the Take-A-Bag Program *August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>*. If you, or someone you know, need food, stop by St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry after the *4PM, 8, or 10:30AM Mass*.

### **Loretto Home and St. Joseph Kervick Residence, Rutland, VT**

Rooms and Suites available: Loretto Home and St. Joseph Kervick Residence, operated by Vermont Catholic Charities, are small home-like communities that provide personal care, medication management, home cooked meals, nursing overview, and a wide array of activities. Our dedicated staff supports the needs of the whole person - physical, emotional, social and spiritual. We offer a Special Care Unit at the Loretto Home for those with greater physical and/or cognitive limitations. For more information or to schedule a tour of the home, please call (802) 773-8840.

### **Prayer for Healing**

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith: Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

### **Novena Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church**

Mary, Mother of the Church, we stand before you shaken by the scandal and division in the Church that we love.

We pray for victims of abuse, whose trust was betrayed and whose innocence was shattered by members of the clergy.

We pray for those whose suffering was ignored and for those who were silenced or disbelieved.

We pray for Church leaders, that by putting the needs of the vulnerable first, by acting with transparency, and by always holding themselves accountable to God and to the People of God they may regain the trust that has been broken.

We pray for ourselves, that the darkness and confusion we feel may give way to light.

May we find the way to justice, unity, healing, and hope, through your Son, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Mary, refuge of sinners, pray for us. Mary, comfort of the troubled, pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.