

Day in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020



MASS INTENTIONS

February 22 – March 1

SAT 7:30 pm Albert and Jacqueline Tetreault
-by their family

SUN 9:00 am Charles Sargent
-by John and Mary Schreindorfer

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Daily Mass:

MON 8:30 am Amanda and Henry Furkey
-by their estate

TUES 8:30 am Deceased members of the Covi
Family *ó*by Louise Covi

WED *Ash Wednesday*



9:00 am (at St. Anthony-St. George)

-For the Parishioners

5:30 pm (at St. Patrick)

Fr Leonidas Laroche

-by the Parishioners

THUR 8:30 am Fr. Edward Moore
-by his friends

FRI No Mass

Next Weekend:

SAT 7:30 pm Mary Connor
-by her family

SUN 9:00 am Billy, Mike, & Sgt. Raymond
Howrigan (Pat-75th USMC Anniversary)
-by Teresa and John Manahan

11:00 am For the Parishioners

Ash Wednesday: This Wednesday begins the Lenten Season with the traditional imposition of ashes at the Masses on that day. Masses in our parishes will be at 9:00 am. at St. Anthony-St. George and 5:30 pm. at St. Patrick.

Stations of the Cross: Booklets for this popular Lenten devotion can be found at the church entrances for those who would like to pray this devotion individually.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Kristina Marcotte, Dan Schreindorfer, Shawn Branon, Diane Berthiaume, and Real Therrien.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

Greeters

Lectors

**Eucharistic
Ministers**

Sat., Feb. 29

7:30 pm Rose Peno

Beth Branon

Jeanne Persons
Frank Persons

Altar Servers: Noah Foley, Nolan Howrigan

Sun., Mar. 1

9:00 am Jim and Janice
Adams

Robert Norris

Mary Schreindorfer
Patti Reynolds

Altar Servers: Nicolas Farinaccio, Katrina Farinaccio

Gift Bearers: Peter Magnan Family

11:00 am Don Watson

Darlene Symons

Mary Ovitt

Gift Bearers: Steve and Margaret Doe

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collection last weekend: Feb. 15 ó 16

St. Patrick

St. Anthony

-St. George

Offertory:

\$1,265.00

\$246.00

33 Week Average:

\$1,281.00

\$394.00

Weekly Goal:

\$1,275.00

\$390.00

Energy Needs:

\$ 350.00

Projects and Food Shelf:

\$ 468.00

\$152.00

Second Collections:

February 23: Church in Central & Easter Europe

February 26: Ash Wednesday

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 23 ó **Grades 1, 2, 6, 7, 8-9**

No Classes

Tuesday, Feb. 25 - **Grade 4**

No Classes

Wednesday, Feb. 26 - **Grades 3 and 5**

No Classes

Magnificat Lenten Companion: Booklets for the Lenten Season are available for those who would like to focus each day of Lent with a reflection on the scripture. Also included are reflections on the Stations of the Cross and other Lenten topics.



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are invited. This dinner will replace Religion classes that evening (usually held from 6:00-7:00). All children are expected to attend the dinner and hopefully bring their parents! The students will take an active part in the dinner. Dishes for the dinner are being solicited and sign-up sheets can be found at the church doors. Please sign up today to help those who are organizing this special event.

Coming Soon: The *Christ Our Hope* campaign will raise funds to help our parishes realize their visions and provide endowment funding for faith formation efforts and Catholic Charities emergency services throughout the diocese and state. Our parishes will take part in the campaign beginning this spring. *We are currently looking for people to be part of our campaign team. You will receive training and be asked to attend a meeting on March 24th.* Your primary focus as a volunteer is to visit with other parishioners about the campaign and help them complete their commitment cards. If you are interested, please speak to Father Bill at 827-3203.

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection: There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday, February 26, to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachael, and Residential Care Homes. A Portion of this collection will go to fund the Bishop deGoesbriand grants which are awarded to Vermont nonprofits who are making a difference in their communities. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Retreat: Nativity/St. Louis Parish in Swanton will be hosting a Lenten *Light of the World* Retreat on March 20-23. Brochures describing this retreat and details regarding it may be found on the tables at the church entrances. The retreat is open to all ages 18+.

Guidelines for Lent



- The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.
- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
- The rule of **fasting** states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, insufficient to maintain strength, are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.
- **Abstinence** refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- The **substantial** observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.

Operation Rice Bowl: This program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, allows us to sacrifice and share with others during Lent. Rice bowls are available in the back of the church for those who wish to use them.

Reconciliation During Lent: Confessions will be heard during Lent every Saturday before the evening Mass from 6:55 to 7:15, every Sunday morning before the 9:00 Mass from 8:25 to 8:45, and following the 11:00 Sunday Mass when requested. Lent is a proper time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St. Mary's Breakfast: Breakfast at St. Mary's will be on Sunday, March 1st, from 8 to 11:00 am at the Parish Center on Fairfield Street. Cost is \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 per family.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday: Andrew Howrigan, John Schreindorfer
Monday: Caitlyn Callan, Joy Kane, Catherine Trudell
Tuesday: Ellen Paradee, Gavin Ryan, Eli Smith
Thursday: Clarisse Talley





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March 31, and April 28. For more information call Patty Lawson at 242-1321.

Energy Needs Collection:

Thank you for your generosity to the collection for Energy Needs. Your donations will help tremendously with the annual cost of heating the two churches and the rectory during the winter. Please note: If you have not yet given, your donation will be welcomed at any later date.

Word of Life

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**.”

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call John and Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083.

Catholic Daughters Scholarship Applications:

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Mary’s #468 are now accepting Scholarship Applications. This scholarship is available to a student whose mother or grandmother is a member of the Court of St. Mary’s C.D.A. The student must attend School (University or College) the following fall. This application is available at the local High Schools or you may contact Pam King at 393-3438. Or contact our Parish office at 827-3203. The deadline for this application is March 15, 2020.

School House: A Catholic Homeschooling program that meets weekly at St. Mary’s in St. Albans for chorus, class time, science and art for all ages, is accepting registrations for the 2020-21 school year. Come and see ó Open house dates are February 18,