

Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the

door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last." *Luke 13:22-30*

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday	3:30 PM	Recitation of the Rosary
August 24	4:00 PM RIP	Carol James By: Julie Torres
Sunday	8:30 AM	Recitation of the Rosary
August 25	9:00 AM RIP	Michael Nauceder By: his family

Daily Masses

Monday	7:00 AM INT	Eric Lambert By: Paul Sackevich
August 26		
Tuesday	7:00 AM RIP	Stephina Zielinski (bday rem) By: The Green Family
August 27		
Wednesday	7:00 PM RIP	Sean Patrick Gallagher By: Alan & Sandi Gaspardino
August 28		
Thursday	7:00 AM RIP	Kevin Brodeur (bday rem) By: Karen Brodeur
August 29		
Friday	No Mass	
August 30		

Next Weekend

Saturday	3:30 PM	Recitation of the Rosary
August 31	4:00 PM RIP	Alphonse W. Bousquet By: Bill & Marlene O'Connor
Sunday	8:30 AM	Recitation of the Rosary
September 1	9:00 AM RIP	Gordon Toussaint By: Shirley Capron

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2019

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:712b/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Parish Support

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

Weekend of August 17, 2019 & August 18, 2019

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 1308.00
Envelopes	\$ 854.00
Loose Donations	\$ 454.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 581.00
Votive Candles	\$ 35.50
	\$ 1924.50

Last Year's Offertory Collection
August 19, 2018 \$ 2098.00

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 31, 2019

Lector: Terry Ryan
 EMHC: Don Shaughnessy
 Greeters: Karen Brodeur, Terri Bates & Marie Perrault

Sunday September 1, 2019

Lector: Chris Hodsdon
 EMHC: Tom Ronning
 Greeters: Theresa Nauceder, Paul & Betsy Mercier



Sharing Thoughts with Deacon John Blicharz.

Join Deacon John as he discusses A Catholic teaching in a public school with Julie Sines, Throughout the month of August. Airs Sundays at 10:00 am / Tuesdays at 8:00 pm / Saturdays at 3:00 pm on Fact 8 TV. If you would like to do a show with Deacon John please contact him at 802-463-4206

Betsy will be on vacation next week. August 26 – August 30

Also the office will be **closed** on Monday September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.



10:00 AM Mass starts on September 8th.

Please stay tuned for the link to our new website. The old website will not be updated. Thank you for your patience!

Copies of last fiscal year (2018-2019) financial statements are available in the vestibule of the Church.

Pray for Healing and Comfort

Especially for: Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Daniel Bryant, Verda Raymond, Warren Peschl, Monica Luedtke, Norman LaCoille, Lois Woodard, Barb Sileski, Joseph Marion, Jr. Fr. Al Dagnoli, Paul Desruisseaux, Edith Weidler, Theresa Nauceder, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hindes, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippo, Madison Bills, Armande Boright, Rick Perkins, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Tracie Shaughnessy, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Nick Deistler, Polly Kissell, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Fred Waryas, Ellah Williams, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Frank Anderson, Kathy Mcarthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees. Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom. (Copyright © 2019 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)

Bishops Annual Appeal 2019

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the past and in this 2019 Campaign! We have met our pledge goal! We are at **122.75%**. Please consider donating to the Bishops Annual Appeal.

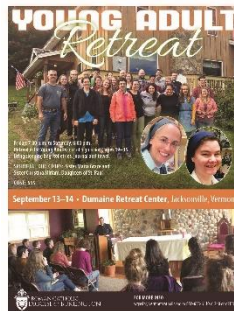


Knight of Columbus #753

We would like to congratulate: Charles



Pavlovic for transferring his membership to our Council as a Fourth Degree member and Matt Kopij who recently advanced to his 3rd Degree. With our youth and school personnel returning to school, please pray so that everyone may strive to be their best version of self and for the year to be safe and rewarding. If you have an idea of how we may help the youth in our community, please contact us: bfvtknights753@gmail.com



Young Adult retreat at Dumaine Retreat Center in Jacksonville, Vermont September 13-14 Arrival: 7 p.m., Friday Night September 13, Depart, 6 p.m. Saturday, September 14, For Young Adults ages 18-39 (out of high school) Cost: \$65 — includes meals and lodging Spiritual Directors: Sisters from the Daughters of Saint Paul (Boston) for registration please go to the Diocese web site and click events.

Family Camp Out & Picnic/August 31 – September 2

Presented by the World Wide Marriage Encounter Community. The Camp-Out and Picnic is a fun family weekend held at St Ann's Shrine. The event is open to Encountered couples, their families, and everyone who wants to know more about Marriage Encounter and/or enjoys good family fun. Come enjoy fellowship with others who value Faith, Marriage and Family. Visit our info site at <https://sites.google.com/view/wwmevtcamp> There you will find photos, frequently asked questions and answers, a map of St Anne's Shrine and more.



The St. Nicholas Project

The St. Nicholas Project is doing its annual fall fundraiser for poor children at the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, VT. Every fall we collect money to buy the boys and girls shoes. The kids range in age from 5 to 15 years old. Donations in the amount of \$25-\$50 will help us buy shoes for 85 kids. Brochures will be available in the church with more information. Please make out checks to: Kurn Hattin Home for Children. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Lance W. Harlow at the St. Joseph Cathedral, 658-4333 or email him at lwharlow@sover.net. Many of you have been their guardian angels and participated last year. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home. Your love makes all the difference in their lives.