



The Pastor's Corner

September 11th is one of those days that we will always remember and never forget. We remember the horrific tragedy of losing so many lives, both from the attack on the Twin Towers and those who gave their lives sorting through the rubble, dust and chaos. We pray for the souls of those who died and the souls of those who lost so much from their deaths.

Recently we, as a nation, witnessed the tragic events of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. The human drama of people desperate to leave the country as well as the loss of life of soldiers and civilians from a suicide bomber. We also heard from countless veterans who served in Afghanistan questioning their role in an effort of peace keeping and nation building that would just be abandoned.

This brings to a very real and raw place of acknowledging that the common man/woman is often subject to the directions and orders of the powerful. We are not in control of the big picture, so must be satisfied with how we manage and live our daily lives. We must be ready to give ourselves in service, die for our deepest beliefs and commitments and let those with greater power take responsibility for their choices. Our lives are never in vain if we live lives of love, holiness and service. God help those in authority to make good decisions. God help those in authority and power if they do not respect the lives and sacrifices of those under them.

Thank You

Thank you so much to Rick Thompson, Karen & Frank Gould, Denise & Richard Surething and Kathy Kimball for cooking for the show. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed a night of laughter. This has been a wonderful 10 years. Father couldn't of done it without everyone, those who cooked, set up the hall, decorated and cleaned up every show for the past 10 years. It has been a great ride, and hey, you never know one day you might see him on the big stage and you can look back and say that you knew him as a little guy!

Bulletin Announcements

Any announcements which need to go into the Sunday bulletin need to get to Beth by Tuesday.

St. Joseph's Will Be Closed For Work

Starting on July 31st we will be having work done at St. Joseph's in Chester, so Masses on Wednesday and Saturday will be held at St. Mary's in Springfield. This will continue for a bit, we will let you know when St. Joseph's is back open for Masses. So the last Mass at St. Joseph's will take place on Saturday July 24th.. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Mass Times and Intentions

Tues., Sept. 14 - 7:00pm - No Mass  
Wed., Sept. 15 - 9:00am - No Mass  
Thurs., Sept. 16 - 9:00am - No Mass  
Fri., Sept. 17 - 9:00am - No Mass; will be Rosary & coffee hour  
Sat., Sept. 18 - 4:00pm - Peter Duprey Sr. 9 years  
By Bonnie Duprey  
Sun., Sept. 19 - 9:00am - Beverly Fournier  
By her husband

Birthdays This Week

Monday 13: Lisa Mobus  
Tuesday 14: Garret Benson  
Wednesday 15: John McAweeney  
Thursday 16: Janie Thompson, Carol Jasinski  
Saturday 18: Dennis Clancy

Adoration Chapel Candle

If you would like to dedicate the Sanctuary Candle to a loved one for one week, we have MANY weeks available. Please call Beth at 802-885-3400.

Religious Education Registration has begun ...

Catechesis of The Good Shepherd is the way we at Holy Family Parish, foster a child's relationship with God based on the Montessori Method. In our Atrium spaces, we introduce hands on materials thoughtfully created for a child's specific plane of development that invite the children to know God better.. It is what is most needed in the world today, an education to HOPE. (To learn more go to CGSUSA.org). Our Atrium meets on Wednesdays from 4-5:30. We invite children ages 3-12 to experience "God" in this very unique way. Level 1, ages 3-6; Level 2, ages 6-9 and Level 3, ages 9-12, are offered here at Holy Family Parish. (this is rare in Vermont!) Sacramental preparation happens in the Atrium and is a two year course for all sacraments; First Reconciliation/ First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our diocese has lowered the age of Confirmation to grade 6. Classes begin October 6th Please call the Religious Education Office to register your child for class. We can arrange to have children transported by school bus to the Nolin-Murray Center from the Springfield Public School if that works for your family. Contact: Eileen, 885-4123.

High School Catholic Youth Group

All are Welcome! A place to stop by and hang out, laugh, and share similar beliefs. Dinner is included. Come and check it out! We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 6pm-8pm, starting September 12th. St. Mary's Church Nolin Murray Center Youth Room, 10 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT. Contact Deacon Paul Kendall at 802-885-2445 or Terry Sheehan at 802-263-5621.

Pizza Night

Please join us for our monthly Pizza Ministry where we have a grand time making and baking pizzas to support our community and our Parish friends. We invite you to join us for laughs and pizza Thursday, September 16th. Volunteers start at 4:30 and Pizza eaters can arrive at 5:30. Pies are \$10.00 each (\$2/slice) and in order to be sure we have enough to go around, should be ordered no later than the 15th by calling Carol at 802-281-2491. Last month's pies went to senior housing in Springfield.

Vacation

Welcome back Father Bill for the next few weeks ends with us. Father Peter will be on vacation for a couple weeks, so there will be no daily Masses.

Bereavement Group for Men

This group is for any man who has lost a spouse, a child, or a loved one. Informal group to share our sadness and our joys. 7pm-8:15pm. St. Mary's Nolin Murray Center. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month, starting September 8th. Contact is Deacon Paul Kendall, 802-885-2445.

"Generations of Faith"

This will be a very exciting year. A lot of you know about our Atrium, right? So how would you like to see how it is all done and learn like they learn? Well here is your chance! Eileen Kendall will be teaching Generations of Faith this year Atrium style. So please join us for the first class on Sunday September 12th. Mass at 9am, breakfast at 10am, class at 1030am. This should be the most exciting year yet!

Secretary Tip: The Gospel of Beth

On September 11, 2001, almost 3,000 people lost their lives during the attacks at the Twin Towers, Pentagon and aboard United Airlines Flight 93. At 8:46 a.m. ET, American Airlines Flight 11 (traveling from Boston to Los Angeles) hit the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. At 9:03 a.m. ET, United Airlines Flight 175 (traveling from Boston to Los Angeles) hit the south tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. At 9:37 a.m. ET, American Airlines Flight 77 (traveling from Dulles, Virginia, to Los Angeles) hit the Pentagon Building in Washington. And at 10:03 a.m. ET, United Airlines Flight 93 (traveling from Newark, New Jersey, to San Francisco) crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Around the country, people pause to remember those who lost their lives on this the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, vowing to "never forget."

"On this day... 246 people went to sleep in preparation for their morning flights. 2,606 people went to sleep in preparation for work in the morning. 343 firefighters went to sleep in preparation for their morning shift. 60 police officers went to sleep in preparation for morning patrol. 8 paramedics went to sleep in preparation for the morning shift. None of them saw past 10:00 am Sept 11, 2001. In one single moment life may never be the same. As you live and enjoy the breaths you take today and tonight before you go to sleep in preparation for your life tomorrow, kiss the ones you love, snuggle a little tighter, and never take one second of your life for granted." Wife Of A Firefighter

"My older brother John lived [his life] in Technicolor. ... When he walked in the door, the whole house lit up. And I'm sure heaven lit up when he got there too."  
—Anthoula Katsimatides

"My father, Norberto, was a pastry chef at -Windows on the World in Tower One. For 10 years, he made many fancy and famous -desserts, but the sweetest dessert he made was the marble cake he made for us at home. ... Whenever we parted, Poppi would say, 'Te amo. Vaya con Dios.' And this morning, I want to say the same thing to you, Poppi. "I love you. Go with God."  
—Catherine Hernandez

An Nguyen having just turned 4, wearing a traditional Vietnamese white headband for mourning, weeping over his father's casket. Now 20 years later he says: "In some regards I'm on my own, trying to understand how this world operates and possibly more importantly, how do I know myself? How do I define myself without the most important male role model in my life?"