

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

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PARISH BULLETIN March 11 – April 7, 2019

MASSES (all weekday Masses will be held in the chapel unless otherwise stated)

Tues	March 12	8:00 AM	For the Intentions of Lucy Porter
Thurs	March 14	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Mary MacNamara
Sat	March 16	4:00 PM	For the Intentions of Sue & Moe Clark
Sun	March 17	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Debbie Gilbert - 3rd Anniversary by Ghislaine Baker
Tues	March 19	8:00 AM	Sisters of St. Joseph
Thurs	March 21	8:00 AM	For the intentions of Joe O'Rourke
Sat	March 23	4:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Stanley Lesinski by his daughter Christine
Sun	March 24	10:00 AM	For all of our parishioners, friends, and benefactors
Tues	March 26	8:00 AM	For the intentions of Tatiana Govoni
Thurs	March 28	8:00 AM	For the souls in purgatory
Sat	March 30	4:00 PM	For the intentions of Norma Nadeau
Sun	March 31	10:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of John & Edward Fiarkoski by Carol & Joe Fiarkoski & Lena Mueller
Tues	April 2	8:00 AM	For all of our parishioners, friends, and benefactors
Thurs	April 4	8:00 AM	For all of our parishioners, friends, and benefactors
1 st Fri	April 5	8:00 AM	For the conversion of sinners (**Mass in Church)
Sat	April 6	4:00 PM	For the intentions of Marianne Lutz
Sun	April 7	10:00 AM	For the souls in purgatory

****PLEASE NOTE:** In light of the unexpected situation that has arisen, our pastor will be assisting at St. Monica Parish in Barre whenever possible for the next 4 months. Your understanding in this regard is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

**FINANCIAL NEWS

Weekly Goal	\$1,500.00	
Jan 26 & 27	\$1,338.00	Gifts: \$50.00
Feb 2 & 3	\$1,593.00	Gifts: \$55.00
Feb 9 & 10	\$851.00	Gifts: \$225.00
Feb 16 & 17	\$1,050.00	Gifts: \$195.00

****YEAR TO DATE:** plus \$105.00

****SECOND COLLECTIONS**

January 27 – Catholic Education \$194.00
February 10 – The Church in Latin America \$163.00

****UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

March 10 – Home Missions
March 31 – Catholic Relief Services

****COFFEE HOURS:**

March 17 Knights of Columbus
March 24 OPEN
March 31 OPEN
April 7 OPEN

We deeply appreciate all those who are willing to provide this valuable service to our Parish. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for those who are interested in hosting a coffee hour. Note that only those dates which do not conflict with other previously scheduled events, long weekends and holidays are open for your signature. Again, we thank you!

****EVENTS FOR MARCH 11 – APRIL 7, 2019**

March 13 Lenten Devotions, 5:15 PM, followed by supper
March 17 Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting, 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall and Coffee Hour following 10 AM Mass
March 19 All-Day Workshop: Parish Hall
March 20 All Day Workshop: Parish Hall
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March 21 All Day Workshop: Parish Hall
March 27 Lenten Devotions, 5:15 PM, followed by supper
March 30 All-Day Training: Parish Hall
April 3 Lenten Devotions, 5:15 PM, followed by supper
April 5 First Friday: Mass in Church at 8:00 AM with Litany to the Sacred Heart

****LET'S CELEBRATE LENT ...** A variety of Lenten devotions will take place in our Church every Wednesday at 5:15 PM (with the exception of Holy Week). These devotions will be followed by a supper in our Parish Hall. The menu will vary each week and everyone is welcome. Your free-will offering will be directed to the individual or individuals who provide the supper so that there will be no financial burden on anyone. Please plan to join us and celebrate Lent as a parish.

Wed. March 13. Rosary and Benediction

Dinner: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, with a choice of apple or lemon meringue pie for dessert, by Peg & Jim Kirkpatrick

Wed. March 20. Stations of the Cross (St. Alphonsus Liguori version)

Dinner: Goulash, garden salad, rolls & butter, with dessert TBA, by Elizabeth Mahaffy & Mark Lefebvre

Wed. March 27. Stations of the Cross (Everyone's Way)

Dinner: Meatloaf, potatoes, carrots, with dessert TBA, by Rose & Mark Lefebvre

Wed. April 3. Rosary and Benediction

Dinner: Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas & carrots, with dessert TBA by Chris & Brianna Lacey

Wed. April 10. Stations of the Cross (Presented by the Jasmin Assembly of the Knights of Columbus from Barre, VT)

Dinner: Lasagna, garbage salad, garlic bread, with raspberry squares and brownies for dessert by Father John

****LENTEN REGULATIONS...** The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance, and works of charity. Ash Wednesday (March 6th) & Good Friday (April 19th), in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast & 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, "sufficient 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 18-59.

Abstinence refers to the eating of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years & older.

The substantial observance of the laws of fast & abstinence is a serious obligation. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fasting & abstaining. The individual conscience can decide if there is a proper cause to excuse. A more serious reason should be present to excuse from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday penance.

Self-imposed fasting on other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.

Parents & teachers should see to it that even those who are not bound by the laws of fast & abstinence because of age are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

****Thanks To You:** Our parish will be purchasing a defibrillator in the very near future. There will be opportunities to learn how to operate it once it arrives. Many thanks to all those who made contributions to offset the \$1,000 cost. Hopefully we will never need to use it BUT if the need arises, we will have it!

Christopher J. Coyne, Roman Catholic Bishop of Burlington,
regarding HR 57.

This law goes too far.

My brothers and sisters, I write today concerning HR 57, a proposed state law that is currently working its way through the Vermont state legislature. You may have heard me say, "I am a pastor, not a politician," so I am speaking to you as your pastor. You know that our faith teaches that all human life is sacred – meaning "of God" - from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death and that we are called to embrace and protect that sacred gift that is the very breath of each of our lives. You are also aware that the teaching and ministry of the Catholic Church "since the first century has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2271) As your bishop, pastor, and brother I am fully aware of the division that exists within our society and even within the family of our Church around these matters. I know that when I stand before you as your brother and speak to you concerning the issue of abortion that there are many, even within our Church, who sadly hold contrary opinions based on a woman's right to choose and the promotion of "reproductive freedom." But, even if you hold such opinions and allow for a so-called "right to an abortion," this proposed law goes too far.

HR 57 goes far beyond *Roe vs. Wade*, guaranteeing unrestricted abortion through all nine months of pregnancy and declaring the baby to have no individual rights. This means that a baby in the womb can be terminated right up to the moment of natural birth. My friends, that is not abortion. That is infanticide. And this law would legislate that right to an abortion – to that infanticide - not be "denied, restricted, or infringed by any government entity."

I plead with you, my friends. Do not let this happen. This law goes too far.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

+Bishop Coyne

Please contact your representatives in the Vermont legislature and let them know your feelings about this bill. You can find your representatives using the "Find a Legislator" tool at legislature.vermont.gov/people/search/2020. When calling, you will be asked to state your name and hometown along with your message, "As a Catholic, I oppose HR57 and unrestricted access to abortion at any stage of pregnancy." Please also consider praying a rosary or other appropriate prayer for the protection of all life.