

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2012

LITURGY SCHEDULE

- SUN.** 7:30 a.m. MASS or the respect for life
19th 8:30 a.m. MASS-mem. Of Cybil Kitchel by Priscilla Messier (Q.P.)
10:30 a.m. MASS for the respect for life (ST.E.)
11:00 a.m. MASS-mem. Of Fran Beaupre by Deacon/Mrs Ray Desilets
5:00 p.m. LIFE TEEN MASS & LIFE NIGHT
7:00 P.M. MISSION
- MON.** 8:30 a.m. MASS for all souls (St. E.)
20th 2:00 p.m. MASS/COMM.SERVICE-St.J. Rehab.
5:15 p.m. NO MASS
7:00 p.m. MISSION
- TUES.** 8:30 a.m. MASS-mem. Of Aline Laliberte by the family
21st 5:15 p.m. NO MASS
7:00 p.m. MISSION

LENT BEGINS

ASH WEDNESDAY-Ash will be distributed at all the Masses

- WED.** 8:30 a.m. MASS-mem. Of Telesphore & Alice Cormier by the family
22nd 12:00 p.m. MASS-mem. Of Raymond St. Hilaire by his wife Paulie
5:30 p.m. MASS (Q.P.)
7:00 p.m. MASS (St. E.)
- THUR.** 8:30 a.m. MASS for deceased military
23rd 5:15 p.m. MASS-mem. Of Gib Handy by Priscilla Messier
- FRI.** 8:30 a.m. MASS for the parishioners St. E.)
24th 4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:15 p.m. MASS-mem. Of Lorie Achilles by her estate
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (all 3 Churches)
- SAT.** 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
25th 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (ST.E.)
4:00 p.m. MASS-mem. Of Marie Sylvain by Pat & Rose
4:30 p.m. MASS-mem. Of Alice Bryam by Bryam sisters (ST.E.)
- SUN.** 7:30 a.m. MASS for the parishioners
26th 8:30 a.m. MASS for all souls (Q.P.)
10:30 a.m. MASS-mem. Of Doris Belval by the family (ST.E.)
11:00 a.m. MASS-mem. Of Helen Desrochers by Deacon/Mrs. Raymond Desilets

All Services are here at St. John's unless otherwise indicated.

UPCOMING COLLECTION

Next weekend our second collection will be for fuel. The largest expense in our budget is to heat our 4 churches, 2 rectories and the Fr. Lively Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, 2/19/12.

FREE SOUP COMMUNITY MEAL

Tuesday, Feb 21st at 5 p.m. St. John's Church Hall
Everyone is welcome to stop down for a hot bowl of soup!

FRUIT & BREAD DONATIONS NEEDED

If you can donate fruit/bread for the community meal, please sign up at the entrance of St. John's Church. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS

- SUN.** 9:00 a.m. St. E. Religious Ed.
19th 9:15 a.m. St. J. Religious Ed.
9:30 a.m. Q.P. Religious Ed./Q.P. Parish Hall
12:00 p.m. St. J. Children's Choir Practice/Church
12:00 p.m. Franciscan Gathering
- MON.** 6 p.m. Spiritual Book Club/St. J. Church (note time)
20th
- WED.** 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice/St. J. Church
22nd 7:00 p.m. Inquiry Class
- THUR.** 6:30 p.m. Cemetery Committee Meeting/Rectory
23rd
- SAT.** 5:00 p.m. K. Of C. Bingo
25th
- SUN.** 9:00 a.m. NO St. E. Religious Ed.
26th 9:15 a.m. NO St. J. Religious Ed.
9:30 a.m. NO Q.P. Religious Ed./Q.P. Parish Hall
12:00 p.m. St. J. Children's Choir Practice/Church
Unless otherwise indicated all meetings are at the Fr. Lively Center

PARISH CONTACTS:

Prayer Chain:

(Call one of the ladies in St. J. to initiate a request.)

St. J.: Gloria Dubois 748-3773

Joyce Dumas 748-3277

Marguerite Willey 748-2926 St. E.: Lynn Welch 467-3019

Healing Meal Ministry

St. E.: Shirley Lay 467-3437

Ministry Scheduler:

Susan Dugan 748-3336 (St.J.)

Jean Fournier 626-3385 (St.E.) Ed Ledo 684-3306 (Q.P.)

Fr. Lively Center Rental Pat Douglas 748-4242

Website: www.nekcatholic.com Fax: 748-8120

PERPETUAL ADORATION - ST. JOHN'S

"I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God, thanks to him who is with us until the end of time." (John Paul II) Please call Linda Frechette if you would like to schedule an hour 802-473-0261 in the Chapel.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Last Week's Collection Totals: Fiscal year: 7/1/11-6/30/12

Corpus Christi Parish

Budget: \$300,000.00

Collection: \$5,969.09

Total to date: \$200,395.14

CATHOLIC BASED COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Having a tough time? Need someone to confide in?

Call Julia Roberts, a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor @ VT Catholic Charities if you are seeking help.

(802-658-6111x1314) She meets with clients one day a week in Danville. Financial aid is available.

THE SACRAMENTAL GIFT SHOP

ST. JOHN'S RECTORY MON. - FRI., 9 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PILGRIM VIRGIN HOST FAMILY: (2/19-3/4, 2012)

Peter & Joceyln Minich

LIFE TEEN

Random Act

Pray for a deceased relative.

Random Fact

Approximately 141 million Valentine's cards are exchanged worldwide every year.

Life Teen Mass/Life Night

Sunday, February 19th 5:00 p.m.

Live Out Loud! A Day of Praise & Grace.

Saturday March 10th 10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

Food, Music, Activities, Adoration, Mass

We will be hosting a day of praise and worship at Corpus Christi Parish for our High School Students. This will be an event where we are inviting all of the youth from our region to attend. It is going to be an awesome day of growing in our faith and having fun.

Fr. Richard O'Donnell is our guest speaker for this event.

What is Young Adult Ministry (YAM)?

Young Adult Ministry is the ministering to Catholics ages 18-35. Anyone in this age range whether single or married, student or not, is invited to attend our events. We offer monthly opportunities to strengthen your faith, connect you with your peers, and serve others! Some of our past events have included; Holy Hours, BBQs, movie nights, trips to the VT Catholic Conference & VT Christian Rock-toberfest, bowling, hiking trips, and volunteering at the VT Foodbank & the Parish Community Soup Dinner. If you would like to learn more about us or be added to our email list contact Kate at 467-3667 or katesmking@gmail.com

PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE!

If you would like a copy of the parish photo directory please pick one up after Mass or stop by the Rectory. (\$10.00).

Attention Married Couples!

Choose WorldWide Marriage Encounter Experience to keep your married relationship a priority. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in Vermont will be held in Stowe, April 27-29. Call Dave & Jennie Erkson at 800-434-4218 or erksonmevt@comcast.com.

Corpus Christi Finance Committee

The Corpus Christi Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m., at the Rectory. The agenda includes a review of the current investments, recommendations of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and a budget update.

Corpus Christi Parish Council

Fr. Pat is accepting nominations for the Parish Council. The new term will not begin until May 2012. There will be 3 positions open, one replacing a representative of each of the former parishes. The terms will be for a 3 year period. The Parish Council meets every other month. Members also serve on one of four committees during their term.

Mt. Calvary & St. Elizabeth Cemetery

Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
St. John's Rectory

PRE-LENTEN MISSION

February 19-21, 2012 at 7 p.m.

St. John's Church

Spiritual Director: Fr. Lance Harlow

Theme: A prayerful reflection on the
Stations of the Cross

Mark your calendars for these 3 nights of preparation for Lent. Fr. Lance will guide us on our journey for a spirit-filled Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses

8:30 a.m. (St. J.) 12:00 p.m. (St. J.)

5:30 p.m. (Q.P.) 7:00 p.m. (St. E.)



NEW BUTTONS!

The parish will be making available Lenten buttons. These simple cross pins remind us that Jesus made the cross the means of our salvation. Lent is a time of simplifying our life to reflect on our relationship with Jesus.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Monday's beginning February 27th at 6:30 p.m. through March 26th at the Fr. Lively Center gym. Everyone is welcome to join Fr. Dwight as he leads this Bible Study based on the Acts of the Apostles. We will be using the Ignatius Study Bible. If you do not have one please contact the Rectory.

DEANERY PARISH PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, March 11th, 6 p.m. St. Paul's, Barton

Sunday, March 18th, 2 p.m. St. Mary's, Star of the Sea, Newport
6 p.m. St. John's

Sunday, March 25th, 2 p.m. St. Edward's, Derby Line
6 p.m. St. Norbert's, Hardwick

Monday, March 26th, 7 p.m. Sacred Heart, Troy

LENTEN MUSIC

Fr. Pat and the Music Ministers for our parish recently met and agreed to the following ways to celebrate Lent.

1. There will not be an opening hymn for any Mass. The first part of the Mass sung will be the Kyrie, in Greek.
2. The other Mass parts will be sung in Latin, using a plain chant, which is familiar to many of us and is available in the music books. Latin is the universal language of the Church and expresses our unity with Catholics around the world.
3. There will be one Memorial Acclamation used this Lent for all Sunday Masses. It will be said/sung using Latin as well.

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Reading: "Walk with Jesus", Stations of the Cross by Henri Nouwen ISBN 0-88344-666-9. Order a copy on www.abebooks.com and join the group for the next discussion on April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. (No meeting in March).

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, APRIL 18th AT 7 P.M.

COME BE A PART OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
DRAMATIC LIVING STATIONS.



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BULLETIN INSERT

Sweeping HHS Mandate Stands, Violating Conscience Rights and Religious Liberty Congress Must Act to Fix the Problem

On January 20, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reaffirmed a rule that virtually all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception. The exemption provided for "religious employers" was so narrow that it failed to cover the vast majority of faith-based organizations—including Catholic hospitals, universities, and charities—that help millions every year. Ironically, not even Jesus and his disciples would have qualified for the exemption, because it excludes those who mainly serve people of another faith.

On February 10, the Obama Administration made this rule final "without change"; delayed enforcement for a year against religious nonprofits that were still not exempted (our charities, hospitals, and colleges); and promised to develop more regulations to "accommodate" them by the end of that additional year. But, as explained below, that promised "accommodation" still forces them to pay for "services" that violate their religious convictions.

The original rule that violated our religious liberty so severely has not been changed, but finalized.

After touting meaningful changes in the mandate, HHS instead finalized the original rule that was first issued in August 2011 "without change." So the offensive definition of "religious employer"—which excludes our charities, hospitals, and colleges because they serve people of other faiths—is still in place, and those institutions are still subject to the mandate.

HHS has promised some kind of "accommodation," but only after the election.

HHS said it would take an additional year to develop more regulations to "accommodate" religiously-affiliated charities, schools, and hospitals that still fall outside the "religious employer" exemption. The impact of these additional rules will not be felt until after the election, the only point of public accountability for the Executive Branch. This eliminates an important incentive for HHS to provide the best protection for religious liberty.

The promised "accommodation"—even at its best—would still force our institutions to violate their beliefs.

Under the proposed "accommodation," if an employee of these religious institutions wants coverage of contraception or sterilization directly from the insurer, the objecting employer is still forced to pay for it as a part of the employer's insurance plan. Since there is no other source, the funds to pay for that coverage must come from the premiums of the employer and fellow employees, even those who object in conscience.

There is no exemption for objecting insurers, secular employers, for-profit religious employers, or individuals.

The U.S. bishops defend religious liberty for all, and so have repeatedly identified all the stakeholders in the process whose religious freedom is threatened by the mandate—all employers, insurers, and individuals, not just religious employers. Now, all insurers, including self-insurers, must provide the coverage to any employee who wants it. In turn, all individuals who pay premiums have no escape from subsidizing that coverage. And only employers that are both non-profit and religious may qualify for the limited "accommodation."

We urgently need legislation to correct the mandate's threats to religious liberty and conscience rights. The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act has been introduced in Congress (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) to ensure that those who participate in the market for health insurance "retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions."

ACTION: Contact your U.S. Representative by e-mail, phone, or FAX letter:

- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices.
- Send your email to Congress through www.usccb.org/conscience.
- Additional contact info can be found on Members' web sites at: www.house.gov and www.senate.gov.

MESSAGE: "Please co-sponsor and support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467). The Obama administration's decision to mandate coverage of sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that can cause an abortion, makes passage of this measure especially urgent. Please ensure that the religious liberty and conscience rights of all participants in our nation's health care system are respected."

WHEN: Now is the time to build co-sponsors and support. Please act today! Thanks!

LENT 2012

Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 22. This annual season of fast and renewal is a wonderful gift to us! A time for a "spring-cleaning" of the soul. Lent invites us to quiet ourselves to more clearly hear the Word of God. I hope that all of us will take part in some of the activities listed below. My hope is that our parishes will truly reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus.

CHURCH GUIDELINES

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstaining. All Catholics from 18-59 are to Fast, which means two small meals and no snacks. Abstaining from meat is required not just on these two days, but also every Friday of Lent. All Catholics 14 and older are to abstain.

All Catholics should also choose a personal fast for all of Lent. This may include giving up a food or drink or something that takes one's time or money. It may also include using time to do a Corporal or Spiritual work of Mercy for someone.

Reconciliation, the sacrament of Confession, is an important part of Lent. All Catholic should celebrate the sacrament at least once during Lent, either during a Penance Service, regularly scheduled times, or by calling the rectory for an appointment.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in all three churches. Check the parish bulletin each week for any special details.

Operation Rice Bowl boxes will again be available. This long-standing program, organized by Catholic Relief Services, allows us to put our spare change to good use feeding the world.

5 Minutes With the Word daily prayer books will again be available. These pocket-size booklets give a thought to ponder and a prayer for each day of Lent.

Two annual special events, the Living Stations of the Cross (presented by our High School Students) and the Last Words (presented by the Spiritual Book Club) will again be presented at St. John's.

Daily Mass is fruitful for Catholics throughout the year. Adjusting your schedule to make daily Mass for Lent is a sacrifice many Catholics have made for years. For those who cannot attend, guides which have the daily reading are available in the church lobby.

Taking an hour each week of Lent to spend in the Adoration Chapel at St. John's Church will also be spiritually beneficial. Quietly praying before the Blessed Sacrament, allowing Jesus to speak to your heart, is very powerful. You do not need to sign up to go into the Adoration Chapel to pray.