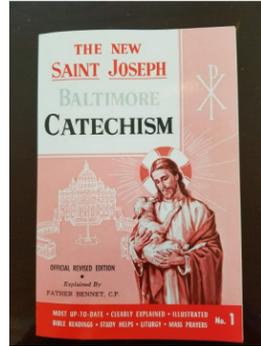




The Pastor's Corner

This year for Generations of Faith we are exploring *The Foundations of Truth*. So many Catholics believe that they know their faith, because they go to Mass each week, but there are many things that they have not learned over the years for a variety of reasons. Last Sunday I began with a simple test taken out of the Level 1 Baltimore Catechism which is designed for kids ages 9-11. Let us say people were surprised by how low their scores were.



My hope is that everyone in the parish (both St. Joseph's and St. Mary's) will have a very basic knowledge of the Faith. After extensive research and inquiry, I have settled on the Level 1 Baltimore Catechism as our study guide. Knowledge of our Faith is one of the things that unifies us. It makes us one with God and one another. Both of these things are essential for Catholic Christians.

I am asking each family in the parish to have a copy of the Level 1 Baltimore Catechism (revised version by Fr. Bennet C.P.). You can purchase it on Amazon, at the rectory or from Eileen Kendal.

I am also asking as many of you as possible to make the special effort to be a part of our discussions and study at the monthly Generations of Faith.

If you are wondering whether you need the classes or the book please take the test that is an insert in this bulletin.

RCIA Candidates:

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn about the Catholic Faith and/or become Catholic please contact the rectory office with your information. Our first class will be held in the rectory on Wednesday, September 20th from 7:00-9:00pm.

Pray the Rosary

A small group gets together in the church in Springfield every Sunday at 3pm to pray the Rosary. We'd be happy to have you join us.

Send A Letter

If you would like to write a letter to Katelyn Relihan at basic training, here is her address:
AB Relihan, Katelyn R.
321 TRS/FLT B714 (Dorm 3B1)
1320 Truemper Street Unit 364060
JBSA Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6431
The letter must be in a white envelope from you. NO packages.
Words of encouragement I'm sure will be wonderful!
She will be there until October 13th.

Mass Times and Intentions

- Tues., Sept 19 - 7:00pm - Caroline Aiken
By the Altar Society
- Wed., Sept 20 - 9:00am - Kenneth M. King
- Thurs., Sept 21 - 9:00am - Leslie & Florence Stankevich
By the family
- Fri., Sept. 22 - 9:00am - Steven Peltier
By his father
- (Chester) Sat., Sept. 23 - 4:00pm - Theresa Emery
By the Altar Society
- (Londonderry) Sat., Sept 23 - 6:00pm - St. Joseph's Chapel Parishioners
- Sun., Sept. 24 - 9:00am - Edwin McGlew 3rd anniversary of death
By his wife Ruth
- Sun., Sept. 24 - 6:00pm - Theresa Emery
By the CDA

Birthdays This Week:

- Sunday 17:** Joy Swanson
- Monday 18:** Dennis Clancy
- Wednesday 20:** Linda Luurtsema, Ryan McPeck & William Hoffman
- Thursday 21:** Rick Kimball, Fern Cook & Jean Edwards
- Friday 22:** Brandon Roldan & Pat Graves

Altar Servers: Springfield

Please contact Alissa Bascom for your schedule. The schedule is hanging in the sacristy of the church.

Adoration Chapel Candle: Springfield

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.

Last Week's Offertory : SPRINGFIELD

Sunday Collection: \$3,348.00
Weekly Goal: \$3,700.00
Accumulative Weekly Goal: \$40,700.00
Accumulative Weekly Collection: \$36,873.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Last Week's Offertory : CHESTER

Saturday Collection: \$1,262.00
Weekly Goal: \$1,350.00
Accumulative Weekly Goal: \$14,850.00
Accumulative Weekly Collection: \$10,510.00
Londonderry Sunday Collection \$143.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Comedy Show DVD's

We now have the newest DVD's of Father's comedy show. They are \$15 dollars each. Or you can get the 7 disk set for \$70. If you would like one or all 7 please stop by the rectory.

Atrium Classes

Children ages 3-12 will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5:30 in one of three atrium rooms in the Nolin-Murray Center. If your planning to send your child to atrium we need your paperwork as soon as possible. Please put your registering either into the collection basket to mail to the rectory. If you have any questions please contact Eileen at 885-4123 reledstmarys@vermontel.net

Calling All Ladies 18 and Older

Calling ladies both here in NH and VT to start a group that meets at least once a month to discuss and follow through with ways on how to help others both locally and non-locally. We live in a time where there is a growing need for neighbors helping neighbors. The Knights of Columbus in Bellows Falls has given me their blessing and support in starting up a sister group called the Columbiettes. To get started I need at least 20 women interested in helping out. If you are interested please call Katherine at 603-209-8633 or email kopijs4@gmail.com We have all been given gifts, here is a chance to use those gifts to help others together. It is my hope to meet sometime in October, so please contact me if you are interested so I can schedule a time that will work for all of us.

Books Are In

If you went to Generations of Faith this past Sunday, you heard father talking about the Baltimore Catechism books that he ordered. Well this is to let you all know that they have arrived. They are \$5 each and you can pick yours up either from Eileen after the 9am Mass this weekend or in her office at a later date, or Beth at the rectory.

Bible Study

Looking for something to do? Join us Thursday nights for 7 weeks studying the Bible. September 21st it starts, 6:30-8:00PM in the Nolin Murray Center Library. Our title for these 7 weeks will be "Israel Stories, Part 1." Please call Kathy Mason to let her know you are interested, at 885-3609, you can also call her with any questions.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Choir rehearsals for the 9am Sunday Mass in Springfield will resume on Wednesday, September 6th starting at 7pm in the choir loft. The first choir Mass will be on Sunday, September 10th. Anyone interested in singing in the choir will be more than welcome. If you have questions please call Frank Forcier at 885-4856.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a



Confirmation Class

There will be confirmation class on Sunday, September 24th in the cafe. Class is from 7pm-8:30pm.

Theology On Tap

For Young Adults: ages 20-35. Thursday, September 21st at 7pm. Meet at the Hartness House Inn, (30 Orchard Street, Springfield, Vt.). Our topic is "Theology of the Body" Presenter is Father Jon Schnobrich. RSVP to Paul Kendall 885-2445 or by email at pkendall@lawrenceandwheeler.com.

Church Locked

We now have keys to St. Mary's Church and St. Joseph Church. If you would like a key for either church please call or email Beth in the rectory.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Hurricane Relief Fund. St. Mary's and St. Joseph's raised a total of \$2700.00. I'm sure the people in Texas and Florida and where ever the next one lands appreciates your donations.

4pm Saturday Choir

If anyone is interested in singing at the 4pm Choir at St. Joseph's Church please join them for practice Saturday's at 2:45pm right in St. Joseph's Church. No experience necessary. Anyone is welcome.

Attention All

If you are sick, you are excused from coming to Mass. Also please refrain from drinking from the cup at Mass. We do not want any of you to get sick or pass it around to everyone. Thank you.

HB Fuel Fundraiser



Here is a way for you to help the parish with our fuel costs for next year: For every HB delivery ticket put into the weekly collection basket, HB will give the parish **2 cents cash** for EVERY gallon.

Bulletin Announcements

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

Secretary Tip of the Week

You do not need a good memory if you tell the truth—
Judge Judy