



# Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY-May 20

9:00 A.M. James Kevin Murphy by Loretta Schwab

SATURDAY-VIGIL FOR SUNDAY-May 20

4:00 P.M. Miriam & Eugene Lalime and deceased members of the Lalime Family by Michael Lalime

SUNDAY-May 21

8:30 A.M. Bernard Barewicz by Connie Wells

11:00 A.M. Donald Peters (32<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) by family

MONDAY-May 22-St. Rita of Cascia

9:00 A.M. Rita LaGrow by her husband Don and daughter  
3:00 P.M. Birchwood Nursing Home Mass  
Dennis Kehoe by family

TUESDAY-May 23

9:00 A.M. For the parishioners of St. Mark's Parish

WEDNESDAY-May 24

9:00 A.M. Barbara Sawyer by Debbie Balserus

THURSDAY-May 25-ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 A.M. Isabel Neary by family  
7:00 P.M. Willie Morris by Knights of Columbus Council #12590

FRIDAY-May 26-St. Philip Neri

9:00 A.M. Romeo Begnoche by Raymond & Jeannine Beauchemin

SATURDAY-May 27-St. Augustine of Canterbury

9:00 A.M. Carlene Campbell by her husband Ray

SATURDAY-VIGIL FOR SUNDAY-May 27

4:00 P.M. Harold Bouvier (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by family

SUNDAY-May 28

8:30 A.M. For the parishioners of St. Mark's Parish  
11:00 A.M. Ralph & Carmella Maietta by Corinne Bove Maietta



Dear Friends,

By now you may have heard in the news and read in the local paper that Bishop Matano has taken action to place each of the parishes of our diocese under a Charitable Trust. The insert in today's bulletin is a copy of the bishop's letter explaining his action. I ask that you take some time to read this letter as I think it helps to shed light upon his reasoning and gives you the opportunity to digest and understand the purpose for his decision. As the bishop says in his letter: "In such litigious times, (he wanted to) do everything possible to protect our parishes and the interests of the faithful..." Copies of a related article from America magazine, entitled "Changing the Rules, Selective Justice for Catholic Institutions," may be found at the church entrances for those wishing a copy. Have a good week. -Father Bill

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS will take place in Resurrection Park Cemetery on Hinesburg Road in South Burlington on Monday, May 29, 2006 at 10:00 AM. Please bring a chair. In case of inclement weather the Mass will be held in St. John Vianney Church.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
ASCENSION OF THE LORD:

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is the Ascension of the Lord. As Catholics, we celebrate our belief that the Risen Jesus ascended into heaven, body and soul. The Ascension of Jesus is our pledge that we too are destined to share in the glory of heaven, body and soul.

Please note that there are two Masses for the Holy Day on Thursday, one at 9 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m. There is NO Vigil Mass for this Holy Day.

LUND FAMILY BABY SHOWER: Throughout the month of May, the Mom's Ministry is collecting baby items to donate to the Lund Family Center. As a local organization in operation for 115 years, Lund is Vermont's largest non-profit adoption agency and hosts Vermont's only residential treatment program for pregnant and parenting young women and their children. Please leave items for the Lund Family Center in the baby baskets at the entrances to the church. Questions? Call Sheila at 233-6924.

SALVATION ARMY DINNER SIGN UP SHEETS are posted on the bulletin boards. The dinner this month will be served on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please have all donated food items to the Family Center kitchen by Wednesday noon, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

CD SPOTLIGHT – ANGER AND FORGIVENESS:

Among the many things that damage and destroy family life, nothing does this more powerfully than anger. We know that sinful anger poisons the mind of Christ within and brings about alienation and division. Catholic psychotherapist, Dr. Bob McDonald, provides the spiritual and psychological prescription for overcoming anger and replacing it with the blessing of forgiveness. By learning how to forgive, we can promote peace and understanding. Dr. McDonald's practical wisdom can help to heal divisions within families and relationships by revealing how to overcome excuses for not forgiving and enjoying the blessing of a forgiving heart. Be sure to visit the CD display for this and many more valuable topics to help grow in your spiritual life.



May 14 Attendance at Mass ☺.....	740
May 14 (119 envelopes) .....	\$4,965.68
Collection for Eastern Europe .....	\$ 464.00
Weekly Average since July 1 <sup>st</sup> (44 weeks) .....	\$4,973.74
Weekly Goal .....	\$5,300.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

We have a few hours to fill with committed adorers. Hours to fill are Monday, 8 to 9 a.m. and 9 to 10 a.m.; Thursday, midnight to 1 a.m. Friday morning; Saturday 11 p.m. to Midnight and Midnight to 1 a.m. Sunday and 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Please call Marge at 658-0228 or Winnie at 862-9598 if you are able to help out or to commit to spend an hour with our Lord.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### THANK YOU

As we conclude this year of catechetical ministry, we express our deep gratitude to all our catechists. Every week through the year they faithfully gave of their time and their many gifts to help our young people grow in their faith and in their knowledge of God's love. The faith commitment of our teachers is indeed a special blessing for St. Mark's parish.

We thank the spouses and/or family members of our catechists, who, through their support and generosity, made it possible for the teachers to participate with such dedication in this ministry.

We also express our gratitude to our substitute teachers and our teacher's aides who so faithfully gave of their time and gifts to help our students grow in their faith.

The cooperation of many is needed for a successful program and we thank all our parents who participated in our Open House and Parent Sessions. We are grateful to all, who, through their ongoing support and participation ensured that the program ran smoothly. Thank you to all who assisted with youth liturgies, to all who served as hall monitors, to those who organized and participated in outreach activities, to those who helped with office work, and to all who assisted with family gatherings, with celebrations and the other activities we had scheduled throughout the year.

These words of St. Paul express our appreciation to each of you. **"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began the good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."** (Phil 1:3-6)

CD's OF FIRST COMMUNION pictures are available for \$15. Please contact Patrick Henry at 865-2651.



A collection for the Library is taken annually during the month of May. For those who use envelopes, there is one for the Library in your packets. Those who do not use envelopes, but would like to make a donation may use a regular envelope and mark it "Library". The funds collected during this annual collection are used to keep our Library current and up to date with new books and videos. Thank you for your past contributions.

LIFE LINE SCREENING is America's leading provider of quality health screenings. These tests quickly detect arterial abnormalities which can cause disrupted blood flow. Representatives will be here at St. Mark's on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pre-registration is required. Please see the flyer in this week's bulletin.

THE VERMONT CITY MARATHON will be held next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. As you know from past marathons, some streets are closed and traffic is re-routed. Please plan accordingly next Sunday.

#### Readings for the Week of May 21, 2006

Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/ Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/ Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/ Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/ Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/ Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk 16:15-20

#### 2006 BISHOP'S FUND

The 2006 Bishop's Fund for Faith, Hope and Charity will begin soon. Please begin to think and pray about this year's gift. Our giving together as a parish is a sign of our commitment as a member of the Holy Catholic family in Christ and the Unity of Faith. The spirit of faith and generosity that the faithful display is a continuing source of inspiration and renewal that allows the Diocese to operate its many programs.

Bishop Salvatore R. Matano will be hosting a prayer service followed by a reception at 7:00 p.m. on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Williston. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for the safety of our service men and women and support personnel working as peace-keepers throughout the world, and for those who are seriously ill, especially Shirley Barnier, Walter Blanchard, Carol Fisher, Anna Giroux, Jimmy Giroux, Bill Hammond, and Mikaela Sienkiewicz.

To have someone from your family enrolled in this list, please call the Rectory Office at 864-7686. Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and prayers are still requested.

### Da Truth About the Da Vinci Code - part 3

There are many untrue claims by Dan Brown about the Catholic Faith to which every Catholic should be able to give a response. One involves Jesus Christ's celibacy and His relationship with Mary Magdalene. The other is the new springtime in the Church and the Second Vatican Council's reiteration of the "universal call to holiness." A brief description of each.

***Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene:*** The book and movie claim that Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene and together they had a daughter. In an effort to cover this up, the Catholic Church has resorted to murdering Christ's own descendants to protect the secret. There is nothing in the New Testament that states or implies that Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene. Remember, by the end of the first century, (within one generation of Jesus' death) the Scriptures were composed! Certainly the eleven apostles would not have traveled great distances and gladly give their lives for Jesus if He were living down the street having babies.

Mary of Magdala was a holy woman - representing all of us who have sinned and also need to experience Jesus' forgiveness. His gift of absolution transforms us in the same way it transformed Mary Magdalene. She became a faithful disciple and listened to His words to "go and sin no more." Because of her faithfulness, she was able to see the Risen Christ after the Resurrection. (Matthew 18:1) Jesus' motive in associating with her was not sexual pleasure, but a pure love for His Father's sons and daughters. Furthermore, to infer that Catholics have been killing the descendants of their God is blasphemous.

The Da Vinci Code assumes that every Jewish man was married because "Jewish custom condemned celibacy." This is historically inaccurate and it was not unheard of for Jewish men to live in the celibate state. Jesus indicated that He wasn't married to anyone, but to His new Church. He explained that some voluntarily refrain from marrying in order to be fully consecrated to God. If the Gospels were wrong about this fact, the Church has been teaching incorrectly for 2,000 years. Furthermore, He says that some "have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake" (Matthew 19:12). St. Paul, St. John the Baptist, and Jeremiah join the list of Jews who faithfully lived a celibate life for the sake of the Kingdom. Moreover, Jesus portrays voluntary celibacy as the highest form of consecration, and as the spiritual leader of the Christian movement, it would be strange for Him to hold up such a standard if He himself did not meet it. The celibate priesthood is not a random invention of the Church, but it has roots in a long tradition, going back to the Messiah Himself - the One whom the priest is ordained to represent.

***Opus Dei ("Work of God"):*** The novel portrays Opus Dei as an order of monks with members serving as assassins. In reality, the real Opus Dei was founded in Spain in 1928 by a Catholic priest (who is now a canonized saint - St. Josemaría Escrivá) with the purpose of promoting lay holiness. There are no monks and their spirituality preceded Vatican II's call for all persons to be holy. Opus Dei reminded the world that holiness is not one great heroic action, but a daily emphasis on seeking holiness in the ordinary events of daily life. Pope John Paul has called Opus Dei's founder "the saint of ordinary life." Opus Dei is a fully integrated part of the Catholic Church and promotes the spirituality of the Second Vatican Council, particularly this universal call to holiness. Our daily labors, they teach us, can become a great "work of God."

- Fr. Dan