

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 20, 2012
 5:15 PM Dec. Members of Narcisse Couture Family

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
 8:00 AM A Fruitful Lent

Wednesday, February 25, 2012
Ash Wednesday – Fast & Abstinence
 7:00 AM Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
 12:05 PM Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
 6:00 PM St. Joseph Co-Cathedral

Thursday, February 23, 2012
 8:00 AM Ruth Hathaway

Friday, February 24, 2012
 5:15 PM Jerome & Theresa Bouchard

Saturday, February 25, 2012
 8:00 AM Protection of Religious Liberty
 4:00 PM St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, February 25, 2012
 9:00 AM Herbert Boivin
 11:00 AM Lewis & Geneva VanOrnum
 3:00 PM African Mass



THE ORIGINS OF ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday entered the calendar in the early sixth century when the desire arose to have forty actual days of fasting before Easter.

Sundays were never fast days, so to get to forty, one had to add four days to the six weeks of Lent. In the Christian lands along the Rhine River the devotional practice of imposing ashes arose as people imitated what they heard in the Bible passages such as 2 Samuel 13:19, Ezekiel 27:30, Job 2:12, and Jonah 3:6.

What was once a private devotion came to be practiced publicly in the eighth century and by the year 1000 it was commonplace in many celebrations at the beginning of Lent. The distribution of ashes was formally added to the *Missal* at Rome in the thirteenth century and this ancient symbol of repentance is now widely used among most Christian denominations at the beginning of Lent.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

This Lent, our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics by participating in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet at the church entrance and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Operation Rice Bowl invites us to **pray** with our families and faith communities, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **learn** about our brothers and sisters around the world, and **give** sacrificial contributions to help those in need.

Parish Meetings & Events

R.C.I.A. - Wed., Feb. 22 – No Class

Religious Education – Sun., Feb. 25th, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., School

R.C.I.A. Rite of Election – Sun., Feb. 25th, 10:00 Mass – Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

**WEEKLY LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE
 February 20 through 25, 2012**

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Monday 7:00 AM Only
 Tuesday 7:00 AM and 12:05 PM
 Wednesday 7:00 AM and 12:05 PM
 Thursday 7:00 AM and 12:05 PM
 Friday 7:00 AM and 12:05 PM

St. Joseph Co-Cathedral

Monday 5:15 PM
 Tuesday 8:00 AM
 Wednesday 6:00 PM
 Thursday 8:00 AM
 Friday 5:15 PM
 Saturday 8:00 AM

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Monday After 7:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral
 Wednesday Before 12:05 PM Mass at the Cathedral
 Friday After 5:15 PM Mass at St. Joseph
 Soup Dinner follows in parish hall (if interested in providing soup, call (802) 658-4333)

GUIDELINES FOR LENT/LENTEN ACTIVITIES

The Guidelines for Lent and a listing of Lenten Activities for both St. Joseph Co-Cathedral and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception may be picked up at the entrance to the Church. The Lenten, "*Word Among Us*", as well as a listing of the Weekday Masses at Churches in the area are available at the entrance to the Church.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Thank you to all our parishioners who so generously support our Church week after week.

	Offertory	
Feb. 5 th	- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	\$3,588.45
Feb. 12 th	- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	\$2,949.00
	Special Collection	
Feb. 12 th	- Church in Latin America	\$ 536.00
	Upcoming Collection	
Feb. 19 th	-Fuel Collection	

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
ALL OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS,
ESPECIALLY:**



**Kevin Bessette
Margaret Blow
James & Victoria Curtis
Georgie Lynn Bishop
Lorraine Bluto
Lorraine Dorey
Jane Fisher
Rene Jette
Don Martell
Shelley Skinner
Lillian Tessier
Roger Vachereau**

JOSEPH'S HOUSE

Joseph's House is going on its third week of Direct Aid. Thank you to all supporters who helped to make this happen! Just a reminder, the next Board meeting is March 6th.

Chelsea Beauregard, Director

"Love God, serve God: everything is in that."

St. Clare of Assisi

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Council #7810 of St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Sun., Feb. 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The cost will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6 to 10 years of age. Children 5 years old and under will be the guests of the Knights. Take out meals will be available.

CATHOLIC GOLDEN AGE

The Catholic Golden Age Monthly Luncheon will take place Tues., Feb. 21st at 11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony's parish hall on Flynn Avenue. Guest Speaker will be Fr. Daniel Jordan. Reservations by Feb. 18th by calling (802) 862-4564.

BINGO COMING BACK TO ST. JOSEPH'S

Beginning March 1st, Bingo will take place on Thursday evenings in the parish hall with warm-ups at 6:15 p.m. and regular Bingo at 7:00 p.m. Also, Bingo will take place on Sunday beginning with warm-ups at 1:15 p.m. and regular games at 2:00 p.m. Regular games will pay \$150.00. Bring your Bulletin to receive \$5.00 off your admission.

COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Thank you for your generous donations to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts will continue to **keep faith** in the region by supporting evangelization, developing lay leadership programs, and strengthening religious and seminarian formation. The future of the region's church is brighter today because of your help.

Intercessions for Life

**Feb. 19th – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

For couples struggling with infertility:

That the Lord will bless them with children, whether by natural means or adoption;

We Pray to the Lord:



RICE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL "HIGH SCHOOL FOR A DAY"

5-8th graders are invited to Rice Memorial High School's 3rd annual "**High School for a Day**" on **Tues., March 6, 2012**.

The day provides an opportunity to students become familiar with the school, faculty and unique programs available to Rice students. There will be ice cream-making in the chemistry lab, as well as performances by the Rice Drama Club, Rice Drumline and Rice Poetry Outloud participants. Students can partake in a mock Scholar's Bowl, bring their instrument to play with the Rice band, and hone their basketball skills in a clinic with current players and coaches. Sign up by **Feb. 23, 2012**.

Contact Christy Bahrenburg (802) 862-6521, ext. 235 or bahrenburg@rmhsvt.org.

BLIND NEED HELP

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired has an URGENT need for volunteer drivers in and around the Burlington area to get blind and visually impaired people where they need to go. VABVI volunteer drivers work on an "as needed" basis and are free to accept or reject any trip to suit their individual schedules. Drivers receive reimbursement for use of their cars. Please call Laurie VasQuenza at 1-800-639-5861 or Vicki Vest at 1-877-350-8839.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL
WHO HAVE DIED,
ESPECIALLY:**



RUTH HATHAWAY