



**Saturday, June 19**

5:30pm – Deceased Members of McCarren and Gawlik Families by Helen Gawlik

**Sunday, June 20**

8:00am – Marcello deDominicis by Family  
10:00am – Dorothy Leubert by daughter, Carolyn

**Monday, June 21**

8:00am – Sandeep Roychowdhury  
by Joan and Stephen Munroe

**Tuesday, June 22**

8:00am – The Health of Pamela Mary Woods

**Wednesday, June 23**

8:00am Fr. Bede Classick, O.S.B.  
by Mark and Freddie Templeton

**Thursday, June 24**

8:00am - Jackie Moraes by Ingrid Hennig Cabral

**Friday, June 25**

8:00am - Patricia Lukas by Nancy Black

**Saturday, June 26**

5:30pm – Deacon Louis Meunier by Colette Galusha

**Sunday, June 27**

8:00am – *Pro populo*  
10:00am – David Gleeson by Nancy Black

**Let us remember in prayer:**

all the sick, the dying, and those who care for them.  
The repose of the soul of  
Kenny Kunish of this parish and  
Kenny Lenihan, Jr., the son of Ken Lenihan of this parish.  
May they be at peace and may the Lord comfort their loved  
ones in their loss.

Dear All,

This last year has made all of us more aware than we would ever want to be of the woeful inadequacy and fragility of our American way of life. The most obvious areas are health care, education, policing and housing. But, as it became clear that the BIPOC population was being disproportionately effected by these inadequacies, we began to be more and more aware that the reconstruction promised after the Civil War and the ‘opening of the West’, was yet to be accomplished. In a similar vein, more recent instances of exclusion, oppression and population-wide discrimination became more obvious and more neuralgic.

Needless to say, as complaints mounted, so, too, does pushback. And when there was no denying or defending, there arose a series of explanations about why these defects were not going to be addressed:

*That was then, this is now; I never did anything like that; redressing those wrongs now will leave us in such a financial hole, we’ll never recover; these people should do what I did and use their bootstraps to lift themselves up.*

Let us be clear. Unhappiness has a way of collapsing the future into a ‘now’ in which the unhappiness must be addressed and lifted. When this schedule is not met, anger – and violence, even – come easily and naturally. And then, the rationales and excuses and counters listed above become more and more like magic charms by which all those who are happy with the status quo justify a more and more entrenched neglect of the issues and the sufferers.

Let us be clear about a second item. Not everyone has been consciously complicit in the attitudes acts of injustice that provoke the resentment.

But this is the most important clarity; NO ONE MAY TURN A DEAF EAR TO ONE WHO IS IN PAIN.

This is not anything more than the logical implication of the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Even if I have not thrown someone into a ditch, I am responsible to heal his wounds and place him on the path to wellbeing.

When someone takes the suffering of another into his own heart, the motive for action is already in place and the action will automatically follow. When one closes one’s heart to another, then the only motive is toward self-defense, self-justification and further victimization of the sufferer.

Some cautionary clarities are necessary. Not all wrongs can be redressed; the time may have passed, the damage may be irreversible, financial settlements may be unrealistic. Some ‘cures’ may actually do more harm than good, even to the sufferer.

Saint Paul does not say that a reasonable defense is what is asked of us. *Bear ye one another’s burdens; thus will you fulfill the law of Christ* (Gal.: 6).

Really and truly and weightily yours,  
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**June is generosity month:**

+++The annual Bishop’s Appeal is launched. Have you made your gift yet?

+++The annual “Peter’s Pence” collection for the support of the Holy Father’s work is due on 6/27.

+++The Interfaith Council’s *Summer Lunch for Kids* program kicks off this week (see the parish website)

**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Happy Fathers’ Day!

In this year of Saint Joseph, we celebrater the vital role that fathers play in passing along the Catholic faith to their children. We celebrate those other ‘fathers’ and deacons who provide spiritual nurture to the Catholic community.

Your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal supports the work of these men and of those preparing for an ordained ministry.

To make a gift visit:

[bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org)

**Totus Tuus Summer Camp  
at Christ the King in Rutland**

Totus Tuus is a faith, fun, and prayer-full week dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Christ the King parish is thrilled to host Totus Tuus again this year the week of June 20th! Totus Tuus is for children grades 1-12. Grades 1-8 meet Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM **High Schoolers Sunday-Thursday 7-9PM** More information can be found here: <https://rwcatholic.org/totus-tuus-2021>

***The Governor has lifted***

all Covid related regulations for public gatherings (including US!). The restoration of such items as communion on the tongue and a sign of peace and the actual obligaton to assist at Mass each week are awaiting the directives of the Bishop.

Watch this space for more information

To be a father is to do the one thing that makes one more like God than does any other task on earth.  
May the Lord who began this good work in you bring to completion, even on the day of Christ Jesus, his Son.