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SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

Fifth Sunday of Lent



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. Psalm 126

Sunday, April 3, 2022 Cycle C
Year of Communion (Dec. 8, 2021-Dec. 8, 2022)
April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, April 2 Nativity 5pm	†Denise Charbonneau by Fern, Mike & Jess Cota
SUNDAY, April 3 Nativity 8:30am ++++ St Louis 10:30am	†William Thompson by Eli & Sara Laroche & Intentions of the Parishioners ++++ †Ephriam, †Rosalie, & †Scott Machia by Keith & Louise Machia
MONDAY, April 4 St Louis 8:30am	†Rosaire & †Fernande Tougas by the family
TUESDAY, April 5 Nativity 6:30pm	†Zackery Rillo by Edith Rillo
WEDNESDAY, April 6 Nativity 8:30am	†Aurilla L'Esperance by the family & †Normand & †Georgette Gagne by Leon & Anne Berthiame
THURSDAY, April 7 Nativity 8:30am	†Nancy Boyer by the family
FRIDAY, April 8 St Louis 8:30am	†Bruce & †Rosemary Stanley by Raymonde Choiniere
SATURDAY, April 9 Nativity 5pm	†Richard Dupont by Côme & Joyce Bombardier & †Wayne & †Aleta Bushey by Janet Flint & family
SUNDAY, April 10 Nativity 8:30am ++++ St Louis 10:30am	†Pat Hubbard by John & Julie Hubbard ++++ †Deceased Members of the Tremblay family & Intentions of the Parishioners
MONDAY, April 11 St Louis 8:30am	†Norbert & †Madeleine Rainville by Raymonde Choiniere & †Jane Bianchi by the family



Please PRAY for

...Members of our parish who are ill, facing surgery, hospitalized, home bound, or experiencing difficult times, especially during this pandemic and have asked for our prayers.

This week we pray especially for Carol & Doug Austin, Andrea Belrose, Anne Duffy, Jimmy Fournier, Ruth Hazard, Sandra Hurlbut, Andrea Laroche, Patty Routhier and Gerda Thibault.

Rest In Peace

Our parish family extends our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family and friends of **recently deceased Mary Bianchi and Joyce Gamache.**

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Easter Decorations MEMORIAL PAGE

Once again you will have an opportunity to have your loved ones remembered in a special way by placing their names on the Easter Memorial page of the bulletin.

Please include your memorial names and offering in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and drop in the collection basket or leave at the parish office.



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

will meet on Tuesday, April 5 in room #7 of the Nativity Parish Center at 7pm.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH



This Sunday at 2PM in the Church of the Nativity in Swanton, *Reflections for Lent* continues. This week's reflection will be *The Mind of Christ* offered by Fr. James Dodson. Immediately following the reflection, there will be Exposition and silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, during which time Confessions will be heard. The afternoon will conclude with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Solemn Benediction.

Confession Schedule



SUNDAY, April 3:

St Louis after Mass

MONDAY, April 4:

St Louis 7:45am-8:15am

TUESDAY April 5:

Nativity 7pm-7:45pm

WEDNESDAY, April 6:

Nativity 9am-9:30am

THURSDAY, April 7:

Nativity 7:45am-8:15am

FRIDAY, April 8:

St Louis 9am

SATURDAY, April 9:

Nativity 4:15pm-4:45pm

Eucharistic



Adoration

MONDAY, April 4:

St Louis 7:45am-8:15am

TUESDAY, April 5:

Nativity after Mass/Benediction

WEDNESDAY, April 6:

Nativity 9am-12pm

Rosary 11:30am followed by Benediction

THURSDAY, April 7:

Nativity 7:45am-8:15am/Benediction

FRIDAY, April 8:

St Louis 9am-12pm/Benediction 11:30am



STATIONS Of The CROSS

FRIDAY, April 8:

Nativity 6pm

Food Shelf



TUESDAY, April 5:

Nativity 9am-12pm

Needs: Mac & Cheese, Canned Pasta,
Cream of Mushroom & Cream of Chicken Soup,
Pancake Mix, Suddenly Salad,
Hamburger Helper, Cream-Style Corn,
Canned Potatoes & Boxed Potatoes,
Brownie Mixes, Sugar, Apple Sauce, Water

PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Offertory: \$2,173/Catholic Relief Services: \$173

Fuel: \$721

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fuel offering

Chicken & Biscuits

Dinner



Saturday, April 2nd

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Adults/\$10.00, (age 6-12) /\$6.00

*Chicken & Biscuits, Stuffing,
Cranberry Sauce, Coleslaw & Desserts*

Take Outs Available

Nativity Parish, Swanton

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

NEWS FROM The Inland See FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

April 2–8, 2022

The Chrism Mass

On Tuesday, April 12, at 11 a.m., priests from throughout the Diocese of Burlington will join Bishop Christopher Coyne at the St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. This annual Mass is traditionally celebrated on the morning of Holy Thursday but (as is done in most Dioceses in the United States) can be moved to another time around Easter. The Chrism Mass brings the diocesan community together as the bishop blesses the priests of the Diocese and blesses the holy oils that will be used in the sacramental life of the Church in the coming year.

During the liturgy, the priests of the Diocese will stand before the bishop and renew the promises they made at their own ordination. They resolve to be “faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist” and “discharge the sacred office of teaching ... not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls.” The bishop also exhorts everyone to pray for the priests and finally to pray for him so that he “may be made day by day a living and more perfect image of Christ, the Priest, the Good Shepherd, the Teacher and the Servant of all.”

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the sacred oils are blessed. Containers holding the three oils — Oil of the Sick, Oil of the Catechumens and the Sacred Chrism — as well as the perfume that is mixed into the Sacred Chrism to give it its

rich aroma — are presented by deacons serving in the Diocese. The Oil of the Sick is blessed for the healing of body, mind and spirit. The Oil of Catechumens is blessed for the anointing of those preparing for baptism. Through this anointing, they are strengthened by Christ to resist the power of evil in all its forms. The Holy Chrism is consecrated by the bishop and priests of the Diocese to anoint infants after baptism, those who are to be confirmed and bishops and priests at their ordinations. It is also used to anoint altars and churches at the time of their dedication. After the Mass, the oils are distributed and brought back to all the churches in the Diocese.

All are invited to join us for this special liturgy to pray especially for our priests and for all who will be anointed by these oils in the coming year. As the bishop will pray at the Chrism Mass: “May the Lord keep us all in his charity and lead all of us, shepherds and flock, to eternal life.”

— **Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington**

The Mass will be live-streamed also on the diocesan website and Facebook page. Following the Chrism Mass, a reception will take place in the parish hall, and priests or parish representatives designated by their pastors may come down to the lower chapel to pick up the holy oils for their respective church(es).



Respect Life Ministry — What Is Article 22?

Planned Parenthood and its abortion allies continue to push aggressive abortion legislation at the national level and in all 50 states in the country. The Legislature of Vermont has approved Proposal 5, now called Article 22. Article 22 is a proposed amendment to the Vermont Constitution that will permit abortions — for any reason, through all nine months of pregnancy — up to and including the day of birth. Article 22 will be on the 2022 Vermont General Election ballot in November for an up or down vote by Vermonters. **If Article 22 passes, we will have NO ability to protect the life of the unborn. Vermont will then be the first state in the country to explicitly deny unborn children the right to life in its constitution.**

Upcoming Events



04|08 FRIDAY Fish Dinner Take-Out

St. Thomas, Underhill • 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Adult meal \$15, kids meal \$8. Please call

ahead to reserve tickets (802) 899-4632, or purchase after weekend Masses. Tickets may also be purchased at Wells Corner Market in Underhill Center, or Snowflake Chocolates in Jericho.



04|09, 16, 23, 30 SATURDAYS SoulCore

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 3 - 4 pm

SoulCore is an invitation to nourish body, mind and soul through prayer and functional movement. Workout can be modified to suit ability and comfort level; the prayers are the main focus. Free will donation. Suggested items: mat, water, weights (optional, 1-3 lbs popular).



04|12 TUESDAY Chrism Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 11 am

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Coyne and priests of the diocese — the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Parish representatives may pick up the holy oils for their parishes after the Mass in the lower chapel. A reception will follow in the parish hall.



04|20 WEDNESDAY Vermont Catholic Professionals Virtual Meeting

via Zoom • 8 - 9 am

'Happiness Engineer' Michael Hagan, former manager of religious education and catechesis for the Diocese of Burlington, will be the speaker at the next virtual meeting of Vermont Catholic Professionals. He currently works remotely from Vermont for Flocknote, a communications-first Church software company. During his presentation, he will talk about Church teaching related to technology and some of his experiences at Flocknote. He will encourage the Vermont Catholic professionals in attendance to consider ways they can be of service to their parish in the realm of technology. FOR MORE INFO: vermontcatholic.org/vcp.



04|20, 05|04 WEDNESDAYS Practicing the Presence of God

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Practicing the Presence of God... a 6 week Diocesan wide zoom exploration of this spiritual classic by Brother Lawrence. For information, mercygrace@protonmail.com. Meets: April 20, May 4, 18, June 1, 15 & 29.



04|23 SATURDAY Vermont State Catholic Daughters Spring Retreat

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph • 9 am - 2 pm

Vermont State CDA is sponsoring a Spring Retreat for all women 18 and older. Registration is required and you must register by April 8, 2022. Cost is \$6, which includes refreshments and lunch. Retreat led by Dcn. Gesualdo Schneider.



04|24 SUNDAY Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

St. Anthony, Burlington • 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Join us for Adoration — Exposition and

Benediction, Reconciliation (Confessions), silent prayer, Rosary, concluding with praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the Knights of Columbus. Special invitation to Catholics and individuals who have been absent from the Church and want to return to receive the Graces of His Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus is there waiting for you in the confessional.



04|24 SUNDAY Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 12 - 4 pm

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following the 11 am Mass. Confessions will be heard beginning at 2pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung at 3 pm followed by Benediction.



05|07 SATURDAY Grief Support Group

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am

Calling all Widows and Widowers...

You are invited to join us for a support group, run by Catherine "Kate" King, UVM Mental Health Clinician (LCMHC) on the first Saturday of the month, at 8 am at Holy Family Parish. Kate has been a group therapist in the community for over 20 years and is a widow herself. Join us for prayer, discussion and peer support for working through grief. Please call Kate with questions at (802) 881-5973.



05|10 TUESDAYS Seminar: The Creed Professed

via Zoom • 7 - 8:00 pm

Seminar based on Part I of the U. S. Catholic *Catechism for Adults*, as part of the diocese's "Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life." Sessions are bi-weekly by zoom from May 10 through November 8. Offered and coordinated by Deacon Gesualdo Schneider and Paul Turnley. REGISTER: studythecreed@gmail.com



05|21 SATURDAY Ordination Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates

the ordination of two men to Holy Orders, as Deacons Brandon Schneider and Gregory Caldwell are ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ by Bishop Christopher Coyne. All are invited to join us in the Cathedral for this solemn liturgy of Ordination. Both men will offer their first blessings in the church following Mass. A reception follows in the parish hall.



07|25, 26, 27 MON, TUES, WED Quebec Pilgrimage

Join the K of C Council #297 in St. Albans for a pilgrimage to Quebec. Stops include

Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine, Our Lady of the Cape Shrine in Trois-Rivières, St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal and St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte, Vermont. The cost includes all lodging, transportation and meals. Contact Bill Greenwood at 802-527-0496 for more information.



for a
communal
Church

"Pope Francis has announced a universal Synod inviting all Catholics across the globe to discern together how to better listen and communicate with each other to bolster our communion in Christ Jesus." — Bishop Coyne

We are asking every parishioner to participate by completing the online survey: vermontcatholic.org/universalsynod



CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

APRIL 3-9, 2022

EMOTIONAL INTIMACY

What are the barriers, the unhealed wounds, or resentments in your marital relationship that create a chasm of trust with each other? Recall an experience where you felt nourished and cherished by your spouse, either when you were dating or married. Share with your spouse this experience and what contributed to the closeness you felt.

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