



**Mass Schedule & Intentions
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 23rd ~ 29th, 2020**

1/23 SATURDAY VIGIL:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm Intentions of Marie Rauseo

1/24 SUNDAY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am The People of the Parish
10:30am John Bywater

1/25 MONDAY

7:30am Adoration
8:30am Intentions of Pat Mirarchi

1/26 TUESDAY

11:00am Adoration
12noon Doris Shaffer

1/27 WEDNESDAY

7:30am Adoration
8:30am Colleen Donahue

1/28 THURSDAY

4:30pm Adoration
5:30pm Natalina Toffolo

1/29 FRIDAY

7:30am Adoration
8:30am Mary Jane Putzier

**MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
MASS SCHEDULE**

NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

Dear Parishioners,

It is also on a note of gratitude that I reach out to us in this week's column. Fr. Jon and I, will continue to be grateful, for the beautiful souls that God has blessed our both parishes with. Just know that we appreciate all you do, even when we do not directly appreciate your sacrifices. Last week, we started the prayer of Christian unity, which ends with the feast of St. Paul on the 25th of January. In the same way, last week a new administration was inaugurated to take over the leadership of this great nation. It is happening at a time when our nation has recorded the greatest losses of lives because of the pandemic; this new government is coming when our nation is greatly divided on political lines. This new administration has promised to restore things to order. But if we may ask, how will they be able to do so?

Thomas Merton in "Conjecture Of A Guilty Bystander" said, "Our humanity is sinking under the waves of hatred and desperation, and we are carried away by a storm that would have been so terrible if we were not capable of feelings of guilt about it!" If these men and women who are taking over the mantle of leadership do not have the sense of guilt that evil should not be condoned; do not put your hope in human beings. We must have the sense of guilt in order to seek repentance. Merton went on to say that "We often forget that Christian faith is a principle of questioning and struggle before it becomes a principle of certitude and of peace. One has to doubt and reject everything else in order to believe firmly in Christ, and after one has begun to believe, one's faith itself must be tested and purified."

There is no doubt that our faith is being tested under the political divides, economic and social crisis, physical and spiritual struggles. In the midst of all these, the Lord reaches out to us to seek repentance of mind, heart and body. In this time of great divide, now is the time of repentance towards love. Hatred has been the worst choice we made against each other in the last four political years. The politicians will not unite us as long as what moves them is more from political reasons than from the principles of love and justice. We must therefore, beloved parishioners and people of good faith, define who we are in the light of Christ, Who is the only Way to unity, the only Truth in unity, and the only Life in unity. God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation students will meet this Sunday, January 24th from 5-6:30 PM at the Parish Hall.

Our next Family Faith Formation is coming up, The Gospel of Life (Deacon Phil). Please note the date change to Sunday, January 31 from 4-5 PM.

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER
CHALLENGES TO GROW
YOUR MARRIAGE**

**TIME TO THINK BACK TO YOUR
WEDDING DAY!**

Share with each other one memory that made you laugh or cry and explain why. What advice would you give couples who are preparing for marriage this year? Share your advice with Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org.

If you wish to continue to keep up with your weekly offertory, you can mail it to Blessed Sacrament Church, P.O. Box 27, Stowe, VT 05672.

Also, you can make a one time donation or monthly offertory on E-Giving, just contact Phyllis via email (blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org) to sign up or call the parish office (messages are checked frequently). On our website (bscvt.com) you can also donate through Paypal. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**The Sanctuary Lamp at
Blessed Sacrament Church will
burn this week**

In Honor of the Langbo Family

**Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Coyne
Sunday, February 7th
Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington
10:00am**

Join Bishop Coyne for a special Mass to honor and celebrate sacramental marriages with significant anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20 ..55, 57) in 2021. Given the health restrictions this year, there will be a limit of 20 couples to be recognized in person at this Mass. Couples can bring up to 6 family members with them (a total of 8). Registrations will be accepted through January 28th.

Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-day-mass-with-bishop-coyne-2/

Mass intentions available throughout 2021. If anyone would like a Mass intention for deceased, living, anniversaries or some who is ill. Please contact Phyllis via email at blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org or contact the office at 253-7536. They all come with beautiful cards and we will mail them out for you or leave them at the parish center mailbox. There are many dates available.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

January 23-29, 2021
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Social justice best served by 'choosing to build strong and loving relationships'

This article originally ran in the Winter 2020 Issue of Vermont Catholic.

"Social justice" is often considered to be physical acts of mercy, such as providing food and housing, promoting racial equality and making employment opportunity available. And indeed serving the most vulnerable among us is vital to living out our faith.

But Catholic social justice and teaching encompass much more.

Our Church has a rich treasure of wisdom and writings regarding social justice. There are three major principles of social justice that particularly relate to therapy and counseling work:

1. **Life and dignity of the person**, often stated to be the foundation of all the principles of social teaching.
2. **The call to family**, community and participation, seeking together the common good and wellbeing of all.
3. **Solidarity**, pursuit of justice and peace, recognizing others as our brothers and sisters, building relationships.

I suggest that social justice is best served by choosing to build strong and loving relationships, first within our families and then spreading out locally and globally. We are made to be in union with God and one another; our very beings yearn for connection, to be known and loved and respected. Choosing to love ourselves and others, giving and forgiving, and forging deep, abiding relationships is the basis for a just society.

Recognizing the dignity of every person is integral to shaping how we perceive ourselves and those around us. We are all equal in our worth and value, regardless of ability, race, ethnicity, faith, age, struggles and viewpoints.

And then we choose to take care of relationships within our families, friendships and communities. We choose to see our own needs and desires and at the same time take care of the needs of others as best we can, especially considering the emotional and relational yearnings of ourselves, our spouses,

children, friends and neighbors (next door and across the sea). We choose to make sacrifices in order to respect and connect with the other. We offer calming and peaceful words in order to understand and be understood. We recognize that authentic dialogue is more important than winning the fight. We look on the other with compassion. We make time for meaningful and safe conversation. We avoid name-calling, over-generalizations, negative filters and all-or-nothing thinking.

We all deserve fairness, reliability, loyalty and respect, and we owe these to others as well. When we make dialogue and connection a priority, the physical acts of justice and serving the poor become a natural outpouring toward those around us, whether that be our family, friends or neighbors. The joy and satisfaction that we find in building relationships and becoming community will fuel ever-increasing acts of justice.

— Sharon Trani, Therapist for
Vermont Catholic Charities Inc.



Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

To learn more or make a gift visit: christourhopevt.org.

40% As of Jan. 12: \$4,041,430 Goal: \$9,582,456

Upcoming Events



01|26, 27 TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
Learn About Walking with Purpose at The Art of Creating Community: A Virtual Event
via Zoom • 7 pm or 11 am

Do you have a heart for other women and a desire to bring them together in the parish... to meet women where they are and help draw them closer to Christ? This online Zoom information session will introduce you to Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study program now offered at over 400 parishes throughout the US. For more information please contact Elizabeth.Durastanti@walkingwithpurpose.com. 917-714-8015

Register: walkingwithpurpose.com/events/



01|27 WEDNESDAY
Family & Faith in the Home
via Zoom • 8 - 9:30 pm

Parents are invited to attend this interactive webinar sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester with guest speakers Mike and Alicia Hernon of the Messy Family Project. The topic is "Evangelizing Your Children."

Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/



01|31 SUNDAY
Envision Life
via Zoom • 6 - 8 pm

Join us for a virtual pro-life event live-streamed from Saint John Vianney Church in S. Burlington. The evening will begin with prayer and adoration and will be followed by two presentations, by Molly Sheahan, Associate Director for Respect Life Advocacy at Maryland Catholic Conference and Krista Corbello, Founder of Even This Way.

Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/envision-life/



02|07 SUNDAY
Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Coyne

Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington • 10 am

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vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge



Thank you to all those who have made a gift already. We are more than 20% behind our goal and ask those that can to please consider making a gift. You can make a gift online: vermontcatholic.org/donate

100%

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: \$2,651,157

81%

As of January 12, 2021: \$2,157,355