



**Mass Schedule & Intentions**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 September 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**9/18 SATURDAY VIGIL:**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:30pm Intentions of Robert Potter

**9/19 SUNDAY**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00am The People of the Parish  
 10:30am Persecuted Christians

**9/20 MONDAY**  
 7:30am Adoration  
 8:30am Bill and Trudie Marr

**9/21 TUESDAY**  
 11:00am Adoration  
 12:00pm Daniel Dunlap

**9/15 WEDNESDAY ~ NO MASS @BSC**

**9/16 THURSDAY**  
 4:30pm Adoration  
 5:30pm Michael George Mahan

**9/17 FRIDAY**  
 7:30am Adoration  
 8:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory

**MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS**  
**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday** – No Mass  
**Tuesday** – 12:00pm Noon Mass (No adoration)  
**Wednesday** – No Mass  
**Thursday** – 12:00pm Noon Mass (No adoration)  
**Friday** – 12:00pm Noon Mass (No adoration)

**Saturday** – 4:00pm  
**Sunday** – 8:00am & 10:30am



*Dear parishioners,*

Continuing on our topic of prayer and discernment, we consider this week how to begin our time of prayer. This foundational step is crucial for entering into true prayer, one that involves the whole of our being. Much like learning a new sport or how to play a musical instrument, learning this fundamental step and practicing it daily give us the spiritual muscle memory to become good pray-ers.

St. Ignatius instructs us to begin prayer always in the relationship of love with God. Consider the story of the rich young man from; Mark's Gospel:

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.'" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." *Jesus, looking at him, loved him* and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked at the young man and loved him – his love was known by his look, it was revealed in his eyes. We are meant to begin our time of prayer considering the love with which God looks upon us. This first step is to know that God is there, and He is beholding us with love and attentiveness. In Isaiah 43 we read, "You are precious in God's eyes." But do we believe that?

So often when we go to prayer, we project onto God how we are feeling at the time. God did not have a bad day at work; God is not feeling far from us; God is not upset at a comment that someone made. We need to shed this before entering into prayer. St. Ignatius recommends trying for about a minute or so to sit in quiet and to consider the love with which God looks upon us, a love based on who we are, not what we've done or haven't done, and then from there, we move in prayer towards gratitude...which we'll discuss next week.

*With Mary,  
 In Christ,  
 Fr. Jon*



**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**13TH**

Adult Social and Cocktail Hour  
 at the Town and Country  
 Details to follow.

**Religious Education**

Our first Confirmation class will be this Sunday, September 19th, from 5-6:30PM at the parish hall.

The first Family Faith Formation talk will be Sunday, September 26th from 4:30-6 PM. These talks are for the entire family and include all grades, including Confirmation students. During the talk, we will explore: *What does it mean to be Catholic? What does it mean to be a Catholic Family? Reflect upon the Holy Family & set goals.*



We started off the year with a bang during our BBQ this past Sunday! THANK YOU to our FFF teachers, the coordinator and Fr. Paul for a great time!



**NEW PARISH DIRECTORY**

We are building a new Parish Directory, to be available by the end of November. We are self-publishing and will be available to take photos of our members at the Church before and after each Mass for the next two weekends.

*We also welcome families to send their own photos directly to the parish at [blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:blessedsacrament@vermontcatholic.org). \*\*If emailing, please include names, address, phone number(s), and email(s) for the directory.*

We need volunteers to take photos with good cell phones or cameras, and record the pertinent data for each family. Contact Mary Altadonna to volunteer: [mary.skelton@gmail.com](mailto:mary.skelton@gmail.com). \*Those who have not registered with the Parish should do so by the end of September to be included.

Please join us for the **Eileen George's Prayer Group**, every third Sunday of the month at 2:00PM. Upstairs in the Crosby Center at Most Holy Name of Jesus in Morrisville. This month's teaching is Eileen's CD on "WISDOM" – not to be missed!

Blessed Sacrament is **41% to our Bishop's Appeal goal.**

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**WEEKLY RAFFLE CHANCES!**

50/50 raffle tickets will be available after each mass starting this weekend, as a fundraiser for new heating/air conditioning units for the church. The drawing will be during the social on November 13th.

**50-50**



Altar Servers

There will be an altar server training for 3rd graders and up on September 30th at 6pm in the church.

**A Life Symposium**  
**October 2, 2021**

Growing the Pro-Life Revolution through the Pro-Life Generation.

Join youth activist Savannah Dudzik at the symposium, focused on understanding the issues impacting human life at the crossroads of law, medicine, and your community. Other conference speakers will provide addresses on issues related to Proposal 5, a dangerous amendment aimed at enshrining the right to abortion in Vermont's Constitution, and expected to be put before voters in November 2022. 9am-3pm.

*Doubletree by Hilton, Burlington. Tickets \$50; youth scholarships available. Space is limited. Register at [vrlc.net](http://vrlc.net).*

*This week the*  
**Sanctuary**  
*Candle*  
*burns in memory of ...*  
*Michael George Mahan*



# NEWS FROM The Inland See

September 18-24, 2021  
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

The Diocese of Burlington will dedicate 2022 as “The Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life” to coincide with the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the next synod of bishops.

That theme is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.”

The pope will formally open the synod process at the Vatican Oct. 9-10 this year; the bishop of every Diocese will open the process in his Diocese Oct. 17.

The three-year synodal journey will have three phases — diocesan, continental and universal — of consultations and discernment, culminating with the assembly in October 2023 in Rome.

The diocesan phase will go through April 2022, featuring a consultation with local Catholics discussing a preparatory document and questionnaire that the synod office will send with guidelines for how the consultation should work.

The theme for 2022 in the Diocese of Burlington, “The Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life” was chosen not only as part of the preparation for the synod of bishops but as an effort to bring people back to parishes, back to communion, said Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne.

Diocesan pastoral and senior clergy staffs are preparing for the special year, which he wants to incorporate a focus on unity in creed, worship and life.

He said another round of questions for Vermont Catholics is needed even though they answered questions for the recent Diocesan Synod because the questions will be different for the synod of bishops, which will be more specific about the process of the synod rather than the content.

In revisions to the synod process announced in May, Pope Francis asked that it begin with consultations with laypeople. “Without this consultation, there would be no synodal process, because the discernment of pastors, which constitutes the second phase, emerges from listening to the people of God,”

Cardinal Mario Grech, secretary of the synod, explained.

“The Second Vatican Council teaches that the people of God participate in the prophetic office of Christ,” he said. “Therefore, we must listen to the people of God, and this means going out to the local churches.”

“The governing principle of this consultation of the people of God is contained in the ancient principle ‘that which touches upon all must be approved by all’ — ‘Quod omnes tangit ab omnibus approbari debet,’” the cardinal said. “This is not about democracy or populism or anything like that. Rather, it is the Church that as the people of God, a people who by virtue of baptism, is an active subject in the life and mission of the Church.”

Bishop Coyne said this is an effort under the power of the Holy Spirit for members of the Church to consult and discuss the best way to move forward focusing on unity in creed, worship and life, “moving toward salvation and our love for God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

Listening to every Catholic is “the true ‘pastoral conversion’ of the Church,” Cardinal Grech said. “God willing, one of the fruits of the synod is that we might all understand that

a decision-making process in the Church always begins with listening, because only in this way can we understand how and where the Spirit wants to lead the Church.”

Bishop Coyne began a series of “town meetings” a few years ago that had to be curtailed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. But he hopes to resume them so he can visit different parishes and listen to parishioners’ concerns.

Details for “The Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life” must be worked out, but the bishop said its main focus will be on “our unity in love for God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, unity and love for each other as brothers and sisters and for all of our brothers and sisters in the world and unity around the faith of the Church, the worship of the Church and the life of the Church.”

— *Cori Fugere Urban and Catholic News Services*

## 2022 The Year of COMMUNION

### Unity in Creed, Worship and Life



## Upcoming Events



09|25 SATURDAY  
**Vermont Catholic Daughters of America Retreat**  
*Our Lady of Angels, Randolph*  
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Deacon Gesualdo Schneider will lead us in a retreat as we spend a day with “Jesus’ Family.” This event is free, will include lunch, and is open to all women aged 18 and over. There will be an opportunity for a goodwill donation to support the K of C’s purchase of an ultrasound machine for a mobile clinic in the Burlington area. Registration is required. Registration is open to all women 18 years of age and older. Please email: Deb, dgbrown264@gmail.com by Sept. 17.



10|02 SATURDAY  
**A Life Symposium**  
*Doubletree, Burlington • 8 am - 3 pm*

This day-long conference focuses on issues related to Proposal 5, a dangerous amendment aimed at enshrining the right to abortion in Vermont’s Constitution. FOR MORE INFO: vrlc.net.



10|03 SUNDAY  
**Fall Fiesta**  
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 1 - 6:00 pm*  
Seven members of Viva el Sabor will provide a variety of authentic Mexican and Guatemalan dishes including tacos, chicken and vegetarian tamales, Yucatán slow-cooked pork, empanadas, Guatemalan tamales with asparagus, spinach and cheese, rice pudding and various



10|09 SATURDAY  
**Ordination Mass**  
*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am*

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to the diaconate. Mr. Michael Knowles will be ordained to the permanent diaconate and Mr. Brandon Schneider will be ordained to the transitional diaconate. This event is open for all who wish to attend. For those unable to be with us physically for the liturgy, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.



10|10 SUNDAY  
**Evening Honoring the Life and Teachings of St. John Henry Newman**  
*Holy Family Church Hall, Essex Junction • 4 - 8 pm*  
Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch cordially invite you to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. RSVP by October 3 to: VermontNewman@gmail.com



SEPTEMBER 19 – 25, 2021

### CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

How does your spouse help you when you are frustrated, angry, or brave? Take time this week to talk about these feelings and be grateful for how your spouse helps you through these feelings. Repay him/her with a back rub, pedicure, or a special meal together.

[vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge](http://vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge)

**Sunday, September 19, at 1 pm**

**St. Monica Church Parish Hall, 79 Summer Street, Barre VT 05641**

Guest speaker: Sharon Fraser Toborg Policy Analyst, Vermont Right to Life

For More Info: call (802) 224-6309 or email [thomaskelly.tom@gmail.com](mailto:thomaskelly.tom@gmail.com)



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