



# Mass Schedule & Intentions

December 9th –  
December 17th, 2023

12/9 SATURDAY  
Second Sunday of Advent  
4:30pm Mass: +Johnny Keefe

12/10 SUNDAY  
Second Sunday of Advent  
8:00am Mass: People of the parish  
& +Gerry Griffin  
10:30am Mass: +Carol Ann Smith

12/11 MONDAY  
11am Adoration  
12pm Mass: Intentions of  
Jonathan & Crystal Edmondson

12/12 TUESDAY  
7:30am Adoration  
8:30am Mass: +Daniel Collins

12/13 WEDNESDAY – NO MASS @ BSC

12/14 THURSDAY – NO MASS @ BSC

12/15 FRIDAY  
7:30am Adoration  
8:30am Mass: Society for Poor Souls

12/16 SATURDAY  
Third Sunday of Advent  
4:30pm Mass: +Peter Scheuermann

12/17 SUNDAY  
Third Sunday of Advent  
8:00am Mass: People of the parish  
& Intentions of Cathy Davis  
10:30am Mass: +Sheila Graff

## MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – No Mass  
Tuesday – 5pm Mass  
Wednesday – 11am Adoration, 12pm Mass  
Thursday – 5:30pm Mass  
Friday – 11am Adoration, 12pm Mass  
Saturday – 4pm  
Sunday – 8am, 10:30am



Dear Parishioners,

As we move into this next week of Advent, there are a few events and opportunities that I don't want you to miss out on!

This Tuesday, December 12 (*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*), the Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish is hosting 12 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, beginning at 5am and concluding with Mass at 5pm. Give yourself the gift of silence for a ½ hour or hour amidst your busy day to simply 'be with Him whom your heart loves.' Adoration is one of the first biblical devotions that begun with the Magi and the shepherds adoring the newborn king in Bethlehem. Come and take some time to enter the mystery of silence with Jesus. Sign-ups are in the Church or by calling the parish office.

Another way to prepare our souls for Christmas is a good confession. Also on Tuesday, December 12 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Fr. Paul will be available in the confessional from 2-4pm, and on Wednesday, December 20 at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, I will be in the confessional from 12:30-2pm for the "sinner's last chance" times for reconciliation. If neither of these times are convenient, please contact us to set up an appointment.

The weekend of December 16/17 is "Bambino Sunday", so please bring the 'baby Jesus' from your creche to any of the Masses and Fr. Paul or I will be happy to bless Him! Please mark your calendars to join us for our monthly Eucharistic holy hour – ALIVE – on Wednesday, December 20 at MHNJ from 6pm-7pm. "O come let us adore Him!"

Finally, a word of clarity as you plan for the weekend of Christmas. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent will be celebrated at the morning Masses on December 24 (8am and 10:30am) – and this Mass is our regular Sunday obligatory Mass. That Sunday evening the season of Christmas begins with the Vigil Mass. People have asked me, "Father, do I need to go to Mass twice on Sunday, or can I get a 2-for-1 deal?" You do need to attend both one of the 4th Sunday of Advent Masses and one of the Christmas Masses - either the Christmas Vigil on Sunday evening, the Midnight Mass at 12:00am, or the Christmas day Mass on Monday at 10:00am. BUT...there are no 2-for-1 deals when it comes to worshipping God, and so Catholics have obligation and duty to fulfill their commitment to God by attending both.

Fr. Paul and I are praying that this season of grace blesses you and renews the longing in your heart for Emmanuel...God with us.

With Mary  
In Jesus,  
Fr. Jon



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## Maple Fundraiser 2023!

There's still time to order the perfect Christmas or celebration gift—think ahead for graduations and other milestones! Proceeds to benefit the drafty window replacement project. Just \$150 per case of twelve 8 oz bottles will provide you unforgettable Christmas gifts or a sweet "Thank You" for your clients. Orders can be placed [online](#) or forms are available in the back of the church. Send your photo, logo, or text to [mary.skelton@gmail.com](mailto:mary.skelton@gmail.com) and she will create a sample to approve. Turnaround is 24-48 hours.



**SINNERS' LAST CHANCE CONFESSIONS:** Confessions will be available Tuesday, Dec 12, 2-4pm. Please consider making this part of your Advent preparation.

## 4th Sunday of Advent v. Christmas Obligations

December 24 falls on a Sunday this year. Note there are two obligations – for the 4th Sunday of Advent and for the Solemnity of Christmas. The obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent is fulfilled by a vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23 or Mass on the morning of December 24. The obligation for Christmas (a Holy Day of Obligation) is fulfilled by Mass in the late afternoon/evening of December 24 (after 4pm) or on December 25.

### BSC Masses for Christmas weekend

4th Sunday of Advent Masses—regular Mass times: Sat, Dec 23, 4pm and Sun, Dec 24, 8am & 10am

Christmas Masses: Sun, Dec 24, 5pm with Religious Ed students performing a Christmas pageant at 4:30pm; Sun, Dec 25, 12am & 10am

### MHNJ Masses for Christmas weekend

4th Sunday of Advent Masses—regular Mass times: Sat, Dec 23, 4pm and Sun, Dec 24, 8am & 10am

Christmas Masses: Sun, Dec 24, 4pm and Sun, Dec 25, 12am & 10am



**Blessing of the Bambino** Bring the Baby Jesus from your nativity scene NEXT weekend December 16th and 17th and there will be a special blessing at all Masses.

*Eileen George Prayer Group:* It's that time of year again, to experience God's love. Join us December 17, 2pm for a showing of Eileen George's DVD A Christmas Miracle. In the Crosby Center at Most Holy Name of Jesus. All are invited.

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## Religious Education



Upcoming sessions/snack families:  
~12/10—Pageant rehearsal  
~12/17—Caroling at West Branch  
– please meet there at 4pm (park in back) and bring cookies, treats to share with the residents

Next week's 2nd collection is for the Social Action Ministry.

## Young Adult Advent Potluck and Vespers

12/17 at Mary Theotokos with Fr. Curtis Miller from Barton. Evening starts with a potluck at 5pm, followed by Vespers and Adoration. 572 Lake Rd, West Burke, 05871.

## Lessons & Carols Services

~12/10, 4-5:15pm: You are invited to join St John's in the Mountains, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, and Stowe Community Church for a joyous and festive service. Free and Open to the Public

~12/17, 2pm: Our Lady of the Snows will host Lessons and Carols. This year again features singers from Thomas Aquinas College (Northfield, Massachusetts), and Ruth Tintle and her husband Leigh. An outdoor reception of warm drinks and dessert will follow.

## Sing We Now Noel—



a celebration of Christmas and seasonal music with Dr. Tortolano. Sunday, December 17, 2pm at Chapel of St. Michael at St. Michael's College, Colchester. Free will offering.

## UPCOMING Events

- \* **Sinners' Last Chance Confessions:** Tues, Dec 12, 2-4pm
- \* **SoulCore:** Fri, Dec 15, 9:15am
- \* **Blessing of the Bambino:** all Masses, 12/16 & 12/17
- \* **Caroling at West Branch:** Sun, Dec 17, 4-5:30pm
- \* **NO SOULCORE:** Fri, Dec 22
- \* **Christmas Masses (see note):** Sun, Dec 24, 5pm w/ Christmas pageant starting at 4:30pm; Mon, Dec 25: 12am and 10am
- \* **Office closed:** Mon, Dec 25—Fri, Dec 29
- \* **NO SOULCORE:** Fri, Dec 29

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# NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 9–15, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## Vermont Catholic Community Foundation holds annual meeting

The eighth annual meeting of the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation (VCCF) took place at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall in Shelburne Oct. 19; nearly 100 people attended from parishes around the state to learn more about the foundation's impact in Vermont. VCCF was established in 2015 to support the apostolic ministries of the Catholic Church in Vermont and support parishes, schools, cemeteries, and charities that help those in need.

The foundation investments adhere to the Catholic social teachings and investment guidelines set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and provide a safe, affordable option for Catholic investments. Funds in the foundation are restricted and support 22 cemeteries, five Vermont Catholic Charities programs, 11 diocesan ministries, 29 parishes, 36 Catholic school financial aid and operation funds, and four VCCF charity grants.

Msgr. John McDermott, administrator of the Diocese of Burlington, opened the meeting with a prayer. He acknowledged Hartford Co-adjutor Archbishop Christopher Coyne, 10th bishop of Burlington, for establishing the foundation eight years ago and thanked Ellen Kane, executive director of VCCF, for her efforts to grow the foundation.

"When I started shortly after the foundation was established," Kane said, "I realized that no funds had been established yet in the foundation, and that is when I adopted the motto 'with God all things are possible.'"

As of the end of the fiscal year — June 30, 2023 — there were 107 funds and almost \$23 million invested.

David Mount, a long-time board member, reported on the investment management of funds in the foundation, celebrating positive returns even in unpredictable markets. "We have had increases of 11.3 percent. This is an amazing amount when we consider the fluctuating market. In the spring of 2023, VCCF distributed earnings to the beneficiaries of the foundation. The distribution was \$1,227,328. This was a record distribution for us, exceeding all previous years."

According to Kane, one of the primary goals of the foundation was to provide a pathway for individuals to leave a legacy



of faith for the next generation. She celebrated the tripling of the Christ Our Hope Legacy Society with the partnership of FreeWill, a confidential and easy software available to the Catholic community to create a legal will.

Another priority of the foundation is to give back to the community. "I am happy to report that this year we were able to make grants to 12 parish outreach programs that serve the needy in their community ranging from food pantries to migrant worker outreach to meals for shut ins," Kane said. "We were also able to grow emergency-aid funds that help thousands of households in financial crisis each year through Vermont Catholic Charities."

Beneficiaries and grant recipients from several ministries shared the impact of the support, including Andrew Nagy, principal of Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington. "We have nearly \$2 million endowment funds invested in the foundation, many being financial aid funds," he said. "Nearly 40 percent of our students receive financial aid, and I am grateful to the foundation and the individuals who established these funds to help make Catholic education accessible."

Jennifer Patenaude, coordinator of the Mater Dei Parish Food Shelf in Newport said, "With the recent discontinuation of the Covid-19 aid, we have seen a rise in requests for food. We are so grateful to the foundation which has helped us meet this need."

Patty Lewis, chair of the Catholic Migrant Ministry of Addison County, said the county has Vermont's largest population of migrant workers. The VCCF grant helped provide monthly Masses in Spanish and meal gatherings for migrant workers and their families.

"We help those in need because we are Catholic not because they are Catholic," said Mary Beth Pinard, executive director of Vermont Catholic Charities.

Kane concluded the event thanking the community for their trust and generosity to the foundation and the ministries it supports.

For more information about the foundation, go to [vccatholicfoundation.org](http://vccatholicfoundation.org).

— *Vermont Catholic*

## Upcoming Events



12|12 TUESDAY  
**Spanish Mass**  
*Assumption, Middlebury • 7 pm*  
Join us for a Mass celebrated in Spanish by Edmundite Father Marcel Rainville. All are welcome.



12|13, 20 WEDNESDAYS  
**FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession**  
*via Zoom • 6:30-8 pm*

This program from Augustine Institute explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. Led by Fr. William Beaudin, pastor of Christ Our Savior, Manchester Center. Register at: [forgivencosp@gmail.com](mailto:forgivencosp@gmail.com).



12|13, 14 WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
**Advent Retreat**

*Our Lady of Angels, Randolph • 5 - 8 pm*  
Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE will present her two part retreat *The Eucharist: The Bread of Life and The Eucharist: Bread for Others*. Wednesday evening will be a potluck and Thursday will be a catered dinner of bread and soup. If you plan to attend the Thursday dinner, please RSVP by December 4 to [estuart@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:estuart@vermontcatholic.org). Dinner is free — donations will be accepted to help offset the costs.



12|16 SATURDAY  
**Women's Walking Group**

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 9 - 9:45 am*  
SJV Women's Ministry welcomes interested women to meet and walk together for roughly 45 minutes, usually leaving from the parking lot. In the event of inclement weather, check our website for a cancellation notice; [stjohn-vianneyvt.org/walking-with-wm](http://stjohn-vianneyvt.org/walking-with-wm). Have questions? Contact Connie at [sjvgoodnews@gmail.com](mailto:sjvgoodnews@gmail.com).



12|16 SATURDAY  
**Men's "Cor" Formation**

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 - 11:30 am*  
Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! Through fraternity, prayer, and the study of God's word in Scripture and holy examples, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. COR Formation will be held on the third Saturday of the month. Coffee and refreshments provided by the K of C.



12|16 SATURDAY  
**Eucharistic Presentation**

*All Saints, Richford • 2:30 pm*  
Father Michael Carter, SSE, will be offering a presentation on the Holy Eucharist, including Adoration, Reconciliation and the Holy Mass. Please call the rectory to register: (802) 848-7741.



12|16 SATURDAY  
**The Chosen – Movie Night and Potluck**

*St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 - 6:45 pm*  
Come join us for a movie night and potluck dinner on the third Saturday of the month. We will watch an episode of The Chosen together and have food and fellowship!



12|17 SUNDAY  
**Knights of Columbus Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast**  
*St. Francis Xavier School gym, Winooski*  
8 - 11 am

\$10 per person or \$25 per family of 4 (each additional family member \$5).



12|17 SUNDAY  
**Lessons and Carols**

*Our Lady of the Snows, Waitsfield • 2 pm*  
Featuring singers from Thomas Aquinas College in Northfield, MA, and Ruth Tintle and her husband Leigh. Outdoor reception with refreshments will follow.



12|20 WEDNESDAY  
**Lessons & Carols**

*St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5:30 pm*  
Join us for an Advent service of Lessons and Carols. Let hymns, sacred music, and readings from Holy Scripture prepare your heart for the coming of Christ at Christmas. All are welcome!



12|21 THURSDAY  
**Knights of Columbus BINGO**

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm*  
Held on the third Thursday of each month. The jackpot is \$1,000. Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the "winner take all" game.



12|25 MONDAY  
**Free Christmas Dinner!**

*St. Anthony, Bethel • 12:30 - 2:30 pm*  
Come enjoy a free, incredible, and scrumptious dinner cooked by Cathy Day and her crew. This meal is for anyone who wants a warm dinner and conversation this Christmas Day. Come and know the dignity you have in God.



## Eucharistic TESTIMONIALS

[vermontcatholic.org/eucharistic-testimonials](http://vermontcatholic.org/eucharistic-testimonials)

"What a marvelous privilege that we can approach the throne of God every day to receive from Him His very presence. We often forget how great a gift the eucharist is; but the fact is that He is always present and always desiring to communicate something of His perfection to us. He is always desiring to make us more like Himself: to burst us from the chains of sin, to clothe us with virtues, to impart the Holy Spirit upon us to live in His divine life. We often only see a little wafer, but indeed it is love itself."

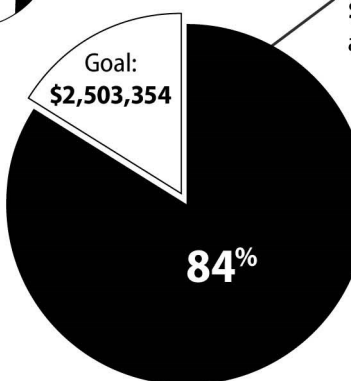
— *Cale Bombardier*

*Christ the King/St. Anthony Parish,  
Burlington, and Diocesan Seminarian*



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