Mass Schedule & Intentions



January 13th –

January 21st, 2024

1/13 SATURDAY 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30pm Mass: +Jack Driscoll

1/14 SUNDAY 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass: Intentions of Brodie & Douglas Kingsley 10:30am Mass: +Daniel Collins & People of the parish

1/15 MONDAY – 1/19 FRIDAY

NO MASS

THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED

1/20 SATURDAY 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm Mass: +Carol Ann Smith & +Shirley Fitzgerald

1/21 SUNDAY

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass: +Mary Lambert Cremins & People of the parish 10:30am Mass: +Peter Scheuermann

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—No Mass
Tuesday—4pm Adoration, 5pm Mass
Wednesday—11am Adoration, 12pm Mass
Thursday—8am Adoration, 9am Mass
Friday—8am Adoration, 9am Mass
Saturday—4pm
Sunday—8am, 10:30am



Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your Christmas wishes and gifts. It warmed my heart to be blessed with such a wonderful parish community. Fr Jon and I feel the same way about this. Christmas holds a special place in my heart as it marks the celebration of the birth of Christ. However, January is equally significant for me and my family.

On the 14th of January, we observe Thanksgiving Day, a momentous occasion in our culture. Although, I will be flying late to India on January 15th, during this trip, I am thrilled to reunite with my brother, after 4 years, who lives in Malta, participate in the village festival of Saint Paul, and join my family in celebrating Thanksgiving. Additionally, I eagerly anticipate my niece's baptism, a joyous occasion for our family.

The following days are packed with festivities, including the initiation of the novena for Saint Paul on the 16th, leading up to the grand celebration of the conversion of Saint Paul on the 25th of January. A vibrant fair and jubilant celebrations await, making my return home for the festival after four years truly remarkable.

I'll be flying back after a three-week family visit, returning on the 2nd of February. On my return, I'll be making a stop in Dubai for three days, offering me the chance to spend time with my cousin and explore the city.

I am immensely grateful for your prayers, as they played a crucial role in the successful processing of my travel documents. As I embark on this journey, I kindly ask for your continued prayers, that I may encounter no difficulties at the borders and immigration.

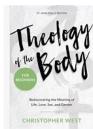
Please know that during this time of celebration and reflection, my thoughts and prayers will be with you. I look forward to updating you on the delightful moments of my visit.

As I immerse myself in the joyous festivities with my family, I carry your prayers and love in my heart. I look forward to reuniting with you all upon my return.

In God's grace, Fr Paul



Mrs. Carrie Wilson, *Head of School* (802) 888-4758 www.bjams.org



Christmas Book Giveaway and Book Study

Ever asked the questions, "God, why did you make me this way? What does it mean to be human?" Come and See!

Tuesday Evenings, 6:15pm – 7:30pm

MHNJ, January 16: Intro & Chapter 1 BSC, January 23: Chapters 2-3 MHNJ, January 30: Chapters 4-5 BSC, February 6: Chapters 6-7 MHNJ, February 13: Ch. 8 & Conclusion

BSC, February 20: Wrap-up, Discussion

MHNJ – Crosby Center; BSC – Parish Hall. Locations alternate each week to include members of both parish communities.

Zoom available: shorturl.at/rFJZ4



SAVE THE DATES!

TOTUS TUUS: July 7-12 STEUBENVILLE EAST: July 26-28

Lamoille County Food Share has seen an increase in people asking for help. Please donate to the basket in the back of the church. Please be mindful of the expiration dates as donating something that has expired helps no one. You may also send a check to LCFS, P.O. Box 173, Morrisville, VT, 05661 or visit their website to donate online.



American Thursday, Jan 18, 12-4:30pm. Register here. The Red Cross is currently grappling with

The Red Cross is currently grappling with an emergency shortage of blood, marking

the lowest number of blood donors in the past two decades. This shortage has far-reaching consequences, with doctors potentially having to make tough ethical decisions due to the rationing of blood products caused by the limited supply. The upcoming blood drive on is of utmost importance in replenishing the shelves of hospitals. It's crucial to note that blood has a shelf life of only 42 days, and without continuous collection, the supply steadily decreases.

Important points to note:

- Over the last 20 years, the number of people donating blood to the Red Cross has fallen by more than 40%.
- When fewer people donate blood, even small disruptions to blood donations such as the nearly 7,000-unit shortfall in blood donations the Red Cross experienced between Christmas and New Year's Day alone can have a huge impact on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of emergency blood transfusion
- Additional challenges lie ahead as winter weather and seasonal illnesses like the flu and COVID-19 may compound the dire blood supply situation the nation currently faces.
- This shortage comes during National Blood Donor Month, celebrated each year since 1970 to honor those who give the gift of life and encourage more blood donations during a historically difficult time to meet the blood needs of patients.

Your support can be instrumental in spreading awareness about the event, especially by personally encouraging your friends, family, and colleagues to make appointments and donate blood. Please share the link with your members and community partners. Thanks for your help!

Religious Education

Upcoming sessions/snack families:

~January 21st, snacks provided by: The Hand Family



Sponsor names for Confirmation students due
~February 4th, snacks provided by: The
Meszkat Family

Next week's second collection is for fuel.

Please note there are no daily Masses this week due to the construction being done in the church.

Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop

ALMIGHTY GOD, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Diocese of Burlington a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church.

Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Please note the office is only open Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-3pm, during the month of January.

Eileen George prayer group: Jan 21, 2pm. Fr. Lance Harlow will resume our book study of Eileen George's "Conversations in Heaven." All are welcome.

Plant Swap—Morrisville Centennial Library, Thursday 1/18, 11:30am. Bring cuttings of your house plants and swap with your neighbors.

upcoming Events

- * Theology of the Body Book Study: Tues, Jan 16, 6:15-7:30pm, MHNJ (& Zoom)
- * **Blood Drive:** Thurs, Jan 18, 12-4:30pm
- * Soulcore: Fri, Jan 19 9:15am
- * Eileen George prayer group: Jan 21, 2pm, MHNJ
- * Religious Education Class: Sun, Jan 21, 4pm
- * Theology of the Body Book Study: Tues, Jan 23, 6:15-7:30pm, BSC (& Zoom)
- * Soulcore: Fri, Jan 26, 9:15am

Blessed Sacrament Venmo



The Inland See



Executive director of Vermont Right to Life to speak at next meeting of Vermont Catholic Professionals

ightharpoonup he executive director of Vermont Right to Life will be the speaker at the next meeting of Vermont Catholic Professionals.

Mary Hahn Beerworth will discuss the issues surrounding passage of Article 22, the recently passed, pro-abortion amendment to the Vermont Constitution. She will address the forward movement of the pro-life cause in Vermont and the signs she is witnessing that pro-life Vermonters remain involved and energized. "I will also share some excellent news about the unity among pro-lifers and the most recent statistics on abortion," she said.

The next Vermont Catholic Professionals meeting will take place on Jan. 17 with the group gathering at 8:30 a.m. at the diocesan headquarters at 55 Joy Drive in South Burlington; the speaker will begin her presentation at 9 a.m.

The purpose of Vermont Catholic Professionals is to join Catholic men and women and others with shared values from



the business and professional communities to encourage intellectual discussions, to foster professional and faith-based relationships, and to inspire service and charity to the community in Vermont. The group hosts quarterly events that offer networking and professional development.

"I hope to inspire Vermont Catholic professionals to employ 'holy boldness' when it comes to issues of life — the truth and science are on our side," Beerworth said.

The Vermont Right to Life Committee will remain focused on educational outreach and continue to advocate for life in the Vermont Legislature, she noted. In her talk, Beerworth

also plans to touch on recently introduced and recently enacted legislation concerning life.

There will be no Zoom option for this meeting, but a recording of it will be available after at vermontcatholic.org/vcp. For more information, go to vermontcatholic.org/vcp.

VTC · Cori Fugere Urban

Vermont Catholic Professionals

Networking Breakfast

Wednesday, January 17, 8:30 AM

Diocese of Burlington Offices, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/vcp



Upcoming Events



01|18, 02|15 THURSDAYS

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.



01|20, 02|17 SATURDAYS

Men's "Cor" Formation

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 - 11:30 am Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a

deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation. "Cor" is Latin for Heart. 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. Coffee and refreshments provided by the K of C. All men from all parishes are welcome.



K of C St. Stephen's Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast

St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski • 8 - 11 am Serving in the school gym. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family of 4 (each additional family member \$5).



First Saturday Devotions

All Saints, Richford • 7:30 am Confessions 7:30 - 7:50, Mass at 8 am

followed by the devotional prayers. All are welcome!



02l03 SATURDAY

St. Ambrose/St. Peter **Youth Ministry Bingo** St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 pm

Doors open at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6 pm. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Ambrose & St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs.



French Canadian Meat Pie Dinner

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Richmond • 5 pm Join us for supper in person in the Holy

Rosary Church Hall or as a take out dinner. Featuriung: tourtiere (meat) pie (1/4 pie), pea soup (8 ounces), mashed potatoes, green beans, and various desserts. \$15 per dinner. Reservations can be made online at: tinyurl.com/Knights-MeatPieDinner2024.



Diocesan Marriage Day Mass Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

Married Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024, who wish to be recognized at the Diocesan Anniversary Mass, can register by contacting Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110 ext. 1131. Recognition is given to couples celebrating marriages of 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, or more years. The deadline to register is Friday, January 26, 2024. Parishes who wish to recognize significant anniversaries locally can request certificates signed by Monsignor John McDermott and mailed to the parish.



02|09, 03|08, 04|12 FRIDAYS **Essex Community Dinners**

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm Essex Community Dinners are provided in

order to grow and promote our community! They are intended to feed the hungry, lonely and needy amongst us. These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available.



02|10 SATURDAY

Theology of the Body Symposium St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne • 12 - 3:30 pm Luncheon & Keynote Session presentation:

Theology of the Body: Life, Love, and You! Speaker: Fr. Jon Schnobrich, Two Concurrent Afternoon Sessions: The Truth Within: Appreciating the Gift of Your Fertility with Dr. Jessica Whelan and Nurturing the Feminine Genius in Modern Feminist Culture with Valerie Parzyck. Please register by Feb. 5 through the church office: (802) 985-2373.



02|11, 03|10, 04|14 SUNDAYS **Knights of Columbus**

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am

Breakfast Buffet





Monthly COSP KofC **Fund Raising Breakfast**

Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm Proceeds support parish and community outreach programs.

Goal:

\$2,503,354



02|15, 03|14 THURSDAYS

Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P., Campus Minister at

Dartmouth will be offering the monthly Spanish Mass.



02|17, 03|16, 04|20 SATURDAYS

St. Peter's Cemetery Committee

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 pm Doors open at 5 PM, Bingo starts at 6 PM. This is a family

friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



02|18 SUNDAY

Rite of Election and **Call to Continuing Conversion**

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Monsignor McDermott on the First Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. During the Rite of Election, the Church "elects" those seeking full initiation into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. The Church also recognizes those already-baptized Christians seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church and pledges the support of prayer as they journey toward Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Friends and family of those participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and all the faithful from around the diocese are invited.



Theology of Bread Retreat

All Saints, Richford 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Join Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE for a day long retreat, moving us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. Hands-on bread baking, Adoration and Mass. Learn more at: vermontcatholic. org/event/theology-of-bread-retreat/



Vermont Catholic Men's Conference Our Lady of Angels, Randolph

9 am - 2:15 pm

Keynote speaker Deacon R J Dourney, Includes lunch. Registration: adults \$30, college students \$15, 18 and under are free with a paid accompanying adult. Register online at vermontcatholic.org/men.



Progress: 88% to goal Raised: \$2,098,383 as of Jan. 3

or scan the QR code to the right.

Donate By Mail Bishop's Annual Appeal

Give Online

Diocese of Burlington 55 Joy Drive South Burlington, VT 05403

Stock Gifts/Planned vermontcatholic.org/giveonline Gifts 802-658-6110 ext.1226

ekane@vermontcatholic.org

