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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I greet you via this letter asking that it be read at all the Masses this weekend. Next weekend, you and I will celebrate the 4th of July and offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the blessings of freedom that we have as citizens of this great nation: freedom of speech, press, assembly, and petition among many, but most especially for us Catholics, the freedom of religion which guarantees our right to proclaim and practice our faith in our families and communities.

Celebrating this particular national freedom, as well as the personal freedom of belief given to each human being by God, I announce the return of the "Sunday obligation" beginning next week, namely that each Catholic who has reached the age of reason is once again obligated to attend Sunday Mass. It may seem rather odd for me to talk about "freedom" while re-establishing an obligation. That is certainly true if you and I see the obligation as something that is imposed on us rather than as something we take on. As Catholics, you and I are followers of Christ who are bearers of the great *mandatum* or "commandment" which he gave his disciples at the Last Supper "to do this in memory of me." From the very beginning, the early Church would gather on the first day of the week to carry out that *mandatum* to celebrate the Eucharist. This was not something a Christian could choose to not do. It was the very heart of who they were and who we are. It was an obligation they took on out of love for Christ and His Church. It was something they desired and wanted, not something onerous and burdensome.

My hope is that all of us who are Catholics see participation in the Sunday Mass as something we want to do, not something we have to do. It is a sacred obligation we choose in freedom. We should make every effort to attend Sunday Mass. However, as has been the case from the very beginning of the Church as well, there are times and circumstances when one cannot be present for Sunday Mass: injury, ill-health, mobility issues, age, and now personal safety issues that are still present due to Covid 19. Children who have not been vaccinated, people whose health is compromised so that they have to avoid any risk of contagion as well as their caregivers, may in freedom chose not to attend Sunday Mass. Most parishes which are doing so now will still live-stream Sunday Mass for those who cannot attend. I also urge them to ask for Holy Communion to be brought to them outside of Mass. Simply call your local parish and ask.

I realize, of course, that I am "preaching to the choir" in having this letter read at today's Mass. You are already here in this Church. I ask you to share this information with your family and friends who are not here while also sharing with them the joy you experience and the gratitude you feel in being able to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist, the Sacrament of the sacrifice and the Holy Communion of Christ. May God bless you and your families as you leave this place spreading the Good News wherever you go "that Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

July 10 ~ 11, 2021
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Evening:
4:00 St. Rose of Lima: **Virginia (Branch) Pratt** by John & Barbara Branch
Sanctuary Lamp: all those suffering from the apartment building collapse in Florida
6:00 St. Joseph (ILM): **there will be no Sat. evening Masses at this location until the Fall**

Sunday Morning:
8:00 St. Joseph (Gr.I): **Mark and Ben Rocheleau** by their parents, Ken & Jeanne
Sanctuary Lamp: all those who died in the apartment building collapse in Florida
10:30 St. Amadeus: **there will be no Sun. morning Masses at this location until the Fall**

Special prayers are requested at our Masses for parishioner **Victoria Reed**, undergoing surgery this Tuesday

Please pray for our sick: Ray “Papa” Allen – Michael Antonioli – Howard Atherton – Kara (Ashline) and Grastyn Babic – Shawn Beaudoin – Adele Beck – David Brownell – Peg Clark – *Damian Deblois* – Billy Duchaine – Marianne Dubuque – John Gagnon – Antoinette Howard – Jean Labombard – Norma Lafayette – Vicky Lawrence – Pat McCann – Trudy McEnany – Bernadette Milani – Ronald Morin – Maggie Patnode – Jordan Pidgeon – Teresa Poquette – Wayne Roberge – Lloyd Rollins – Lola Scandore – Dan Smith – Daniel Therrien – Ashley Tilson – Diane Tilson – Kevin Turtle –those in nursing homes, rehab centers, hospitals and the home-bound – hospital and clinic workers everywhere

St. Amadeus and St. Joseph (ILM) are temporarily closed for the season
Please attend one of our parish’s southern churches or St. Anne’s Shrine on ILM until we resume Masses in the Fall. You may **continue to give regular donations to OLL** by making checks out to our parish or putting cash in envelopes clearly marked for us. All Vermont Catholic churches and St. Patrick’s in Rouses Point will send us those donations. **The Diocese will do it’s best to get us back to our own Masses in the Fall.**



St. Anne’s Shrine Mass Schedule (ILM)
Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9 and 10:30 am
Mon–Fri 11:15 am

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
We have responded to the call of the Lord by gathering together in this holy place to worship God, to listen to the Lord, and to share in the Eucharist. When we leave, we are asked to go forth as changed persons, nourished by the Lord so that we can witness to our faith outside these four walls. In today’s Gospel, Jesus sent the disciples out to carry on His mission, empowering them with His authority. In baptism, we have been empowered by Christ to carry on His mission as well. May today’s celebration inspire us to renew our commitment to the Christian mission.

We’re back to “Normal”!!
The Sunday obligation to attend Mass in person has been reinstated.
Additionally, the Diocese of Burlington (as well as the State of VT) has declared the following:
~ **no mask mandates to attend Masses** (but you may wear if you wish to for personal reasons)
~ **no social distancing required**
~ **no limits on the number of people who may congregate**
~ **our churches can be at full capacity**
~ **gatherings in our parish halls, etc, can resume at full capacity**
~ **our music ministries may resume in full**
The only concession that will remain is that we are asked to refrain from touching those not in our immediate families during the “sign of peace”.

Diocese of Burlington Televised Masses
vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/
Sundays: **10:00 am** Daily Mass: **12:05 pm**
Online: CatholicTV.org: search any Mass, any day (by date)

Parish Fundraisers...
Pies from the Parish Pie Ladies!: Purchase at the **Farmers Market** at St. Joseph Church in Grand Isle **any Saturday from 10 am – 2 pm.** Featuring a dozen different varieties—all fresh and all delicious! **Order at: (802) 372-4092 x12**

The Clothes Closet and Flea Market: St. Amadeus Parish Ctr. (98 N. Main St. in Alburgh) **Hours: Mon. & Wed.: 10-2 and Thurs.: 12:30-4:30.** Other days will be added as the season progresses.



Parish Miscellany...
Hannaford Stores Food Distribution: St. Amadeus Parish Center Hours: **Wed.s beginning around 9 am** (sometimes they arrive earlier) **This is NOT for the NEEDY ONLY**, but items go quickly so get there early!
St. Amadeus Food Shelf: St. Amadeus Rectory; open **Tuesdays from 9:30 – 4:30** (or whenever Laura is working) Household supplies also available (laundry detergent, soap, toothbrushes/paste, shampoo, etc.) **Donations accepted at our offices.**
Adult “Depends” available **free of charge** through our offices. **Always confidential!**

Thank you!
You, our parishioners, have been very generous to the **Grand Isle Food Shelf.** Please continue to think of our less fortunate neighbors and bring what you can to St. Rose of Lima when you come to Mass or drop off your donations if driving by when the office is open. **Let’s feed our neighbors!**

Gluten-free Hosts available...
Father Bill always has some gluten-free hosts consecrated. When you approach him for Holy Communion, let him know that’s what you need.

St. Amadeus “open for business”!
Come in and pray on Tuesdays— the church is always unlocked when the office is open!
The **Parish Food Shelf** and the **Clothes Closet & Flea Market** are all active now! Keep an eye on future bulletins for the scheduling of Holy Day Masses, etc.



Diocesan News...
Annual Diocesan Family Day Mass & Picnic: St. Anne’s Shrine: Sun., July 11: Mass at 12:15 pm followed by a BBQ. Last week’s *Inland Sea*, along with all the info., asked for reservations for the BBQ, but if you didn’t get to it, don’t let that discourage you. They always plan for more. If you’re getting this bulletin early, and are planning on going, RSVP w/ Nancy at (802) 928-3362 or by emailing sas@sse.org

2021 Bishop’s Annual Appeal: we’re off and running with this year’s Bishop’s Appeal. You may have received solicitations in the mail, or seen brochures and information at the entrances to our churches. Please remember, these donations stay right here in Vermont! **It’s people you see every day who benefit from your generosity.** So please take a response envelope home with you and prayerfully consider what your family can donate from your “cream” to help others who are barely getting by. **Thank you to all who have already heeded the call!**

Parish Support - Thank you!
Sunday Collections: *
St. Rose of Lima/St. Joseph (Gr. Isle): \$ 1113
Second Collections:
St. Rose of Lima/St. Joseph (Gr. Isle): \$ 449
St. Amadeus/St. Joseph (ILM): (will be reported sporadically as donations come in)

*** These figures do not include gifts to the parish**
This Weekend’s 2nd Collection: Caring & Sharing Program (monies stay in our parish to help our own neighbors)
Next Weekend: Insurance Bucket

When making contributions to our churches please make checks out to: **Our Lady of the Lake Parish** and indicate in the memo area which church should receive your donations

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES



Domestic Violence
800-228-7395

Sexual Violence
800-489-7273

Teen Dating Abuse
866-331-9474

VT Network: <https://vtnetwork.org>

Domestic Violence Resources:
<http://dcf.vermont.gov/resources/domestic-violence>

The Deacon’s Bench...
Thoughts...
To the Holy Trinity
Glory be to the Father who, when I did not exist created me by his power in the likeness of his own image; and to the Son, who when I was lost redeemed me by his precious blood; and to the Holy Spirit, who by his grace and goodness justified me in baptism, and many times afterwards when I had fallen.
For each and all of these benefits be the glory as great as it was in the beginning, and still greater be now in the course of this present life, and ever shall be to the consummation of the world and world without end.
Amen.
As I recite this doxology, I wish to offer to the Holy Trinity all praise and I shall endeavor by grace to live this praise in action throughout this day for the rest of my life.
God bless,
Deacon Armand

NEWS FROM The Inland See

July 10–16, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Bishop Coyne ordains 1 priest, 1 transitional deacon



Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne (left) stands in the sanctuary of St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington after the ordination Mass with Deacon Gregory Caldwell (center) and Father Robert Murphy. — Cori Fugere Urban/Vermont Catholic photo

Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne ordained one man to the priesthood and one to the transitional diaconate June 19 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington.

Newly ordained Father Robert Murphy has been assigned to serve as parochial vicar of St. Monica Parish in Barre; Deacon Gregory Caldwell will serve for the summer at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Middlebury then finish his final year of theology studies at St. Meinrad Seminary in Meinrad, Indiana. He is scheduled to be ordained a priest next year.

Acknowledging the discontinued Covid-19 restrictions that necessitated a “socially distanced” ordination to the transitional diaconate of Father Murphy last year, Bishop Coyne told those gathered — mostly without masks — at the cathedral: “... [W]e have arrived at a place where things can return to ‘normal’ in that our churches can be open at full capacity and without social distancing. It is wonderful for us to be gathered in such a way here in this cathedral, and we offer thanks to God as we move from the pandemic winter to this ‘spring’ of our faith life here in Vermont.”

In his homily, Bishop Coyne called on Father Murphy and Deacon Caldwell to remain close to Christ in prayer, word and worship. “Out of this priestly closeness to Christ, we then move to be close to our people,” he said. “While the providing of the sacraments by the ordained is at the very heart of our ministry and must take primary place in our lives, we are also

called to be pastors and shepherds who know our people and are close to them.”

He continued, “A priest who is close to his people walks among them with the closeness and tenderness of a good shepherd; in shepherding them, he goes at times before them, the times remains in their midst and at other times walks behind them. Not only do people greatly appreciate such a priest; even more, they feel that there is something special about him: something they only feel in the presence of Jesus. That is why discerning our closeness to them is not simply one more thing to do. In it, we either make Jesus present in the life of humanity or let him remain on the level of ideas.”

The bishop called upon the new priest and deacon to be close to their people, visit their homes, go to town events and leave their rectories as much as possible to be with their people.

“Robert and Greg, as ordained ministers of the Church hold on to ... hope, be bearers of ... hope in your closeness to others, ‘not to be served, but to serve,’” the bishop said. “And may you be shining lights of that faith carrying that light in your words and deeds as holy servants of God.”

During the Rite of Ordination, the new deacon was vested in the stole and dalmatic; the new priest was vested in a stole and chasuble.

The bishop handed on the Book of the Gospels to Deacon Caldwell, signifying the responsibility of the deacon to proclaim the Gospel in the liturgy and to preach the faith of the Church in word and deed.

Through the Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination, the gift of the Holy Spirit for the priestly office was conferred on Father Murphy. The other priests present at the Mass also lay hands on him to signify incorporation into the priesthood.

The bishop anointed the new priest’s hands with sacred chrism, saying, “The Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, guard you and preserve you, that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God.”

After the conclusion of the nearly 2-hour Mass, Father Murphy blessed people who lined up for his blessing in front of the cathedral tabernacle.

His mother, Kathy Murphy of St. John the Baptist Church in North Bennington, commented, “I feel incredibly blessed and excited to share Father Robert with the Catholic community in Vermont. ... He is so happy, he is almost floating!”

The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Burlington is supported by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

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Upcoming Events



07/11 – 08/06

Totus Tuus

July 11 – 16 • Brattleboro and Georgia
July 18 – 23 • S. Burlington and Bristol
July 25 – 30 • Newport and Middlebury
August 1 – 6 • Bennington and Barre

The Totus Tuus Summer Catholic youth program will be hosted at twelve locations in Vermont this summer.



07/14 – 08/25 WEDNESDAYS

Summer Reflection Series

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:15 am

The Reflection Series returns! Began on July 7 and runs through August 25. Join us on July 14 when Rev. Michael Carter, SSE will present "Mohawk Maiden: The Life and Faith of Kateri Tekakwitha." The program begins with 11:15 a.m. Mass followed by a presentation. Lunch is available for purchase in the café, or you may bring your own picnic lunch to eat outside. All are welcome! Reservations are appreciated though not necessary and can be made by calling (802) 928-3362.



07/18 SUNDAY

Eileen George Prayer Group

Most Holy Name, Morrisville • 1 - 2 pm
Fr. Lance W. Harlow is offering a monthly

lecture and video presentation on the teachings of Eileen George, founder of Meet-The-Father Ministry. Includes Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. Please join us for a very inspiring presentation. Reading materials will be provided each month.



07/21 WEDNESDAY

VCP Virtual Networking Event

via Zoom • 8 am

Dr. Jules Wetchi, an ophthalmologist and president of the New American Communities in the Burlington area, will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of Vermont Catholic Professionals. Learn more or register at vermontcatholic.org/vcp



08/07 SATURDAY

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Beginning with Rosary at 8 am, Confessions, and followed by Mass at 8:30 am.



08/13, 14, 15 FRI, SAT, SUN

Retreat on The Book of Revelation

Our Lady of Ephesus House, Jamaica

Fr. Dominique Faure, chaplain of Catholic Discipleship College in the diocese of Auckland, New Zealand, will lead a retreat on the book of Revelation. Learn more at Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer, ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org, or call (802) 896-6000.



08/15 SUNDAY

Prayer Day on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 10:30 am - 2 pm

The day begins with the Shrine's Mass at 10:30 AM, followed by the Rosary, and a procession to the golden statue of Mary. Please bring your own lunch for picnic and enjoy the beach.



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 the retreat, open to all women aged 18 and over. This event is free and includes lunch. There will be an opportunity for a goodwill donation to support the Knights of Columbus's planned purchase of an ultrasound machine. Registration information will be available soon.

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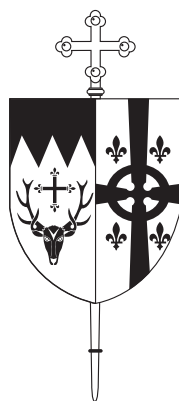
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June 30, 2021:
\$4,450,884

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2021
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June 30, 2021: \$744,342



JULY 11-17, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

TWO-BY-TWO

Invite a friend over this week to join you for a meal, dessert, or a game night. Just as Jesus sent his disciples two by two, share your friendship with others.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge