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FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON
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In Vermont, Eucharistic Revival to focus on Eucharistic celebration

The Catholic Church in the United States is observing the inaugural year of the National Eucharistic Revival, taking place thru July 2024. This multi-year effort is a response to some sobering statistics that shed light on the current state of affairs in the Church: Only 31 percent of people who self-identify as Catholic profess belief in the Eucharist as the true Body and Blood of Christ, and less than 40 percent indicate they attend Mass weekly. Beyond the situation in the Church, we look upon a hurting world in need of healing.

The revival's goal is to renew our hope in the midst of these challenges by bringing us back to the source and summit of our faith — Jesus Christ in the Eucharist — so that our light can shine once again brightly for this hurting world. "The Eucharistic Revival is a call back to the heart of the faith so that we can be vessels of Christ in our families, communities and parishes" reads the Leader's Playbook published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that provides guidance to diocesan and parish leaders on best practices to implement the revival locally.

Each Diocese implements the revival in a beautifully unique way. What will it look like in the Diocese of Burlington? Bishop Christopher Coyne would like us to focus on the Eucharistic celebration — the Mass. To that end, here's a highlight of what the Diocese will be promoting in 2023:

- The promulgation and implementation of updated sacramental and liturgical guidelines for the Diocese, specifically around the celebration of the Mass, bringing communion to the sick and guidelines and best practices for Eucharistic Adoration. As part of this effort, parishes will be encouraged to intentionally think about how they engage different aspects of the "ars celebrandi" — the art of celebrating — the Mass.
- Catechetical efforts spread throughout the year: social media, website, bulletin snippets, videos, podcasts, magazine articles. January through March will focus on Preparing to Celebrate Mass and the Gathering Rites; April through June will focus on the Liturgy of the Word; July through September will focus on catechesis around the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Communion Rite; and October through December will focus on the Concluding Rites and linking liturgy to life.
- Restarting diocesan lector and extraordinary minister of holy communion training, which took a hiatus due to Covid-19.
- Collection and publication of "Eucharistic Testimonies" from parishioners throughout the Diocese — people witnessing their faith and love for Jesus in the Eucharist and how the Eucharist is transformative in their lives. Joined to these testimonies will be writings from the saints regarding the Eucharist.

— Josh Perry is director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington.

Eucharistic Testimonies

If you would like to contribute a testimonial, please prepare a reflection (no minimum length, maximum 1-page type-written or two pages hand-written — please print legibly) using one or more of the prompts below. Please include your name, email/phone number, parish name and town. If you do not want your name included in the publication, please indicate so; otherwise, first name and last initial will be published.

Submissions can be emailed to revival@vermontcatholic.org or mailed to:

Office of Worship, RE: Eucharistic Testimony, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403.

Prompt Questions

1. Why is the Mass important in your life?
2. How did you come to love the Mass in your life?
3. Have you ever experienced a closeness to God during Mass or adoration outside of Mass? What was that experience like?
4. How does going to Mass affect the rest of your week?
5. How has Christ's presence in the Eucharist changed your life?

Upcoming Events

01|08 SUNDAY
Knights of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast
St. Francis Xavier, Winooski • 8 am - 12 pm
Held in the St. Francis School Gym, cost is $10, includes pancakes — plain & blueberry, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee & juice.

01|08 SUNDAY
Epiphany Choral Concert
St. Francis of Assisi, Windsor • 2 pm
This choral concert will be performed by area singing groups, accompanied by Gerry Grimo, Parish Director of Music. Come and explore, musically, the many traditions of Epiphany as we travel with the Wiseman on their journey. While there, enjoy some refreshments at intermission. Experience the diversity of these performers, while seated in the wonderful acoustics of the Church gathering space. Suggested donation is $10 per person to benefit the St. Francis Parish Fuel Fund.

01|11, 18, 25, 02|01, 08, 15 WEDNESDAYS
Good News Bootcamp
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:45 - 8:30 pm
Has the Holy Spirit been nudging you lately to reignite your joy and dig a little deeper into our Catholic faith? Please join us in discussing how we as Catholics can bring healing, transformation, virtue, and enthusiasm to our world. Check out our website at stjohnvianneyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp to discover what each week's topics will be. Join us for the sessions that interest you or join us for all of them! Questions? Contact Connie at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com.

01|10, 12, 02|07, 09 TUES & THURS
Walking With Families
via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm
This series of discussions will share the beauty of the Catholic Church's teachings on Theology of the Body as well as offer practical tips and suggestions from local professionals, clergy, religious and lay persons about how to talk about the gift of our sexuality, respond to gender identity issues, and more with our youth, our parents, our family, and friends.

Presenters for January 10 & 12 are Father Jon Schnobrich and Sharon Trani, MSN, MAFT, APRN/Nurse Practitioner, Marriage and Family Therapist.

Presenters for February 7 & 9 are Daniel Lacourrege, Diocesan Catechetical Leader; Sister Paul Mary Dreger, FSE, Campus Ministry; and Marie Antunes, Administrative Secretary Waterbury, Moretown, Waitsfield
FOR MORE INFO: https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/walking-with-families-3/

01|12, 19, 26, 02|02, 09, 16, 23 THURSDAYS
"Surviving Divorce" Group
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6 - 7 pm
For the newly separated and divorced, as well as for those still struggling with issues many years later, we invite you to join us for Surviving Divorce. Together we will help each other answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing from the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The twelve-week program will begin Thursday, January 12. A $25 materials fee is requested to help with the cost. Accommodations are possible if the fee is a hardship at the time of registration. **FOR MORE INFO: Dcn. Josh McDonald at jmcdonald@vermontcatholic.org.**

01|12, 19, 26 THURSDAYS
Weekly Bibly Study
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 7 pm
Every Thursday at 7 pm we will gather in the parish hall library to read and discuss the Gospel for the coming Sunday. All are welcome! Weekly schedule continues in January after a break for Christmas.

01|14 SATURDAY
St. Peter's Cemetery Committee — Bingo
St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 - 9 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. Sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.

01|18 WEDNESDAY
Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast
In-Person and via Zoom • 8:30 - 9:30 am
Dr. Jessica Whalen will address the Vermont Catholic Professionals group at the first networking breakfast of 2023. This networking breakfast event will be held at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington Brady Center, 55 Joy Drive, S. Burlington. Light breakfast foods and beverages will be available. The presentation will begin at 9 am. If you are unable to attend in person the speaker's presentation will be live-streamed via Zoom.

01|18 WEDNESDAY
Franklin Deanery Holy Hour
St. Rose of Lima, S. Hero • 6 pm
The Franklin Deanery will host a Holy Hour, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

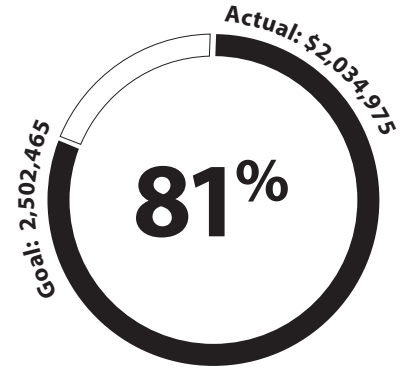
01|19 THURSDAY
Married Life – The First 10 Years
via Zoom • 7 pm
Navigating the first ten years of marriage can be a challenge — no matter how long you've known each other. Join with other couples to build healthy relationships that foster the plan God has for your marriage. Enhance your relationship, meet other couples, and grow your marital relationship. You only need to register once to join. We meet virtually, once a month. Registration link can be found at: vermontcatholic.org/event/married-life-the-first-5-years

01|28 SATURDAY
Rosary, Mass, Rally for Life
St. Augustine, Monpelier • 9 am
Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate the Mass for Life at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier. Before Mass a Rosary for Life will be led by Deacons of the Diocese, at 9 am. The Rally for Life at the Vermont Statehouse will follow the Mass for Life (time TDB.)

02|05 SUNDAY
World Marriage Day Mass
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am
Married Catholic couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, or more) during 2023, and who wish to be recognized are invited to attend the Diocese of Burlington Anniversary Mass. Pre-Registration is required by contacting Nicole Hamilton, nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 6110, ext. 1131. Please provide the information of the Catholic parish married, parish presently attending, and the anniversary being celebrated. Parishes who wish to recognize significant anniversaries locally, can request certificates signed by Bishop Coyne, and mailed to the parish by contacting Nicole Hamilton (see above.) Please include the couple's names, anniversary year (5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, or more), Catholic parish married, and priest/deacon. Requests accepted through January 27, 2023.

02|15 WEDNESDAY
Franklin Deanery Holy Hour
St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 6 pm
The Franklin Deanery will host a Holy Hour, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2022 UNITY IN FAITH

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