



**November 24, 2019**  
**34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 (Year C)



## Eucharistic Celebrations

**November 16 – November 24, 2019**

11/23	Sat	5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)	<i>Kate Ruyle by Helene Croteau</i>
11/24	Sun	8:00 am (St. Vincent)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11/24	Sun	9:30 am (St. Ignatius)	<i>† Pauline Choquette by Her Sons &amp; Families</i>
11/26	Tue	8:30 am (Sacred Heart)	<i>† Alfonso Origonto</i>
11/27	Wed	8:30 am (Sacred Heart)	<i>Open for Intention</i>
11/28	Thu	8:30 am (St. Vincent)	<i>Deceased Members of St. Andre Bessette Parish</i>
11/29	Fri	*No Mass* (Sacred Heart)	<i>No Mass</i>
11/30	Sat	5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)	<i>Open for Intention</i>
12/1	Sun	8:00 am (St. Vincent)	<i>Lea Ruscio by Helene Ruscio</i>
12/1	Sun	9:30 am (St. Ignatius)	<i>Pro Populo</i>

### This Week's Prayer Intentions

For all who are sick, for the homebound of our parishes and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Bonnie Day, Casey Bonneau, Michelle Warman, Edward Quintal, Roger Decheneaux, Noella Berthiaume, Denise (Laramée) King, Lise Coulombe and Conrad Coulombe. *"Lord, look upon all the above with Mercy. May Your Healing Hand rest upon them. May Your life-giving powers flow to the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to health of mind and body".*

For our recently deceased family, friends and community members especially Robert J. McDermott, Sebastiaiyi, Samuel Bartlett, and Mrs. Rita Coyne. *"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*



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### Papal General Intention (November)

**Universal: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East**

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

## Greetings and Offerings

**November 30 - December 1, 2019**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

#### Greeters

5:00 pm	Theresa Daigle & Harriet Trottier
8:00 am	Volunteers from the Community
9:30 am	Sonny & Anne Cote

#### Offertory

5:00 pm	Parish Volunteers
8:00 am	Ruscio Family
9:30 am	Parish Volunteers



#### This Week's Parish Events/Youth Programs Calendar

11/24	Sun	7:30 am	Rosary – SV
11/26	Tue	9:00 am	Rosary – SHJ
12/1	Sun	7:30 am	Rosary – SV
		9:00 am	Community Breakfast – SV Hall
		9 – 10:30 am	Family Formation & Encountering Jesus Groups – SHJ Hall
		11 am	Children's Mass - SHJ

#### Noteworthy Days 34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

**November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

11/24	Christ the King (white vestment)
11/30	St. Andrew, Apostle (red vestment)

#### Prayer for the Month: Prayer for the Sick

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Office Hour Change

Office hours have changed. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9 am – 2 pm. Closed Wednesday & Thursday Thanksgiving week.

#### Noteworthy News

Announced Monday 11/18, the beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen will be 10 a.m. Dec. 21 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria, where Sheen was ordained as a priest in 1919. Tickets are being made available for the beatification, free of charge. The cathedral seats about 1,000 guests. <https://celebratesheen.com/>

#### St. Vincent's November Steeple Cross Memorial

*In Memory of Bernard Bonneau*

*by Rodney & Denise Wilkins*

## Catholic Tidbits

November is coming to a close, and so is our liturgical year. The new year and Advent begin this Sunday, December 1st. During Advent, we are called to a greater focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which is why you may hear it referred to as "little Lent." Priests wear purple vestments, a sign of a penitential season, and the Gloria is also omitted. But even though all signs are pointing to a peaceful, prayerful, focused time in preparation for the coming of our Lord, most of us find ourselves extremely busy preparing for the usual holiday festivities. It can be hard to slow down and make time for prayer and penance.

In her book, *Around the Year with the von Trapp Family*, Maria Augusta von Trapp addresses our busyness and puts the beauty and importance of this time into perspective. She writes:

*The events that come to mind when we say 'Christmas,' 'Easter,' are so tremendous that their commemoration cannot be celebrated in a single day each. Weeks are needed: First, weeks of preparation, of becoming attuned in body and soul, and then weeks of celebration. This process goes back to an age when people still had time -- time to live, time to enjoy. In our day, we face the puzzling fact that the more time-saving gadgets we invent, the more new buttons to push to 'save hours of work' -- the less time we actually have.... This 'hurry up, let's go' atmosphere does not provide the necessary leisure in which to anticipate and celebrate a fest. But as soon as people stop celebrating, they really do not live anymore -- they are being lived, as it were.*

Even though she wrote this in the 1950's, it hasn't lost significance for us, today.

Ironically, it's this busyness that can actually lead to great sacrifice if we allow it. We are pulled in so many directions all year round, but especially during the holiday season. What if you were to make time for Jesus in your busy schedule? That is a sacrifice, to actually plan time to be with Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Could you spare fifteen minutes of your week? Maybe 30? Maybe an hour of your week or month with our Lord and Savior? Every act of love takes sacrifice, and no one is more deserving of our love and sacrifice than Jesus Christ. St. Teresa of Calcutta is quoted as saying, "every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for eternity." That's huge. "It is impossible in human terms," says Father John Hardon, "to exaggerate the importance of being in adoration before the Eucharist as often and for as long as our duties and state of life allow." Perhaps this Advent, you can consider what that means for your life. In your state of life, how much time can you commit to spending in adoration each week or month?

In this week's bulletin, you will see an announcement for Adoration sign-ups. Adoration will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> this month. You are encouraged to prayerfully discern signing up for a slot. The fruits of this sacrifice, no matter how great or small, will be far reaching. To quote Pope St. Paul VI "perpetual Adoration extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and

families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond."

The light may be waning outside, but a light shines bright within our Church, where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament resides in the tabernacle. If you are struggling to slow down with the pace of this busy time of year, look to our Lord. Go to Him. Breathe and sit in His presence. Enter this Advent with a commitment to growing in your relationship with Jesus. He is waiting for you with open arms.

If you are interested in an Advent & Christmas Planner complete with Jesse Tree printable visit - <http://wildflowersandmarbles.com>

### **Parish Stewardship Reports**

**Weekends of 11/16 – 11/17/2019**

<b>St. Andre Bessette Parish</b>	
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 1099
<b>\$Budget/Week</b>	\$ 1,771
<b>Difference +/-</b>	\$ (672)

### **Knights of Columbus 'Coats for Kids'**

The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. The Troy area Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Jay Focus Group have a limited number of new winter coats (youth boy sizes 8 to 18) available for boys and girls in our area. Please contact Jacques Couture 744-2733 for more information.

### **Keep Christ in Christmas – Christmas Cards**

The Knights of Columbus are offering beautiful Christmas cards, car magnets, Christmas seals, pins and ornaments for sale. 'Christ is Christmas' brochures are available at each of the St. Andre Bessette parish churches. Please complete the order form, with a check to 'Knights of Columbus' and put it in the collection basket.

Please contact Dan McAvinney 744-6272 for more information.

### **Traditional Latin Mass On the Road – high sung Mass**

**St. Elizabeth's, Lyndonville – Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 5pm**

Come celebrate the Traditional Latin form of the Holy Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) is the Mass that formed all our great saints for well over 1000 years. A wonderful experience for anyone wishing to deepen their knowledge of Catholic Tradition.

### **Adoration Sign-up for December 13<sup>th</sup> Adoration**

There will be a sign up sheet in the back of Sacred Heart of Jesus church for Adoration on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 6 PM. Adoration is when the living presence of Jesus Christ in The Blessed Sacrament is placed upon the altar for us to worship, pray to and meditate on. It is a time to thank Jesus for his sacrifice and our blessings and also to ask for help with our daily struggles.

An important rule of Adoration is to always have at least one person present with the Blessed Sacrament. If you are alone, it is important you stay until someone is there to take your place.

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

November 23–29, 2019

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

I called a priest friend of mine the other day. He teaches in Catholic university and is a scholar of the biblical Greek language. I wanted to make sure that I had my “Greek” right when it came to the ancient Church’s usage of the word “eucharist.” I knew that the word literally translates as “thanksgiving,” but I also remembered from my own studies of the ancient liturgical texts that it was used more as verb, “to give thanks,” than a noun, “thanksgiving.” My friend concurred with my memory and noted that in the ancient Church, the language of which was primarily Greek, the texts in reference to what we call the Eucharist, most often talked about the liturgy as “the giving of thanks.” In fact, one of the oldest texts we have from the late first century to early second century, called the Didache, when it speaks of the early gathering of the community for the bread and the cup reads, “Now this is how you are to give thanks ...” The Eucharist then was understood to be more of an action than an object or an event.

Now, you may wonder why I am sharing this with you. It seems a little esoteric, a little too far removed in history. Indeed, we have for centuries referred to the Mass as the celebration of the Eucharist (an event) and the consecrated host as the Eucharist (a holy object). But we also celebrate the Eucharist as an act of thanksgiving. Certainly the words of the liturgy bear this out when we hear, “It is right to give Him thanks and praise ... we do well always to give you thanks ...” But sometimes this act of thanksgiving can be overwhelmed by so much of what



is going on within it — remembrance, consecration, communion, etc. Perhaps in this week in which we celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving we might discover anew this joyful part of our tradition, the Eucharist as “the giving of thanks.”

Similarly, the full celebration of the Eucharist as an act of thanksgiving as well as an event and a holy food and object of devotion can inform our secular celebration of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day

can simply be an event, a holiday, a day when we gather with family and friends. It can also be simply the meal we sit down for on Thanksgiving. Or it could be a collective — a day, a meal and an act, “to give thanks” — to give thanks for so many things, so many people, so many blessings, so much abundance in our lives and out of gratitude and thankfulness to use the treasures and talents that we have wisely out of love for God and our neighbor.

Happy Thanksgiving.



Yours in Christ,

*Christopher J. Coyne*

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington

*Image: Thanksgiving Day — Ways and means by Winslow Homer, 1858. Published in Harper's Weekly, November 1858. Collection of the Boston Public Library.*



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 11|26 TUESDAY Rice Memorial High School STUNT NITE

*Flynn Center, Burlington*

2 Shows: 4pm and 8pm. All seats, both shows — \$20.



## 12|02 MONDAY Love and Mercy: St. Faustina Movie Screening

*Palace 9 Cinemas, South Burlington • 7 pm*

There will be a one time showing of Love and Mercy, a new movie which sheds light on the life and vision of St. Faustina.



## 12|03 TUESDAY Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Party

*St. Mark, Burlington • 6 - 8:30 pm*

Prayer service and lighting of the Christmas tree with a potluck. The celebration is open to all families and friends.



## 12|05 THURSDAY A Day of the Eucharist

*St. Thomas, Underhill Center • 8 am - 8 pm*

This day of Eucharistic adoration will begin with Holy Mass at 8 am. At the beginning of each hour we will pray various Catholic devotions throughout the day.

FOR MORE INFO: Parish office (802) 899-4632.



## 12|07 SATURDAY Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am*

First Saturday of every month, come to

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions. Rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 am and Mass at 8:30.



## 12|07 SATURDAY Blood Drive

*St. Isidore, Montgomery • 9 am - 2 pm*

Hosted by St. Isidore Parish and sponsored by Montgomery Emergency Services. Local raffles with prizes. To schedule an appointment, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS Walk-ins are welcome!



## 12|07 SATURDAY Marriage Preparation Retreat

*St. Peter, Vergennes • 10 am - 5:30 pm*

Come take a break from wedding preparation and spend time in prayer, sharing and fellowship with your fiancé and other engaged couples. Lunch and materials will be provided — prior Registration is required.



## 12|08 SUNDAY Basket Raffle

*St. Raphael, Poultney • 11 am - 3 pm*

Admission and 1 sheet of 25 tickets is \$5. Additional ticket sheets are \$2 each. There were be special item raffles and 50/50 raffles. Lunch concession will be provided. This fundraising event is one of many to benefit our capital project for replacing our church's roof.



## 12|08 SUNDAY Annual "Messiah Sing"

*Our Lady of the Snows, Woodstock • 4 - 6 pm*

Our parish's contribution to Woodstock's

Wassail Weekend. There will be a professional orchestra and soloists; but anyone who wishes to sign may join the Chorus. Just bring a libretto. The event is open to the public, and is a truly enjoyable Advent tradition.



## 12|11 WEDNESDAY Vermont Catholic Professionals Christmas Social

*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 6 - 8 pm*

Join VCP for a Christmas Social with guest speaker Mary Beth Pinard, Executive Director of Vermont Catholic Charities. Donations will be collected for Vermont Catholic Charities' Advent Appeal. Beverages to be provided — please bring a dish to share.



## 12|14 SATURDAY Padre Pio Devotions

*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am*

Rosary starts at 8 am followed by Mass,

Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the Holy Family Parish Hall after Mass.



## 12|14 SATURDAY Bingo

*All Saints Parish Hall, Richford*

*11:30 am - 5 pm*

Doors open at 11:30 am, games start at 1 pm. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



## 12|22 SUNDAY Advent Lessons and Carols

*Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales,*

*Bennington • 2 pm*

Friends of all faith traditions are warmly invited to gather for this solemn offering of Old Testament Scripture and music.

## CRAFT FAIR & MARKET DIRECTORY

### Annual Craft Fair

11|30 Ascension Church, Georgia  
9 am - 3 pm

### Our Lady of Seven Dolores Christmas Bazaar

12|06 St. Mary's School, Fair Haven  
11 am - 6 pm

### Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph  
2 pm - 5 pm

### Christmas Bazaar

All Saints Dorion Hall, Richford  
9 am - 2 pm

### St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar

Town Hall, Orwell  
9 am - 2 pm

### Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair

St. Patrick, Fairfield  
9 am - 3 pm

12|07

### Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar

St. Frances Cabrini, West Pawlet  
10 am - 2 pm

### Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph  
9 am - 2 pm

### Christmas Bazaar

St. Anthony, Bethel  
9 am - 2 pm

### Christmas Bazaar

12|14 St. Jude, Hinesburg  
9 am - 3 pm

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