



**December 1, 2019**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
 (Year A)



**Eucharistic Celebrations**

November 30 – December 8, 2019

- 11/30 Sat 5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)  
*The Deceased Members of the Austin and MacKenszie Family by Emily*
- 12/1 Sun 8:00 am (St. Vincent)  
*Lea Ruscio by Helene Ruscio*
- 12/1 Sun 9:30 am (St. Ignatius)  
*Pro Populo*
- 12/3 Tue \*No Mass\* (Sacred Heart)  
*No Mass*
- 12/4 Wed 8:30 am (Sacred Heart)  
*† Louis Berthiaume by Joanne Berthiaume*
- 12/5 Thu 8:30 am (St. Vincent)  
*Raina Ruscio by Helene Croteau*
- 12/6 Fri 8:30 am (Sacred Heart)  
*† Leoax Paul Couture by Alicia Couture*
- 12/7 Sat 5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)  
*† Roland Limoges 22nd Anniversary by Yvette and Family*
- 12/8 Sun 8:00 am (St. Vincent)  
*† Bernard Bonneau by Rodney & Denise Wilkins*
- 12/8 Sun 9:30 am (St. Ignatius)  
*Pro Populo*

**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 (Laramee) 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, Sebastiyai, and Samuel Bartlett.

*"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 (December)**

**Universal: The Future of the Very Young**

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

**Greetings and Offerings**

December 7 - December 8, 2019

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**Greeters**

- 5:00 pm Anne Cota  
 8:00 am Volunteers from the Community  
 9:30 am Rachel Wright & Cheryl Clark

**Offertory**

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



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

- 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
- 12/3 Tue 9:00 am Rosary – SHJ
- 12/5 Thu 6:00 pm Ladies of Sacred Heart – SHJ Hall, Copy Room  
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting – SHJ Hall, KofC Room
- 12/8 Sun 7:30 am Rosary – SV

**Noteworthy Days 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Advent**

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

- 12/3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest (white vestment)  
 12/6 St. Nicholas, Bishop  
 12/7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor (white vestment)

**Prayer for the Month: Prayer for the Dying/Elderly**

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. (Ps 23:4)

**St. Andrew's Novena**

*(A pious tradition to say 15 times a day through Christmas)*

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! To hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

**Week 1 Candle Lighting Prayer: Hope**

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

**St. Vincent's December Steeple Cross Memorial**

*In Memory of Kristine Talty Miller*

*by Mom and Dad*

## Catholic Tidbits

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has many benefits but today we are going to specifically look at what some have to say about Mass Intentions. Patricia Kasten writes in her article *Have you had a Mass offered for you?:*

You don't have to be dead to have a Mass said for you.

In fact, there is a Mass said for you at least once every week. (...)

While many Mass intentions are offered in remembrance of a deceased person, the intention can be offered for anyone or any group, living or deceased. So you can have a Mass offered with the intention of your marriage anniversary or for a special birthday or even for an entire family, perhaps when you have a family reunion.

Pope Leo XII in his encyclical *Mirae Caritatis* states:

...the grace of mutual charity among the living, which derives from the Sacrament of the Eucharist so great an increase of strength, is further extended by virtue of the Sacrifice to all those who are numbered in the Communion of Saints. For the Communion of Saints, as everyone knows, is nothing but the mutual communication of help, expiation, prayers, blessings, among all the faithful, who, whether they have already attained to the heavenly country, or are detained in the purgatorial fire, or are yet exiles here on earth, all enjoy the common franchise of that city whereof Christ is the head, and the constitution is charity.

Mass intentions have many opportunities to be utilized and bring many graces into our lives. Of course those who have passed from this world need our prayers, but the graces from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can be poured out on the living as well.

### Parish Stewardship Reports Weekends of 11/23 – 11/24/2019

#### St. Andre Bessette Parish

<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 1,562
<b>\$Budget/Week</b>	\$ 1,771
<b>Difference +/-</b>	\$ 209

### 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 – 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 is also known as the Mass of Ages, Tridentine or Extraordinary Form and is the Mass that formed all our great saints for well over 1000 years. The sung Mass, featuring Gregorian chant, is a wonderful experience for anyone wishing to deepen their knowledge of Catholic Tradition. The Mass will be offered by Fr. Brian O'Donnell, chaplain to the St. Philip Neri Latin Mass Chaplaincy in Burlington, VT.

### 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.

### Ladies of St. Vincent Raffle

#### \$1/ticket, 6 for \$5 – Drawing December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45am at Annual Cookie Fair

Prizes include handmade afghan, maple basket, handmade wooden bowl and other items.

*Contact Denise Wilkins at 802-988-2501 or one of the St. Vincent Ladies to purchase tickets*

### Annual Christmas Cookie Fair

#### December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – Noon – St. Vincent Hall

Come support the St. Vincent Ladies and the charitable works they do by purchasing homemade Christmas cookies and fudge to stock your fridge and freezer with! Put these cookies in lovely decorative tins and you have the perfect way to spread Christmas cheer to your friends, neighbors and children's teachers. Any cookies that don't sell with be available ½ price after the Sunday 8am Mass.

*Contact: Becky Therrien at 673-5924*

### Christmas Home Alone Dinner

#### Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am - St Vincent Hall

Deliveries in North Troy, Troy, Jay, Westfield & Lowell are available. Donations are gladly accepted. Checks can be made out to "Christmas Home Alone" and sent to: Christmas Home Alone C/O Becky Therrien, 71 Church St., Newport Center, VT 05857

*For more information or meal delivery contact Becky Therrien at 673-5924 or by email at [therrien\\_rebecca@hotmail.com](mailto:therrien_rebecca@hotmail.com)*

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

November 30–December 6, 2019

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## Advent meditation: Dreaming with St. Joseph

Pray along with this meditation inspired by Matthew 1:18-24.

You speak to us in dreams. Sometimes it is the only occasion you find us still and quiet. Quiet enough to hear your voice. Still enough to grab our attention.

You whisper to us throughout the day, reminding us you are present and that you delight in us. But we cannot hear you.

So you come to us in our sleep, the liminal space between this world and the one where your glory dwells. Is this why sometimes it is only rest that will comfort us? When we have run our bodies and our minds ragged until we collapse? In sleep, we find ourselves in your arms.

Wendell Berry said, “Sleep is the prayer the body prays.” Is this why sometimes our first waking thoughts are prayer? Connecting the two worlds together?

You spoke to Joseph through a dream. Betrothed to Mary, he discovered she was pregnant. He knew he could not go through with the wedding, but he loved her and was kind. He decided to end it quietly.

He did not want to expose her shame. To do so, meant Mary would have been judged publicly — and then stoned. A frightening position to think of our dear mother in, the mother of our Lord.

You spoke to Joseph through a dream. Just like his namesake so many years before, the one who’s dream raised him to the house of kings. Joseph, son of Jacob. Living in the house of Pharaoh, Joseph could save your people when famine ravaged the country and Israel was out of food.

Joseph knew you through his dreams and saw that the harm his brothers inflicted on him, you meant for good. He



*The Dream of Saint Joseph, Francesco Solimena, c.1700, ink and chalk on paper, National Galleries Scotland.*

had come to his royal position for a time such as this, to save your people, your remnant, again.

But this Joseph, the carpenter, the one who would raise your Son here on earth, you spoke to him through an angel in a dream. The angel said, “Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home.”

The child within her was conceived through the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit who spoke through the prophets, saying, “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son.” The angel told Joseph that this child “will save his people from their sins” and “they shall name him Emmanuel.”

Emmanuel, “God is with us.” God came down from heaven to be with us. To remind us that you love us, that you delight in your children. That you want to be with us. You are with us in our dreams, in our breath and in the Eucharist that saves us from the famine that ravages our own hearts, keeping us from you.

And Joseph woke from his sleep, rested and sure of you. He did as you commanded and took Mary into his home. In his rest, he saw your truth, that they were placed in a lowly position for a time such as this. Joseph listened and was able to be part of your story for eternity.

As we ponder the mystery of Emmanuel, God with us, speak to us in our sleep, O Lord.

May our bodies pray the prayers we cannot speak during the day. May our restless souls rest in you. May we hear your words — and listen. May we be certain that you are here with us.

Connect your worlds together in our sleep so that we may find you more clearly in our waking hours.

— *Shemaiah Gonzalez, Catholic News Service*

# UPCOMING EVENTS



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|06, 08, 15  
**Christmas Concert Series**

All in one concert, 17 Christmas and seasonal carols will be presented in a community

sing-a-long with organist and music director, Dr. William Tortolano, professor emeritus of fine arts and music at St. Michael's College. The program will be presented at three churches of acoustical, and historic interest:

Friday, 12|06 • Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 7:30 pm

Sunday, 12|08 • Immaculate Conception, St. Albans • 3 pm

Sunday, 12|15 • St. Michael's College, Colchester • 3 pm

The concerts are free and open to the public. A free will donation will be accepted.



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 prepara-

tion 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  
**Bingo**

*All Saints, 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.

## CRAFT FAIR & MARKET DIRECTORY

**Our Lady of Seven Dolores  
Christmas Bazaar**

St. Mary's School, Fair Haven

12|06 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

**Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar**

St. Frances Cabrini, West Pawlet

10 am - 2 pm

12|07 **Christmas Bazaars (two)**

St. Rose of Lima, South Hero

St. Joseph, Grand Isle

9 am - 3 pm

**Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar**

St. Frances Cabrini, West Pawlet

10 am - 2 pm

**Christmas Fair**

Bishop Marshall School, Morrisville

9 am - 3 pm

**Christmas Bazaar**

St. Anthony, Bethel

9 am - 2 pm

12|14 **Christmas Bazaar**

St. Jude, Hinesburg

9 am - 3 pm

## DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

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*For More Info:*

**[vermontcatholic.org/careers](http://vermontcatholic.org/careers)**



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