

March 8, 2020

2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Eucharistic Celebrations

March 7 – March 15, 2020 3/7 Sat 5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)

Pro Populo

3/8 Sun 8:00 am (St. Vincent)

Glen Bonin by Monique and Mike Morin

3/8 Sun 9:30 am (St. Ignatius)

Pro Populo

3/10 Tue 8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

Open for Intention

3/11 Wed 8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

Open for Intention

3/12 Thu 8:30 am (St. Vincent)

Open for Intention

3/13 Fri 8:30 am (Sacred Heart)

Janice Descheneux by Deborah Morrissette & Family

3/14 Sat 5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)

Open for Intention

3/15 Sun 8:00 am (St. Vincent)

† Marie Surrette by Karen M. Nadow

3/15 Sun 9:30 am (St. Ignatius)

Open for Intention

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, 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 John Bajada-page, Roger Decheneaux, and Frances O Lucier.

"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."



<u>Papal General Intention (March)</u> Evangelization - Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Greetings and Offerings

March 14 - 15, 2020 3rd Sunday of Lent

Greeters

5:00 pm Anne Cota

8:00 am Volunteers from the Community

9:30 am Raul & Kathy Fernandes

Offertory

5:00 pm Parish Volunteers8:00 am Nadow Family9:30 am Parish Volunteers



This Week's Parish Events/Youth Programs Calendar

3/8	Sun 7:30 am	Rosary – SV
3/10	Tue 9:00 am	Rosary – SHJ
3/11	Wed 6:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting – SHJ
		Hall
3/12	Thu 6:00 pm	Holy Hour - SI
3/13	Fri 7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross - SHJ
3/15	Sun 7:30 am	Rosary – SV
		Encountering Jesus – SHJ Hall
		Lenten Penance Service, SHI

Noteworthy Days the 2nd Week Lent

March is dedicated to St. Joseph

3/9 St. Francis of Rome, Religious

Prayer for Victims of Assisted Suicide

Oh Lord, have mercy on those who are seeking out assisted suicide. Have mercy on those, who may not be heard in this argument. Have mercy on those who help those dying. Have mercy on those who die by another's hand, voluntarily. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Amen. (source unknown)

Lent Penance Service Schedule 2020

3/15 3pm
3/20 3pm
3/21 3pm
3/22 3pm
3/29 3pm
4/3 4-8pm
St. Andre Bessette Parish, Troy
Mary Queen of All Saints, Hardwick
Most Holy Trinity Parish, Barton
Mater Dei Parish, Newport

Friday Stations of the Cross Schedule - Sacred Heart 7 pm

3/13 the Knights of Columbus, 3/20 Ladies of Sacred Heart, 3/27 Ladies of St. Vincent, 4/3 Ladies of St. Ignatius, 4/10 Religious Ed & Family Formation

Save the Date: Eucharistic Retreat in SHJ, Troy

- Saturday, June 27, 2020
- From 9am to 4pm

St. Vincent's February Steeple Cross Memorial

In Memory of Leo and Simone Therrien by: Andre, Wilma and Family

Catholic Tidbits

Mediations for Lent by St. Thomas Aquinas Second Week in Lent – Sunday

GOD THE FATHER DELIVERED CHRIST TO HIS PASSION God spared not even His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all. Rom.viii.32.

Christ suffered willingly, moved by obedience to His Father. Wherefore, God the Father delivered Christ to his Passion, and this in three ways:

- 1. Because the Father, of His eternal will, pre ordained the Passion of Christ as the means whereby to free the human race. So it is said in Isaias, *The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all* (Isa. liii. 6), and again, *The Lord was pleased to bruise him in infirmity* (ibid. liii. 10).
- 2. Because He inspired Our Lord with the willingness to suffer for us, pouring into his soul the love which produced the will to suffer. Whence the prophet goes on to say, *He was offered because it was his own will* (Isa. liii. 7).
- 3. Because He did not protect Our Lord from the Passion, but exposed him to his persecutors. Whence we read in St. Matthew's Gospel, that as he hung on the cross Christ said, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken met (Matt, xxvii. 46). For God the Father, that is to say, had left him at the mercy of his torturers.

To hand over an innocent man to suffering and to death, against his will, compelling him to die as it were, would indeed be cruel and wicked. But it was not in this way that God the Father handed over Christ. He handed over Christ by inspiring Film with the will to suffer for us. By so doing the severity of God is made clear to us, that no sin is forgiven without punishment under gone, which St. Paul again teaches when he says, *God spared not his own Son.*

At the same time God s goodhearteclness is shown in the fact that whereas man could not, no matter what his punishment, sufficiently make satisfaction, God has given man someone who can make that satisfaction for him. Which is what St. Paul means by, He delivered him up for us all, and again when he says, God hath proposed Christ to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood (Rom. iii. 25).

The same activity in a good man and in a bad man is differently judged inasmuch as the root from which it proceeds is different. The Father, for example, delivered over Christ and Christ delivered himself, and this from love, and therefore They are praised. Judas delivered Him from love of gain, the Jews from hatred, Pilate from the worldly fear with which he feared Gesar, and these are rightly regarded with horror. (3 47 3-)

Christ therefore did not owe to death the debt of necessity, but of charity the charity to men by which he willed their salvation, and the charity to God by which he willed to fulfil God s will, as it says in the gospel, Not as I mil but as Thou wilt (Matt, xx vi. 39).

<u>Parish Stewardship Reports</u> Weekends of 2/29 – 3/1/2020

St. Andre Bessette Parish		
Offertory	\$ 1091	
\$Budget/Week	\$ 1,771	
Difference +/-	\$ (680)	

<u>Starting next month</u> our parish will be taking part in the <u>Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign.</u> The campaign will build up our diocese through vibrant parishes, strengthening faith formation efforts and serving the poor.

We will kick off the campaign next month. We are still looking for volunteers to help spread the message and follow up on gift requests. If you are interested, please call the parish office and ask for ((contact person)).

We'll be sharing more information with you as we get closer to the kickoff date. Also, be sure to read the Vermont Catholic and Inland See for more information about the campaign.

<u>Poland – In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II & St. Faustina</u> Join Fr. James Dodson for a 9 day pilgrimage. See flier in back of church or visit www.pilgrimages.com/frdodson/

Flu Season Announcement from Bishop Coyne

In General: We ask that people continue be vigilant in self-monitoring their health. Should you show signs of illness please refrain from coming to Mass. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is lifted when one is ill and risks transmitting infection to others. Also, prudential judgment should be used concerning Mass attendance when one has comprised health that would substantially increase the risk of infection when in public settings. Please contact the parish to arrange a pastoral visit should illness prevent attendance from Mass. Sign of Peace: In this cold and flu season, we will simply exchange the sign of peace through a smile and nod of the head. This is temporary.

Communion from the Chalice: The decision to receive from the chalice rests solely with the communicant, and one receives the fullness of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ in receiving only the consecrated host. It is not being restricted at this time.

3rd Annual Diocesan Men's Conference

Saturday, March 20^{th} , 2020 – St. Anthony's Church, White River Junction

The Keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain, Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 ½ years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic. Other speakers will include Msgr. John McDermott and Paul Kendall. There will also be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship and Mass with Bishop Coyne. Registration and more info at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men

Prayer for Coronavirus

Stella Coeli

The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord drove away the plague of death which the first parents of man brought into the world. May this bright Star now vouchsafe to extinguish that foul constellation whose battles have slain the people with the wound of death.

O most pious Star of the Sea, preserve us from coronavirus; hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honors Thee by denying Thee nothing. Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother supplicates Thee.

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray,

O God of mercy, God of pity, God of benign clemency,
Thou Who has had compassion on the affliction of Thy
people, and has said to the angel striking them, "Stop thy
hand;" for the love of this glorious Star, whose breasts
Thou did sweetly drink as antidote for our crimes,
grant the assistance of Thy grace, that we may be safely freed
from all pestilence, and from unprovided death; and mercifully
save us from the gulf of eternal punishment: through Thee,
Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, who lives and reigns,
world without end.

Amen.





Tuesday, March 24, 2020 + 7-8 PM

JOIN US FOR THIS ONLINE WEBINAR!

We plan to continue the discussions that started at the conference and hear from parish leaders who have implemented some of the ideas shared at the conference. Deacon Phil Lawson and Michael Hagan will host this discussion. We will also be joined by parish leaders from:

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington

All Saints, Richford

Ascension, Georgia & St. Luke, Fairfax

This is an online event and registration is FREE. Simply register using the link below and you'll be able to watch our speakers (live) and interact with questions or comments — all from the comfort of your own home!

This webinar is for everyone who attended the Pastoral Ministries Conference in September and for those interested in parish leadership and ministry in our diocese.

Learn more: www.vermontcatholic.org/conferencewebinar

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UPCOMING EVENTS



03|09, 16 MONDAYS

Lenten Series

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm
"The Journey of the Magi for Lent: A Parable,

A Poem, and a Painting" presented by Fr. Richard Berube, SSE.



03|11, 18, 25 WEDNESDAYS

Lenten Mission: "Insight into The Gospels"

Saint Sylvester, Graniteville • 6 - 7 pm

Inspirational, educational, and insightful reflections on The Gospels, presented by Rev. Father John Milanese. Saint Mark on March 4, Saint Matthew on March 11, Saint Luke on March 18, and Saint John on March 25. If desired, bring your Bible and a notepad. Lent isn't just about what you give up; it is about who you become.



03|13, 20, 27, 04|03 FRIDAYS

Stations and Soup

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5:30 - 6:30 pm On Fridays during Lent, we will pray the

Stations of the Cross, followed by soup prepared by various parish groups, served at St. Brigid's Kitchen.



03|13, 20, 27, 04|03 FRIDAYS

Lenten Soup Supper for Haiti

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington 6 - 7 pm

Join us for a modest Lenten meal, with a variety of meatless soups and lots of good fellowship. A free will donation is requested (but not required) and will go to support education and community development at our sister parish in Boc-Banic, Haiti. We will also accept donations of school supplies, which will be collected throughout Lent and shipped to Haiti later in the spring. After the meal, all are invited to stay for Stations of the Cross in the church upstairs.



03|13 FRIDAY

Reflections of the Stations of the Cross

St. Jude, Hinesburg • 7 - 8 pm

Josh Perry, Director of Worship, will be offering Reflections of the Stations of the Cross, followed by the Stations. All are welcome.



03|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.



03|15 SUNDAY

Pancake Breakfast

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Swanton 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, muffins, donuts, fruits, coffee, milk & juice.



03 | 15 SUNDAY

Traditional Latin Mass

St. Elizabeth, Lyndonville • 5 pm
Celebrate the Traditional Latin form of the

Holy Mass every third Sunday of the month with the NEK community. The Mass will be offered by Father Brian O'Donnell, chaplain to the St. Philip Neri Latin Mass Chaplaincy in Burlington, VT.



03 17 TUESDAY

Fatima Rosary Prayer Cell

St. Mark, Burlington • 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Going deeper into Rosary Devotion to Our

Lady of Fatima with guided prayers, meditation, and Fatima reflection for each Mystery. Prayer booklets are provided. Every third Tuesday of the month, by The Blue Army.



03|19 THURSDAY

St. Joseph's Day Celebration

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington 5:30 - 8 pm

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, in partnership with the World Apostolate of Fatima — Our Lady's Blue Army — is hosting an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary for Vocations, and Mass. The traveling Virgin Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at our Cathedral from March 7-21. During this mission, we pray in a special way for the priests and seminarians of our diocese as we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Protector of the Church. 5:30 — 6:30 pm: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Confessions. 6:30 pm: Rosary. 7 pm: Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph



03 19 THURSDAY

Theology on Tap

Church Street Tavern, Burlington • 6:30 - 8 pm Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion

series for young adults in their 20's and 30's, single or married. Theology on Tap provides opportunities for young adults to grow in their Catholic faith and meet like-minded people while enjoying great beer and great food! Join us on the third Thursdays of the month at Church Street Tavern in Burlington at 6:30pm.



03|20, 04|03 FRIDAYS

St. Ambrose Lenten Fish Fry

St. Ambrose, Bristol • 5 - 7 pm

Join us for all-you-can-eat fish fry. Meal includes fried or baked haddock, French fries, coleslaw, fresh baked dinner roll, beverage and dessert. Adults \$13.50, children 9 and under \$6.50, immediate family of 5 \$38.



03|21, 22 SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Young Adult Retreat at Saint Anne Shrine

Saint Anne's Shrine, Isle Ia Motte • 9:30 am - 2 pm
For young adults 18-39 (out of high school). Cost: \$75, includes meals and lodging. Led by sisters from the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (New York). Learn more at: vermont-catholic.org/event/young-adult-retreat-saint-ann-shrine/



03|22 SUNDAY

Winooski Knights of Columbus Sunday Breakfast

Winooski Senior Center • 8 - 11 am
Buffet-style breakfast including pancakes, french toast, (with
Vermont maple syrup), scrambled eggs, potatoes, bacon,
sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, and juice. Proceeds to
benefit Catholic Formation Funds



03|21 SATURDAYS

Marriage Preparation Retreats

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 10 am - 5:30 pm Spend time in prayer, sharing and fellowship

with your fiance and other engaged couples.



St. Anthony, White River Jct. • 9 am - 3:15 pm Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference featuring Guy Gruters



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