



April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday
 (Year A)



Eucharistic Celebrations

April 5 – April 30, 2020

There will be no public Mass through the 30th of April. Please see the letter from Bishop Coyne in the March 22nd Bulletin or on our website.

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 (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 John Bajada-page, Roger Decheneaux, Arnold McAllister 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."



Submit bulletin intention/announcements to:
st.andrebulletin@gmail.com



Papal General Intention (March)

Evangelization - Catholics in China

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

St. Vincent's April Steeple Cross Memorial

In Memory of Raoul and Rejeane Roberge
by: John and Claudette Star

Noteworthy Days in the Holy Week

April 5th – Palm Sunday

April 9th – Holy Thursday

April 10th – Good Friday

April 12th – Easter Sunday

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)

Save the Date: Eucharistic Retreat in SHJ, Troy

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

Message from Bishop Coyne

Yesterday (3/24), Vermont Gov. Phil Scott issued a "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order and directed the closure of in-person operations for all non-essential businesses. The governor's order directs "Vermonters to stay at home, leaving only for essential reasons, critical to health and safety. If leaving the home, Vermonters should adhere to social distancing policies, including remaining six feet from others (except for those with whom they share a home) and thoroughly and regularly washing hands.

Effective March 25, 2020, at 5 p.m., all businesses and not-for-profit entities not expressly exempted in the order must suspend all in-person business operations. Operations that can be conducted online or by phone, or sales that can be facilitated with curbside pickup or delivery only, can continue."

In keeping with the governor's order, Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne has directed that all Catholic churches, chapels and shrines throughout the state be closed as of 5 p.m. today and that all "non-essential" employees of the Catholic community (as defined by the governor's order) work remotely as need be.

During these challenging times, Catholics can still participate in devotions and worship remotely by tuning into daily 12:05 p.m. Mass (Monday through Friday) and Sundays at 10 a.m., live rosary at 11:15 a.m. and many other spiritual engagement activities. For the weekly schedule of activities visit: vermontcatholic.org/spiritualresources.

PARISH CLOSING

Parish offices — closed

Parish churches — closed

Parish religious education programs — closed (some online learning)

I ask that you pray daily the pope's prayer to the Virgin Mary for protection from this pandemic (see www.vermontcatholic.org/covid-19/). Please continue to support your parish and the Diocese by giving online or via mail to ensure we remain financially stable during these difficult times.

My motto, "Trust in the Lord," has gotten me through many difficult times. Lean on the Lord and know that He will guide you through to better days.

Offertory Reminder

Although our churches are closed for worship during this trying time, the bills still must be paid. Please continue to provide for our needs through your generous donations.

130 S. Pleasant St., Troy, VT 05868

Poland – In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II & St. Faustina

Join Fr. James Dodson for a 9-day pilgrimage. See flier in back of church or visit www.pilgrimages.com/frdodson/

Office Hours

The parish office remains closed. But feel free to call or leave a voice message at any time.

PASTOR LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

Dear Parishioners,

During these uncertain times, we rely upon our faith – born from hope – to provide us assurance, stability and inspiration. Scripture reminds us that *“faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see”* (Hebrews 11:1).

At St. Andre Bessette parish, the health and safety of our parish community is a top priority. We are taking the following steps to protect parishioners and to do our part to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

1. The Churches remain closed until the lockdown is lifted.
2. There will be no public distribution of Blessed Palms. They will be blessed in private, stored and distributed when the governor's order is lifted.
3. The liturgical celebrations of Holy Week and Easter will be carried out by the parish priest privately.
4. The Confirmations are being postponed until the Fall.
5. The Chrism Mass will be rescheduled to a time when the priests and faithful can gather together.
6. The Confessions can be heard at the request in a suitable location with social distancing.
7. The church bells will be tolled at 3pm on Good Friday and will be pealed on Easter Sunday at 10am.
8. Stay connected with our Parish. Bulletins will be kept in front of the Church Sunday morning and are available on our website or by email (upon request).

Instead, parish leaders will begin reaching out to church members to help address the spiritual and material needs of those we serve. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact the office.

As you know, our parish has ongoing operational needs as well. Although we must find different approaches to meet the needs of those we serve, our ministries will continue like visiting and anointing the sick, offering Masses for each family.

We are relying on your financial support to ensure that this work can continue. If you have not already done so, please consider mailing your weekly offertory contribution to the parish address.

The spread of an illness, a natural disaster, an economic downturn – these events are never easy. But they do provide an opportunity for us to unite in our mission to share the joy of the Gospel with others. As a parish and as individuals, we are called to do our part to be a source of hope for our community and to reach out with God's love and mercy to those in need.

Please join me in praying for those impacted by the virus. I will remember you and your loved ones in my Mass intentions and in my daily, personal prayers.

Wish you all a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Sahaya Paul
St. Andre Bessette Parish

Masses are offered during this week for these families

Date	Family Names
4/05/2020 Sunday	Couture Family Doyon Family DuBois Family Dumont Family Dunn Family Duquette Family
4/06/2020 Monday	Berry Family Emerson Family Falworth Family Fernandes Family Fletcher Family Florio Family
4/07/2020 Tuesday	DeLaBruere Family Forbes Family Fournier Family Geoffroy Family Gonyaw Family Hague Family
4/08/2020 Wednesday	Hansen Family Hastings Family Hill Family Ianni Family Jackson Family
4/09/2020 Holy Thursday	Jalbert, Jr. Family Kulikowski Family Laliberty Family LaPan Family Laramée Family
4/11/2020 Easter Vigil	For the people of our parish
4/12/2020 Easter Sunday	Lawson Family Leblanc Family Lemay Family Lemieux Family Leonelli Family

Pope's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our sufferings upon Himself and took up our sorrows, to bring us through the Cross to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

NEWS FROM The Inland See

April 4–10, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Parishes use various means to stay connected with parishioners during pandemic

While social distancing and concern about the spread of the COVID-19 virus has prompted the Diocese of Burlington to suspend public celebrations of the Mass, parishes throughout the Diocese are finding creative ways to keep in touch with parishioners, some using more technology-based ways; others use more traditional ways.

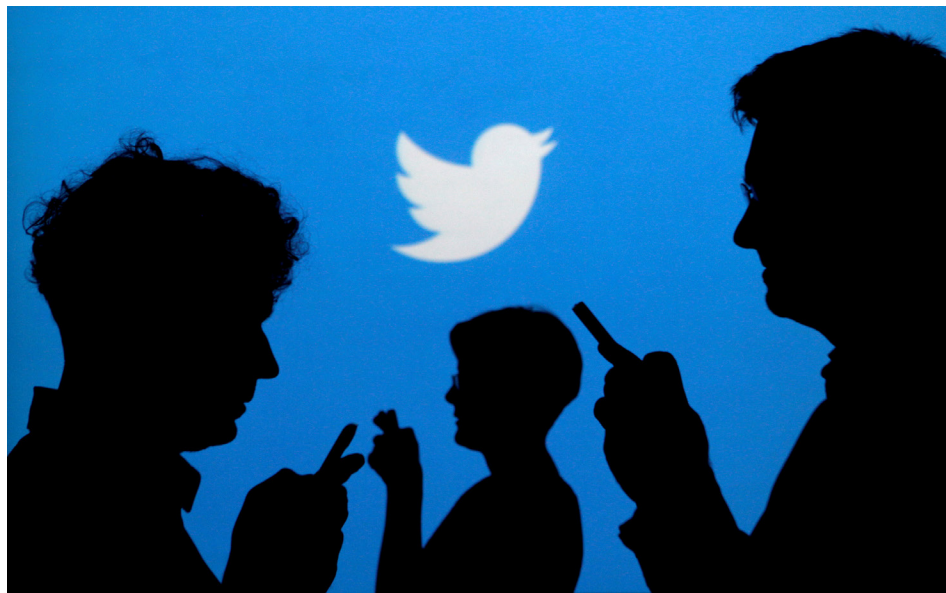
From podcasts and putting Masses on Facebook pages to checking with parishioners via telephone, Vermont's Catholic communities are staying connected with the faithful.

The Essex Catholic Community has an outreach to people who are isolated at home because of the pandemic. Staff is sending the online weekly bulletin and regular emails to some 1,000 households.

The parish is offering online free online Lenten resources for the spiritual nourishment of those at home. The religious education staff offers online religious education material for each age group so faith formation continues.

Members of the Essex Catholic Community also are organizing wellness telephone calls to more than 1,600 households.

Edmundite Father Stanley Deresienski and Father Daniel Jordan of five parishes in Franklin County are live



People use mobile phones in front of the Twitter logo in this illustration photo.
— CNS/Kacper Pempel, Reuters photo

streaming Sunday Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Enosburg Falls and All Saints Church in Richford on their Facebook pages. They also live-stream daily Masses, as do a number of parishes.

St. Anthony Church in White River Junction has in place a covered box for bulletins that is accessible 24 hours a day on a porch outside the parish office. This is part of the parish's efforts to make sure that parishioners stay connected with the most current information.

At St. John Vianney Church in South Burlington, Father Timothy Naples, pastor, has edited the parish website frequently and put up pertinent links, promoted other priests' video Masses on Facebook and begun to record Sunday sermon podcasts of his own. (See stjohnvianneyvt.org/live-stream-masses.)

At Most Holy Trinity Parish in Barton, Father Curtis Miller, administrator, films his now-private daily Masses and posts them to the parish website and YouTube at mostholyltrinityparishvt.com and youtube.com/channel/UCrK0KCr36t6dXoRF6OQUWQA/ featured. His Sunday homilies are

available on the parish website, mostholyltrinityparishvt.com.

Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne is using online videos to offer prayers, reflections on scripture readings and homiletic thoughts for those unable to attend daily Mass. "Doing things on line is a way for us to maintain community," he said.

Find more of his reflections at vermontcatholic.org/about/office-of-bishop/dailyreflections.

The Diocese is live-streaming daily Mass at 12:05 p.m. and Sunday Mass at 10 a.m.: vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass.

For the full story, go to vermontcatholic.org/vermont/parishes-use-various-means-to-stay-connected-with-parishioners-during-pandemic.

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To see more events or to submit your event to the diocesan calendar:
vermontcatholic.org/events



Diocese of Burlington

Online Ministry Opportunities

for Holy Week, April 5–12, 2020

Mass, Adoration and Rosary

Both the Masses and Rosary will be offered live online and do not require any registration.

Daily (Mon – Thurs)	8 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (30 min) — Diocesan Livestream — www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass
Daily (Mon – Wed)	11:15 AM	Live Rosary — with Valerie Parzyck — www.facebook.com/DioBurlington
Daily (Mon – Wed)	12:05 PM	Mass — Diocesan Livestream — www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass
Palm Sunday	10 AM	Mass — Diocesan Livestream — www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass
Holy Thursday	7 PM	Mass — Diocesan Livestream — www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass
Good Friday	3 PM	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion — Diocesan Livestream — www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass
Easter Vigil (Saturday)	7 PM	Mass — Diocesan Livestream — www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass
Easter Sunday	10 AM	Mass — Diocesan Livestream — www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass

Online Ministries

Daily	Posted at 9 AM	Bishop Coyne's Daily Reflections — www.facebook.com/DioBurlington and www.vermontcatholic.org/about/office-of-bishop/dailyreflections/
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For the below offerings, we encourage people to register. Find the event on our diocesan calendar (www.vermontcatholic.org/events) and sign up, or contact mhagan@vermontcatholic.org. All events are FREE. Some of these will also be live-streamed on the diocesan Facebook page.

Monday, April 6	7:30 PM	Praying with the Scriptures (30 min) — Michael Hagan
Tuesday, April 7	10:30 AM & 7 PM	Encountering Jesus Bible Study (30 min) — Deacon Phil Lawson
Wednesday, April 8	1 PM	The Saintliness of Aging (30 min) — Terri McCormack
	7:30 PM	Book Study: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> by C.S. Lewis , first meeting (45 min) — Michael Hagan
Thursday, April 9	no online ministry events scheduled	
Friday, April 10	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross (30 min) — Valerie Parzyck & Josh Perry

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator

The Loretto Home, Rutland: Director of Nursing — \$3,000 Sign-on Bonus!

Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales School, Bennington: Administrator

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LNA or Caregiver

— \$500 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LPN or Med Tech

— \$1000 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LNA or Caregiver

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LPN or Med Tech

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Maintenance Supervisor

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Resident Services Coordinator

Vermont Catholic Charities:
Counselor Full-Time

For More Info:

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