



**April 12, 2020**  
**Easter 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Arnold McAllister.*

*"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 (April)**

#### **Universal prayer intention - Freedom from Addiction**

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

### **St. Vincent's April Steeple Cross Memorial**

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

### **Noteworthy Days the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Easter**

**Octave of Easter through 4/18**

#### **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.

### **Save the Date: Eucharistic Retreat in SHJ, Troy**

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

### **Message from Bishop Coyne**

*As believers in Jesus Christ as He is proclaimed in the faith of the Church, we are united as one Body of Christ even when we are physically separated from each other. Through the use of digital media, the diocesan staff and I have been working on many creative ways to connect the Catholic community in prayer, worship (especially the Mass), daily scripture reflections, recitation of the rosary and so much more. But we need your help.*

I ask members of the Catholic community to continue to make their weekly offerings to sustain their parish, and prayerfully consider making a Bishop's Annual Appeal gift to support the many efforts of the Diocese. The Church has remained steadfast for centuries. It is the means by which Christ will remain with us "always until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Over the centuries, we have faced invasion, famine and plague. Each time humanity has faced a profound and serious threat, the Church and its people have answered in solidarity with others and with full trust in the Lord. This pandemic will not stop us from proclaiming the Good News, caring for the neediest in our midst and spiritually feeding God's flock. As in the past, we will persevere in hope. We will get through this together.

I ask that you pray daily the pope's prayer to the Virgin Mary for protection from this pandemic ([www.vermontcatholic.org/covid-19/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/covid-19/)).

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.

All the church bells will toll at 3 p.m. on Good Friday and joyously peal at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday. May the sound remind you that you are not alone and give you hope for the day we will be re-united to celebrate the Eucharist with an abundance of gratitude and joy.

May your heart and your home be filled with Easter blessings.

**– Bishop Christopher Coyne**

### **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/](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frdodson/)

### **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**

### **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,

Easter this year is unique in many ways, but...

What if this is the best Easter ever?

What if this time of struggle, uncertainty, and pain in the world allows us to better empathize with Christ's passion and laying down of His life for us?

What if the Last Supper encourages us to appreciate our own seat at the Easter dinner table? Maybe we better cherish the value of eating together as a family and finding the good in each day?

What if, in walking the Stations of the Cross, we all committed to walking together alongside Church leadership to do what we can for our parishes, priests, and fellow parishioners at this time?

What if we are moved to rely more on prayer instead to ease our worries as we remember Christ's visit to the Garden of Gethsemane?

What if Judas' betrayal urges us to keep hope in the Lord, because we know nothing good can come from giving up on Jesus Christ?

What if Mary's strength during the passion, inspires parents who are challenged with raising and teaching their children on their own right now to stay strong and do their best?

What if, as we envision Christ walking towards his crucifixion, we surrender to God's plan for the world and know that He is in control and caring for us?

What if this holiday we learn to be more forgiving? Jesus' first words after being hung on the cross were words of forgiveness.

What if, on Good Friday, as we mourn in silence while Jesus hung on the cross for hours, we accept that maybe God's timing isn't our own this Easter... but it is the perfect timing?

What if we pray for and acknowledge in a new way the essential employees like grocery store workers, pharmacists, and health care professionals and staff who are risking their lives and taking care of us while we are sheltered in place this Easter?

What if the apostles, hidden in the Upper Room, give us the strength to continue on with quarantine, knowing that we will journey out two-by-two again?

What if we, our families, our loved ones, and Catholics around the world experience the joy and light of the Resurrection reflected in different ways, ways that inspire us to appreciate, commit to, and serve our faith with more passion, gladness, and hope than ever before?

What if the opening of the tomb in three days foreshows the joy we feel when we can open our doors and go out into the world together again?

What if this is the best Easter yet?

I pray that you all have a happy, holy, and healthy Easter and that the miracle of the resurrection provides a light of hope for you at this time! (Catholic Leadership Institute)

**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:

Date	Family Names
4/12/2020 Easter Sunday	Lawson Family Leblanc Family Lemay Family Lemieux Family Leonelli Family
4/13/2020 Monday	Meunier Family Moore Family Morin Family Morrisette Family Morse Family
4/14/2020 Tuesday	Mossa Family Murphy Family Nicosia Family Ostiguy Family Paquin Family
4/15/2020 Wednesday	Patenaude Family Petzoldt Family Pion Family Prue Family Quintal Family
4/16/2020 Thursday	Raboin Family Racicot Family Racine Family Reynard Family Root Family
4/17/2020 Friday	Routhier Family Russell Family Sanville Family Sheltra Family Sicotte Family
4/18/2020 Saturday	Sinclair Family St. Onge Family Starr Family Ste. Marie Family Talty Family
4/19/2020 Divine Mercy Sunday	Taylor Family Tetreault Family Tetreault, Sr. Family Therrien Family Thompson 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.

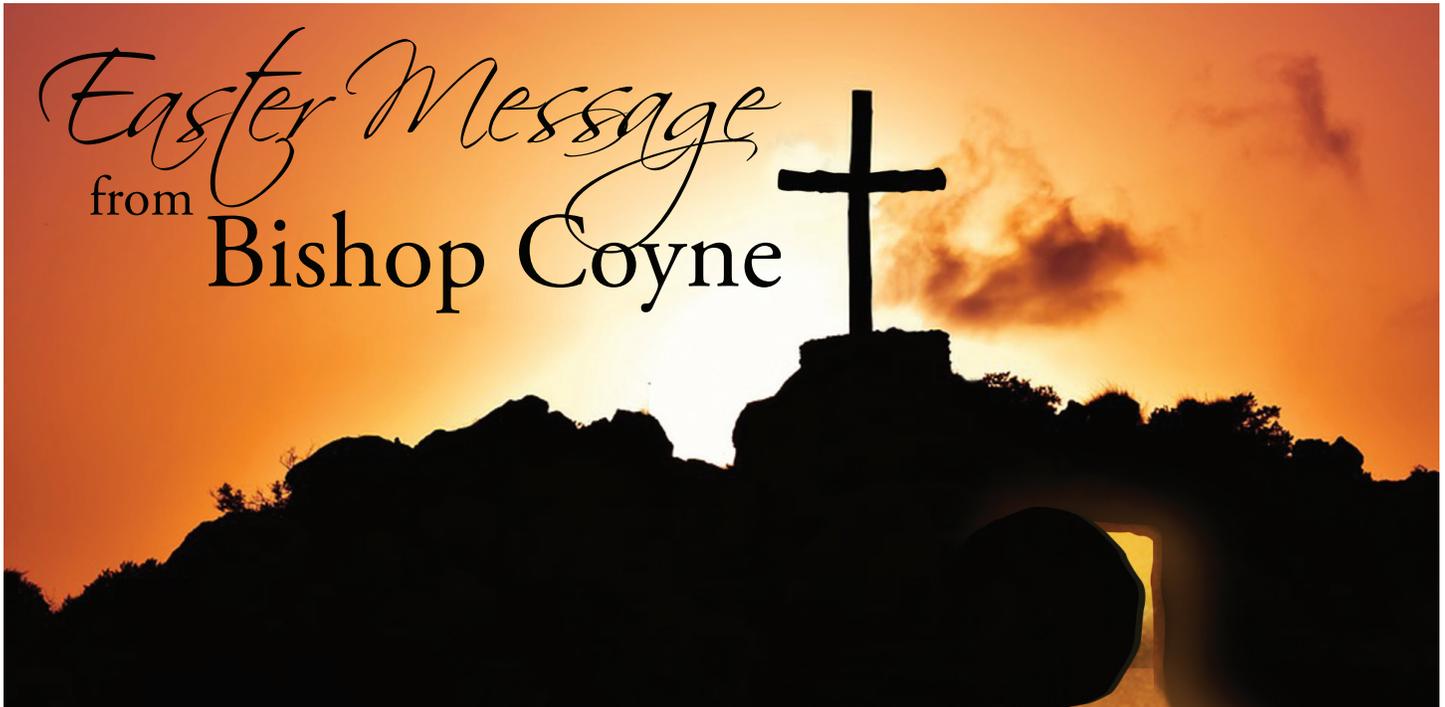
Amen.

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 11–17, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



*“So Peter and the other disciple [John] went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in...” (John 20:3-5).*

Why did John, the beloved disciple, pause outside the tomb? Why did he wait for Peter to catch up to him and then allow Peter to go in first? After all, John is the disciple who laid his head on Jesus’ chest at the Last Supper, who stood steadfast at the foot of the Cross with the Blessed Mother and the other women. Was it simply out of deference to Peter as the leader of the apostles, the one Jesus called “the rock on whom I will build my Church?” Or was it something else?

Perhaps John was afraid of what he might find. If he went in and Jesus’ body was there after all, the finality of it all, the ultimate end to any hope, the truth that Jesus’ promise to “rise in three days” was only empty words — not an empty tomb — would perhaps have been too overwhelming. Better to not know. Better to not know.

Or what if he went in, and Jesus’ body was not there, if the burial cloths were strewn all around and any evidence of a corpse was gone? If there were no clumsy footprints or clues that someone else like the Romans or the temple authorities had stolen the body, then what now, what now? Where is He? What does this mean? Nothing’s the same any longer! Is it true? Did He really rise like He said He would? Can I really hope that the one I loved, the one I gave my life to follow and then watched die on the Cross is alive as He said He would be? And

what does all this mean for me? What do I do now? Better to not know. Better to not know.

Finally, the brash and bold Peter arrives, and he goes into the tomb. The one who left his boat and everything else behind goes in and sees the burial cloths rolled up in a separate place, the one who brazenly swore that he would never betray Jesus and then did so three times. He goes in and John follows. Perhaps Peter has more to gain. Perhaps he needs to know that his thrice-voiced betrayal is not the last of his life’s encounters with the person of Jesus. Perhaps he needs the promise of the resurrection to be true more than John does. He needs to know.

You and I know Jesus did rise from the dead. We may not have seen Him, glorified and resurrected as did the early Church, but we are members of that same Church of which Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” And when we hear the Easter stories proclaimed anew each year — especially this year when so much in our lives is so frightening and uncertain — we say, “Better to know ... what a blessing to know.”



Yours in Christ,

*+ Christopher J. Coyne*

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington



# Diocese of Burlington

## *Online Ministry Opportunities*

April 13–19, 2020

### Mass, Adoration, and Rosary

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

Daily (Monday – Friday)	8 AM	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> (30 min) — Livestream — <a href="http://www.vermontcatholic.org/">www.vermontcatholic.org/</a>
Daily (Monday – Friday)	11:15 AM	<b>Live Rosary</b> — with Valerie Parzyck — <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DioBurlington">www.facebook.com/DioBurlington</a>
Daily (Monday – Friday)	12:05 PM	<b>Mass</b> — Livestream — <a href="http://www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass">www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass</a>
Sunday	10 AM	<b>Mass</b> — Livestream — <a href="http://www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass">www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass</a>

### Online Ministries

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

Monday, April 13	7:30 PM	<b>Praying with the Scriptures</b> (30 min) — Michael Hagan
Tuesday, April 14	10:30 AM & 7 PM	<b>Encountering Jesus Bible Study</b> (30 min) — Deacon Phil Lawson
Wednesday, April 15	1 PM	<b>The Saintliness of Aging</b> (30 min) — Terri McCormack
	7:30 PM	<b>Book Study: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> by C.S. Lewis</b> , second meeting (45-60 min) — Michael Hagan
Thursday, April 16	1 PM	<b>Praying with the Scriptures</b> (30 min) — Michael Hagan
Friday, April 17	<i>no online ministry scheduled</i>	

### 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

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