

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Year B

Welcome to St. Andre Bessette Parish!



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS January 30, 2021 – February 7, 2021

- 01/30 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
For our Nation and New Administration
- 01/31 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
For the people of our Parish
- 02/02 Tue 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)
† Deceased Priest of Diocese of Burlington
- 02/03 Wed 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† Deceased Priest of Diocese of Burlington
- 02/04 Thu 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† Deceased Priest of Diocese of Burlington
- 02/05 Fri 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† Deceased Priest of Diocese of Burlington
- 02/06 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
† Real and Martha Limoges
- 02/07 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
Open for Intention

This Week's Parish Events/Youth Programs Calendar

- Jan 31 Sun 7PM K of C—Rosary via Zoom
- Feb 04 Thu 7PM K of C Meeting
- Feb 07 Sun 8AM Religious Education- Zoom

Noteworthy Days

- ◆ Feb 02 - Feast of Presentation of the Lord
- ◆ Feb 05 - St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- ◆ Feb 06 - St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Online Giving....

St. Andre Bessette Parish is excited to offer online giving for one-time as well as recurring gifts! Simply make a secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit using the form on this page. <https://shsvsi.com/give>

Jewish Passover Meal

Troy Knights of Columbus Council 7943 cordially invites you to join via ZOOM, or in person at St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall, Troy, on Sunday, February 7th, at 2:00 PM, to listen to Rabbi Jan Salzman, founder of Congregation Ruach haMaqom in Burlington, discuss the Biblical origins of the Jewish Passover Seder Meal and the celebration of Passover during the Rabbinic (1st through 7th century) development of the seder meal and today.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 956 4759 1525
Passcode: 890023



Papal Intention for February

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

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, Denise (Laramee) King, Lise & Conrad Coulombe, Craig Hansen, Donald St. Onge, Wilma Therrien, Jim Cunningham.

"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, and restoring them to health of mind and body. Amen"

Please submit Mass Intentions and bulletin announcements before Wednesday at 1:00 PM to standrebessetteparish@vermontcatholic.org

Prayer for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto 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. Amen.



Parish Prayer

St. Andre Bessette we implore your intercession for our parish named in your honor.

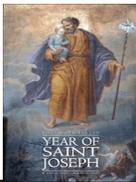
May your example of devotion and love for St. Joseph, guide us with your prayers, so that our parish becomes an

Inspirational light shining for all souls in our surrounding communities

St. Joseph, Zealous Defender of Christ, Protector of the Holy Church, Pillar of Families, And Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.

St. Vincent's Steeple Cross Memorial – February

For Mark Choquette by Ernest Choquette



Year of St Joseph

8th December 2020

to

8th December 2021



APOSTOLIC LETTER—*PATRIS CORDE*

4. An accepting father

Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. "The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgment".[18]

Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow. The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that explains, but accepts. Only as a result of this acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning. We can almost hear an echo of the impassioned reply of Job to his wife, who had urged him to rebel against the evil he endured: "Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" (Job 2:10).

Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments. Jesus' appearance in our midst is a gift from the Father, which makes it possible for each of us to be reconciled to the flesh of our own history, even when we fail to understand it completely.

Just as God told Joseph: "Son of David, do not be afraid!" (Mt 1:20), so he seems to tell us: "Do not be afraid!" We need to set aside all anger and disappointment, and to embrace the way things are, even when they do not turn out as we wish. Not with mere resignation but with hope and courage. In this way, we become open to a deeper meaning. Our lives can be miraculously reborn if we find the courage to live them in accordance with the Gospel. It does not matter if everything seems to have gone wrong or some things can no longer be fixed. God can make flowers spring up from stony ground. Even if our heart condemns us, "God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything" (1 Jn 3:20).

Here, once again, we encounter that Christian realism which rejects nothing that exists. Reality, in its mysterious and irreducible complexity, is the bearer of existential meaning, with all its lights and shadows. Thus, the Apostle Paul can say: "We know that all things work together for good, for those who love God" (Rom 8:28). To which Saint Augustine adds, "even that which is called evil (etiam illud quod malum dicitur)".[19] In this greater perspective, faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad. Nor should we ever think that believing means finding facile and comforting solutions. The faith Christ taught us is what we see in Saint Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.

Joseph's attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (cf. 1 Cor 1:27). He is the "Father of orphans and protector of widows" (Ps 68:6), who commands us to love the stranger in our midst.[20] I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (cf. Lk 15:11-32).

(http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

Consecration to St Joseph

In this year of St Joseph, St Andre Bessette Parish is offering a 33-day preparation of consecration to St Joseph. During this 33-day devotion there will be the opportunity to meet as a group 6 times, in-person or by zoom. The program will be during Lent, starting on February 15 and ending on March 19, St. Joseph's Feast Day. Anyone interested in the program may contact Nicole Pion 744-6318 or Rose Bathalon 744-2373.

Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekend of 01/23/2021—01/24/2021

Offertory	\$1,046.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,771.00
Difference +/-	(\$725.00)

Obituary



We are deeply saddened by the sudden death of **Lena Murphy** from Lowell. We are sorry for the loss. May God grant her eternal rest in peace.

CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN

Thank you for participating in our Capital Campaign. It is progressing every week. We appreciate that. Please consider helping our parish with your generosity. You are encouraged to participate for the good of our parish. Thank you!

FUTURES PREGNANCY CARE

Pregnancy help centers work every day to empower moms and families to choose life. Please visit Futures Pregnancy

Care online at www.futuresprenancycare.org, or call (802)447-4199 for more information.

Future Pregnancy Care

PO Box 65, Lyndonville, VT 05851

PARISH	GOAL	PLEGDED	% TO GOAL	RECEIVED
SABP	\$86,882	\$11,877	14%	\$4,824.33

World Marriage Day

We recognize and give away the certificates to Jubilarian Couples at 4pm on Saturday Feb 13th, 2021 in SHJ, Troy

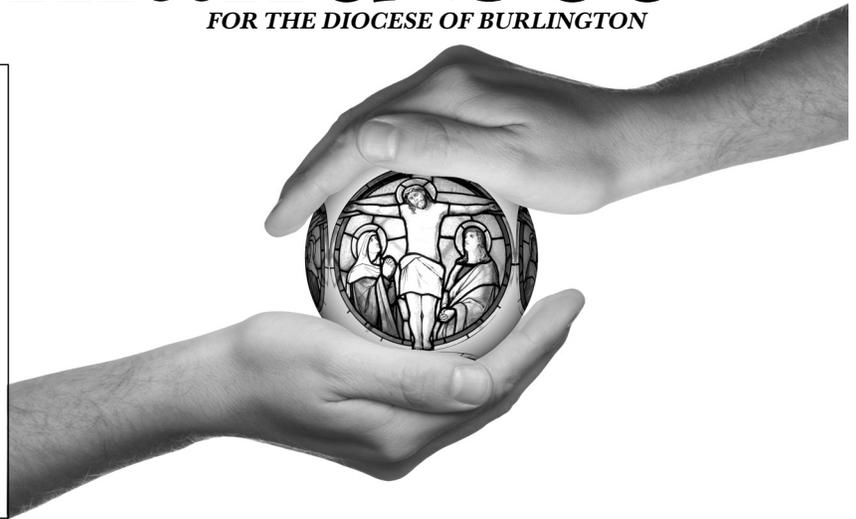
NEWS FROM The Inland See

January 30 – February 5, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Diocesan Formation Opportunities

Information Sessions



“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...” — Lk. 10:2

As the Diocesan Synod called for, the Diocese of Burlington is seeking to continue inspiring and equipping lay men and women for leadership positions in their parishes. Under the umbrella of the Diocesan Institute for Missionary Discipleship, the following four formation programs are being offered this year. Applications for each will be accepted this Spring with the programs beginning next August/September. For additional information, feel free to reach out to Dcn. Phil Lawson at plawson@vermontcatholic.org

Diocesan Lay Formation Leadership Program

This program seeks to form laity to assist in leadership roles in their parishes in such programs as RCIA, catechesis, Pre-Cana, evangelization, adult formation and building vibrant parishes. Key to this formation is inspiring and equipping the laity to serve and evangelize their parishes and communities as missionary disciples. This is a 2-year program that meets one Saturday a month in person, with additional formation taking place via online courses.

Deacon Formation Program

Deacons are ordained to be permanent ministers in the Church. Deacons are ministers of the word, of sacrament and most of all ministers of charity. They have significant theological education, a deep spiritual life and are formed in pastoral ministry. They must have good human relations ability. The total time in formation is five years, two of which are in the Lay Leadership Formation Program, followed by three years of diaconate formation. Deacon Pete Gummere, diaconate director, will present additional information and take questions on the Permanent Diaconate.

Leader of Prayer Program

The Lay Leader of Prayer Formation Program seeks to raise up laity in our parishes who can prepare and lead appropriate forms of public prayer at the request of the pastor when clergy are otherwise unavailable. The curriculum for the Lay Leader of Prayer Formation Program consists of four sessions that will serve to cover basic liturgical principals of leading communal prayer as well as an introduction to the various rites of the Church that may be led by lay leaders: Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying and Funeral Rites.

Pastoral Associate for Parish Life

This is a 1-year formation program designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to serve their parishes as a pastoral associate when it is not possible for the bishop to appoint a full-time parish priest. This service will take the form of parish administration, pastoral care, pastoral counseling, finances, sacramental preparation, liturgical planning and assistance, human resources and faith formation. This ensures that Christian life and the evangelizing mission of the community are continued.

Information Session Dates

Wednesday, February 10 • 7 p.m.

Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/diocesan-formation-opportunities-information-sessions/

Tuesday, February 16 • 7 p.m.

Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/diocesan-formation-opportunities-information-sessions-2/



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As of Jan. 15: \$4,208,840 **Goal: \$9,582,456**

Upcoming Events



01|31 SUNDAY
Envision Life

via Zoom • 6 - 8 pm

Join us for a virtual pro-life event live-streamed from Saint John Vianney Church in S. Burlington. The evening will begin with prayer and adoration and will be followed by two presentations, by Molly Sheahan, Associate Director for Respect Life Advocacy at Maryland Catholic Conference and Krista Corbello, Founder of Even This Way. Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/envision-life/



02|02 – 04|20 TUESDAYS
The Sacraments

via Zoom • 7:45 - 8:45 pm

The Sacraments are at the center of our worship. They are essential to God's plan, but what are they? Why are they important? Who gives them to us? Where are they in Scripture? And how do we live them out? Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell to think about and reflect upon the Seven Sacraments. To get the Zoom information email Greg Caldwell at gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu.



02|03 WEDNESDAY
Parent Cafe

via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:15 pm

Join other Catholic parents in Vermont for these virtual discussions about life and faith. Each session includes a prayer and brief discussion which sets the stage for open and honest conversation. Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/parent-cafe/



02|09 TUESDAY
Praise and Worship St John Enosburg

St. John, Enosburg • 7 - 8 pm

Come experience the light of Christ! Open to all!



02|17, 18, 19 WED, THURS, FRI
Embracing Lent during a Pandemic

Essex Catholic Community

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, offered at St. Lawrence Church, Essex Jct. at 8:30 am Mass and at St. Pius X Church, Essex Center at 7 pm Mass. Hosted by Fr. Michael Carter, S.S.E.



02|23, 03|02, 9, 16, 23 TUESDAYS
Encounter Jesus Bible Study

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Each week will focus on a different encounter with Jesus as described in the Gospels which in the words of Pope Francis, "changes our lives... and fills us with joy." Hosted by Deacon Phil Lawson



JAN. 31–FEB. 6, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER...

about when you first saw each other and met? Write a letter to each other describing the details, include smells, sounds, and other sensory experiences you felt. Read your letters together and lovingly discuss what you remember (perhaps by candlelight).

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

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2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have made a gift already. We are more than 20% behind our goal and ask those that can to please consider making a gift. You can make a gift online: vermontcatholic.org/donate

100%

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: \$2,651,157

81%

As of January 15, 2021: \$2,148,025