

# First Sunday of Lent Year B

Welcome to St. Andre Bessette Parish!



## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS February 20, 2021 – February 28, 2021

- 02/20 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)  
*† Bernard Bonneau by Fern Bonneau*
- 02/21 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (SHJ)  
*For the people of our Parish by Fr Paul*
- 02/23 Tue 4.00 PM Mass (SHJ)  
*For Fr Tim's Godchildren by Fr Tim*
- 02/24 Wed 8.30 AM Mass (SHJ)  
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- 02/25 Thu 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)  
*† For Denise (Laramée) King by Fr Paul*
- 02/26 Fri 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)  
*† Janice Descheneaux by Deborah Morrissette*
- 02/27 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)  
*† Real and Martha Limoges by Lise & Dave Hackett*
- 02/28 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (SHJ)  
*Open for Intention*

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

- Feb 21 Sun 8am to 11am K of C Breakfast SHJ Hall
- Feb 22 Mon 6.30PM Consecration to St. Joseph
- Feb 26 Fri 6PM Confession (SHJ)  
7PM Stations of the Cross (SHJ)

### Noteworthy Days

Feb 22 Mon Feast of Chair of St Peter, Apostle

### 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>

### Thanks...

Many thanks to Sacred Heart Ladies for a successful Valentine's Day Dinner.



### Knights' Announcement

James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157 invites all 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus members to join us for our monthly meeting, Wednesday, February 24, at 6:00 PM at St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall (Sacred Heart of Jesus Church) Troy. A light social will be provided after the meeting. Social distancing and wearing a face mask remain in place.



### 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, Lise & Conrad Coulombe, Craig Hansen, Donald St. Onge, Wilma Therrien, Jim Cunningham, Katherine Waters and Devoney Choquette.

*"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](mailto:standrebessetteparish@vermontcatholic.org)**

### St. Vincent's Steeple Cross Memorial – February

*For Mark Choquette by Ernest Choquette*

### 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.



Dear Friends,

I'm very happy to invite you all for my baby brother Michael's Wedding on Monday 02.22.2021. Michael starts his new life with Ansel Mary at 11am in India which is 12.30AM (Sunday midnight) for us in the NEK. May I request your prayers for the couple? May God's blessings fill their hearts and their new life with love and happiness!

Yours in Christ,

Fr Paul



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BREAKFAST

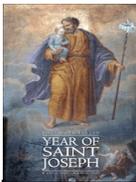


The Knights of Columbus Council 7943 will hold its monthly family breakfast from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Sacred Heart Church Hall on February 21st (Every 3rd Sunday) to benefit families in need. Eat-in or Takeout is available. All you can eat—\$9.00 (6-12 years of age \$5.00 and under 6 - FREE). Monthly basket raffle (Love thy neighbor), Bake sale table (a variety of Brownies & Squares) are available. We will be following all Covid guidelines. If you would have any questions, please contact Deborah @ 673- 7510 or George @ 323-2470.

### Knights' Monthly Basket Raffle

**(Theme – Love thy Neighbor)**

This month will have six separate gift bags, in it with the objective of the winner keeping one bag and giving away the other five.



# Year of St Joseph

8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

to

8<sup>th</sup> December 2021



## APOSTOLIC LETTER – PATRIS CORDE

### 7. A father in the shadows

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński, in his book *The Shadow of the Father*, tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: "In the wilderness... you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled" (*Deut* 1:31). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life. Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Children today often seem orphans, lacking fathers. The Church too needs fathers. Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians remain timely: "Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers" (*1 Cor* 4:15). Every priest or bishop should be able to add, with the Apostle: "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (*ibid.*). Paul likewise calls the Galatians: "My little children, with whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you!" (4:19). Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.

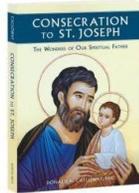
Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration.

([http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html))

### Consecration to St. Joseph Meetings at SHJ Hall in Troy

The following Monday evenings we will hold both Zoom and an in-person group meeting. Please bring your book to participate.

- Feb 22 6:30 PM
- Mar 1 6:30 PM
- Mar 8 6:30 PM
- Mar 15 6:30 PM
- Friday Mar 19 - Consecration Day - TBD



#### Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 927 3233 5200

Passcode: 215622

Join by Computer: <https://www.zoom.us/join>

Join by Phone: 1 646 558 8656

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is scheduled at 7 PM every Friday during Lent. Let us join our Lord to share in his pain.

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| 02.26.2021 | - | St Vincent's Ladies                |
| 03.05.2021 | - | Finance Council                    |
| 03.12.2021 | - | Sacred Heart Ladies                |
| 03.19.2021 | - | Religious Education & Confirmation |
| 03.26.2021 | - | St Ignatius' Ladies                |
| 04.02.2021 | - | Parish Council                     |



### Blessing the Snowmobiles

The snowmobiles will be blessed immediately after the Sunday Mass at 10.30AM on February 21, 2021 in SHJ, Troy.

### Weekend of 02/13/2021 – 02/14/2021

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| Offertory      | \$1,865.00 |
| Weekly Budget  | \$1,771.00 |
| Difference +/- | \$94.00    |

### CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN

Thank you for participating in our Capital Campaign.

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

### GUIDELINES FOR LENT

- ◆ The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.
- ◆ The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength", are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.
- ◆ Abstinence refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.
- ◆ The substantial observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.
- ◆ Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.
- ◆ Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

February 20–26, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Bishop Christopher Coyne and Josh Perry at the 2020 Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington. — Cori Fugere Urban photo

Trying to figure out who’s who is a common human activity. We like to know who we are sharing our time with and what relationship they have to us. So it is with the Church that gathers on Sunday for Mass. Many of the faces are as familiar as our own, but as with any healthy group, new faces are to be expected and welcomed. Some of those new faces may be responding to a call to find out more about Christ and His Church. The Church opens its arms to these seekers with the wisdom and rituals of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (the RCIA).

People who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith and its mission fall into two main groups: catechumens and

candidates. A catechumen is someone who has never been baptized while candidates are those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination who desire to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Catechumens and candidates undergo a period of formation involving a number of steps and phases. Then, after this formation — usually at the Easter Vigil or in the Easter Season — they receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. In 2020, the Diocese of Burlington had 23 catechumens and 36 candidates.

For these catechumens and candidates, Lent is a period of intensified spiritual preparation. At the beginning of Lent, the Diocese celebrates a special ritual: the “Rite of Election” for the catechumens and the “Call to Continuing Conversion” for the candidates. Based on the testimony given by the sponsors and catechists, Bishop Christopher Coyne will declare the catechumens to be “Elect,” chosen by God for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the upcoming Easter Vigil. The bishop also will recognize the desire of the already-baptized candidates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist within the Catholic community.

The faithful throughout the Diocese are encouraged to pray for and with the catechumens and candidates this Lent, especially for the new faces they may see in their own parishes.

All are encouraged to attend (either virtually or in person) the diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion on Feb. 28 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington at 3 p.m.

— *Josh Perry, Director of Worship, Diocese of Burlington*

## Lent: A time for prayer

with the Diocese of Burlington Rosary Apostolate

Lent will begin Wednesday, February 17; Lent is a time for penance, reflection and spiritual growth. One way we can increase our holiness is to incorporate the Rosary into our daily prayer life. Each day the Diocese of Burlington offers a recitation of the Rosary featuring a member of our Vermont diocesan community. If you are looking for ways to grow in holiness this Lenten season, consider visiting our

Rosary page at [www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/rosary/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/rosary/) to pray with fellow Vermont Catholics, or to sign up to lend your voice for a recording.

Saint Padre Pio has been quoted as saying, “The Rosary is the weapon for these times.” May we grow together in holiness and protection from all evil. For more information email Valerie Parzyck [vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org)



# Upcoming Events



02|22, 03|01, 08, 15, 22, 29 MONDAYS  
**Living in the Father's Love  
 Women's Bible Study**  
*via Zoom • 7 - 8:30 pm*

Each session will focus on how to improve our relationship with God and those He places on our journey. Discover how God really loves you. Hosted by Terri McCormack and Mary Alice Walker. **Register here:** [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/living-in-the-fathers-love-womens-bible-study/2021-02-22/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/living-in-the-fathers-love-womens-bible-study/2021-02-22/)



02|22 MONDAY  
**Lent with St. Joseph**  
*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington  
 7 - 8 pm*

Holy Hour with the Litany of St. Joseph and spiritual reflections on St. Joseph by Brandon Schneider, seminarian. Confessions will be available during Adoration.



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. **Learn more and register at:** [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/encounter-jesus-bible-study/all/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/encounter-jesus-bible-study/all/)



02|23 - 04|20 TUESDAYS  
**The Sacraments**  
*via Zoom • 7:45 - 8:45 pm*

Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell to think about and reflect upon the Seven Sacraments. For Zoom information email Greg Caldwell at [gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu).



02|24 - 05|12 WEDNESDAYS  
**Awaken / Light of the World**  
*via Zoom • 7 - 8:30 pm*

It's Time to AWAKEN! Awaken is an innovative new program developed by Light of the World Evangelization Ministries (the same people that sponsor the Light of the World retreats) designed to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus and His Church. The program is a completely on-line series of 12 sessions using Zoom and prepared videos followed by small group discussions building on the video themes. Essex Catholic Community is planning to begin Awaken during Lent on Wednesday nights. There is no cost to participate. If you think you might be interested in participating or have questions, e-mail or phone Deacon Gerry Scilla at [vtscilla@comcast.net](mailto:vtscilla@comcast.net), 878-0639.



02|24 WEDNESDAY  
**Emotional Virtue for a Drama  
 Free Life with Sarah Swafford**  
*Zoom • 7:30 pm*

The Catholic Center at UVM is hosting well-known speaker and author, Sarah Swafford. To register for this online event visit: [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b-4dabab2aa6f49-evening](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b-4dabab2aa6f49-evening)



02|24, 03|10, 24, 04|07 WEDNESDAYS  
**Saints and Sinners**  
*via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm*

Sinners as saints? Join us as we look at the lives of four saints and how his or her life can inspire us to live the plan God has for each one of us. There will be time for prayer and discussion with your hosts Michael Hagan and Terri McCormack. All are welcome! Register at: [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/saints-and-sinners](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/saints-and-sinners)



02|25 THURSDAY  
**Dispel the Darkness —  
 An Evening of Light and Hope**  
*St. Monica, Barre • 6:30 - 8 pm*

Come rest in the light and the hope of Christ. Whatever the darkness you may find yourself in, come discover the hope of God. Evening will include reflections and prayers led by Deacon Phil Lawson, with music by Bill Gavin. There will be adoration, the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary and an opportunity for confession. This event will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person.



03|03 WEDNESDAY  
**Building a Culture  
 of Encounter Through Fasting,  
 Prayer, Almsgiving**  
*via Zoom • 6:30 - 8 pm*

All are welcome to attend this virtual evening of reflection and conversation, offered by Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship, that will help us consider anew the traditional Lenten disciplines: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Between each reflection, there will be time for conversation and questions, silent prayer and guided meditation, and music. Register at: [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/an-evening-of-reflection-building-a-culture-of-encounter-through-fasting-prayer-almsgiving/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/an-evening-of-reflection-building-a-culture-of-encounter-through-fasting-prayer-almsgiving/)



03|04 THURSDAY  
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*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 6:30 - 8 pm*

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03|09 TUESDAY  
**Dispel the Darkness —  
 An Evening of Light and Hope**  
*All Saints, Richford • 6:30 - 8 pm*

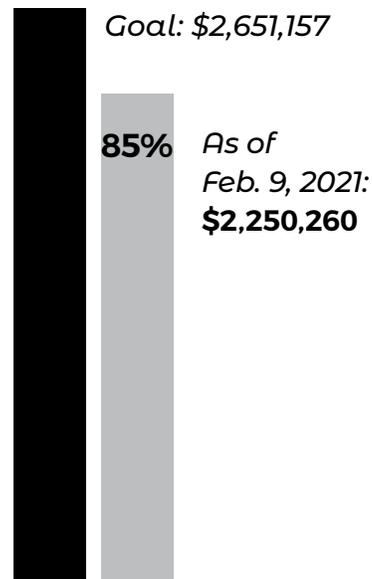
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