

# Second Sunday of Lent Year B

Welcome to St. Andre Bessette Parish!



## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS February 27, 2021—March 07, 2021

- 02/27 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)  
*† Real and Martha Limoges by Lise & Dave Hackett*
- 02/28 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (SHJ)  
*† Richard Berthiume by KofC VT State Council*
- 03/02 Tue 4.00 PM Mass (SHJ)  
*For Fr Tim's Godchildren by Fr Tim*
- 03/03 Wed 8.30 AM Mass (SHJ)  
*Open for Mass intention*
- 03/04 Thu 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)  
*Open for Mass intention*
- 03/05 Fri 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)  
*Open for Mass intention*
- 03/06 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)  
*Open for Intention*
- 03/07 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (SHJ)  
*Open for Intention*

### Papal Intention for March

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

### Prayer List

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—March

*For Denise Laramee King & Richard Berthiume  
by Margo Hansen*

### 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.*



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

- Mar 01 Mon 6.30PM Consecration to St. Joseph
- Mar 04 Thu 6PM Ladies of SHJ (SHJ)  
6PM KofC Meeting (KofC Room)
- Mar 05 Fri 6PM Confession (SHJ)  
7PM Stations of the Cross (SHJ)
- Mar 07 Sun 8AM Religious Education (SHJ)

### Religious Education

Religious Education program has been scheduled at 8AM on Sunday, 03.07.2021.

### 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...

The Ladies of Sacred Heart would like to thank everyone who made Valentine's day dinner a success. Rose Bathalon won the basket raffle and Helen Bowen won the 50/50 ticket. We are thinking of replacing the lights in the hall with more energy efficient lighting. ..



### Knights' Announcement



Fr. Meany - Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, Troy, invites all Knights of Columbus members to join us at our monthly meeting, Thursday, March 4 at 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Hall, Troy. There will NOT be a light social after the meeting. All officers of the Council are requested to meet at 5:00 PM for an Officer's meeting. Social distancing and wearing of face mask remains in place.

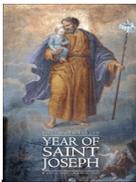


### Office of Evangelization & Catechesis Parish Staff/Volunteer Lenten Retreats

- ◆ Thu, March 18th: St. Jude - Hinesburg 9:30am - 1:30pm
- ◆ Thu, March 25th: Our Lady of the Angels - Randolph 9:30am 1:30pm
- ◆ Sat, March 20th: Online 9:30am - 11:45am

### ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BREAKFAST ~

The Knights of Columbus Council 7943 would like to thank everyone who donated, worked, and participated in the breakfast. The winner of the Love thy Neighbor basket was Darielle Pepin of Troy. The 50-50 winner was Tony Lemay of Troy who graciously donated back his winnings back to the council. We hope to see you all at our next breakfast on March 21, 2021. If you would have any questions, please contact Deborah @ 673-7510 or George @ 323-2470.



# 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

When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes "useless", when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care. In the end, this is what Jesus would have us understand when he says: "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (Mt 23:9).

In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a "sign" pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Mt 5:45). And a shadow that follows his Son.

\* \* \*

"Get up, take the child and his mother" (Mt 2:13), God told Saint Joseph.

The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

Indeed, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God, like Abraham [26] and Moses [27], and like Jesus, the "one mediator" (1 Tim 2:5), who is our "advocate" with the Father (1 Jn 2:1) and who "always lives to make intercession for [us]" (Heb 7:25; cf. Rom 8:34).

The saints help all the faithful "to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life". [28] Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.

Jesus told us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart" (Mt 11:29). The lives of the saints too are examples to be imitated. Saint Paul explicitly says this: "Be imitators of me!" (1 Cor 4:16). [29] By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same.

Before the example of so many holy men and women, Saint Augustine asked himself: "What they could do, can you not also do?" And so he drew closer to his definitive conversion, when he could exclaim: "Late have I loved you, Beauty ever ancient, ever new!" [30]

We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.

([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.

Mar 1 6:30 PM

Mar 8 6:30 PM

Mar 15 6:30 PM

Friday Mar 19 - Consecration Day - TBD

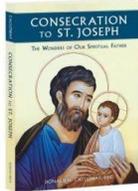
#### Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 927 3233 5200

Passcode: 215622

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

Join by Phone: 1 646 558 8656



### Annual Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 27th via Zoom. The keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 1/2 years as a POW in Vietnam and a lifelong Catholic. Other speakers include Bishop Coyne and Monsignor John McDermott. Registration and more information at: [www.vermontcatholic.org/men](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/men)

### 40 Days for Life

Do you want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. Join in praying for the protection of the unborn and for the conversion of hearts. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful vigil of prayer and fasting with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion.

**February 17 to March 28, 2021**

Here is a list of the three vigil sites in our Diocese

#### Barre

Location: Sidewalk right-of-way near Planned Parenthood 90 Washington Street

Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Website: [www.40daysforlife.com/Barre](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Barre)

Organizer: Tom, phone: 802-224-6309,

email: [thomaskelly.tom@gmail.com](mailto:thomaskelly.tom@gmail.com)

#### Rutland

Location: Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood 11 Burnham Avenue

Hours: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Website: [www.40daysforlife.com/rutland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/rutland)

Organizer: Delia, phone: 802-287-0354,

email: [havefaith180103@yahoo.com](mailto:havefaith180103@yahoo.com)

#### Burlington

Location: Sidewalk right-of-way by the Planned Parenthood at 173 St. Paul Street

Hours: 6:00 am to 7:00 pm

Website: [www.40daysforlife.com/Burlington](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Burlington)

Organizer: Lisa, phone: 802-503-4706,

email: [40daysbvt@gmail.com](mailto:40daysbvt@gmail.com)

### Weekend of 02/20/2021 – 02/21/2021

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Offertory      | \$1,333.00 |
| Weekly Budget  | \$1,771.00 |
| Difference +/- | (\$438.00) |
| Ash Wednesday  | \$343.00   |

### 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 |

### 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.



|            |   |                                    |
|------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 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                     |

# The Inland See

NEWS FROM

February 27–March 5, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## For Lent, ask if one's life is centered on God or oneself, pope says

Lent is a time to reconsider the path one is taking in life and to finally answer God's invitation to return to him with one's whole heart, Pope Francis said.

"Lent is not just about the little sacrifices we make, but about discerning where our hearts are directed," he said, "toward God or toward myself?"

The pope's remarks came in his homily at Mass Feb. 17 for Ash Wednesday. In his homily, the pope said one must bow to receive ashes sprinkled on the crown of the head, which reflects the "humble descent" one makes in reflecting on one's life, sins and relationship with God.

"Lent is a journey of return to God," especially when most people live each day ignoring or delaying their response to God's invitation to pray and do something for others.

"It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends," he said.

"The journey of Lent is an exodus from slavery to freedom," he said, noting the easy temptations along that journey, including yearning for the past, or hindered by "unhealthy attachments, held back by the seductive snares of our sins, by the false security of money and appearances, by the paralysis of our discontents. To embark on this journey, we have to unmask these illusions."

The way back to God, he said, starts with understanding, like the prodigal son, how "we have ended up with empty



Pope Francis elevates the Eucharist as he celebrates Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 17, 2021. — CNS/Guglielmo Mangiapane, Reuters photo

### POPE FRANCIS'S FASTING SUGGESTIONS

*Do you want to fast this lent?*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

hands and an unhappy heart" after squandering God's gifts "on paltry things, and then with seeking God's forgiveness through confession.

The pope again reminded confessors that they must be like the father in the story of the prodigal son and not use "a whip," but open their arms in a welcoming embrace.

"The journey is not based on our own strength. Heartfelt conversion, with the deeds and practices that express it, is possible only if it begins with the primacy of God's work" and through his grace, the pope said.

What makes people just is not the righteousness they show off to others, "but our sincere relationship with the Father," after finally recognizing one is not self-sufficient, but in great need of him, his mercy and grace.

The pope asked people to contemplate daily the crucified Christ and see in his wounds, "our emptiness, our shortcomings, the wounds of our sin and all the hurt we have experienced."

"We see clearly that God points his finger at no one, but rather opens his arms to embrace us," he said.

It is in life's most painful wounds, that God awaits with his infinite mercy because it is there "where we are most vulnerable, where we feel the most shame" and where he comes to meet his children again.

"And now," the pope said, "he invites us to return to him, to rediscover the joy of being loved."

— Carol Glatz, *Catholic News Service*

# Upcoming Events



03|01, 08, 15, 22, 29 MONDAYS  
**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.



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. [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/encounter-jesus-bible-study/all/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/encounter-jesus-bible-study/all/)



03|02 - 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).



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, 09 THURSDAY AND TUESDAY  
**Dispel the Darkness — An Evening of Light and Hope**  
*03|04 • Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington*  
*03|09 • All Saints, Richford*

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

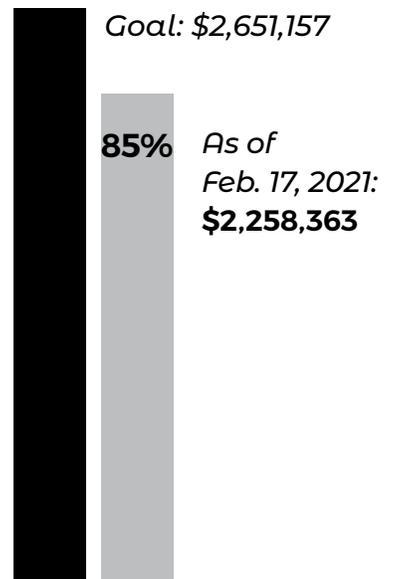
Sinners as saints? Join us as we look at the lives of four saints and how his or her life can inspire us to live the plan God has for each one of us. There will be time for prayer and discussion with your hosts Michael Hagan and Terri McCormack. All are welcome! Register at: [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/saints-and-sinners](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/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



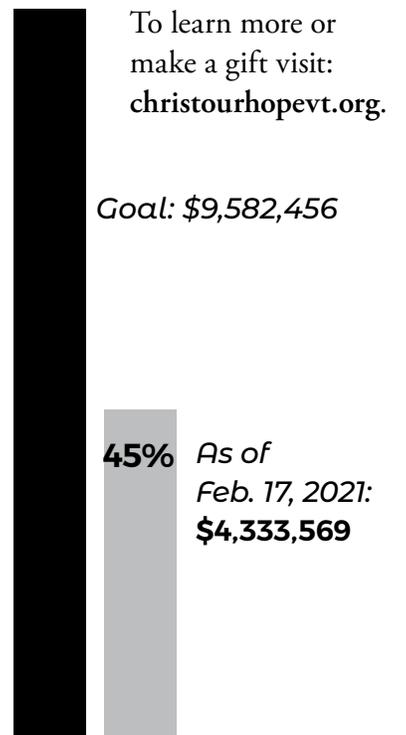
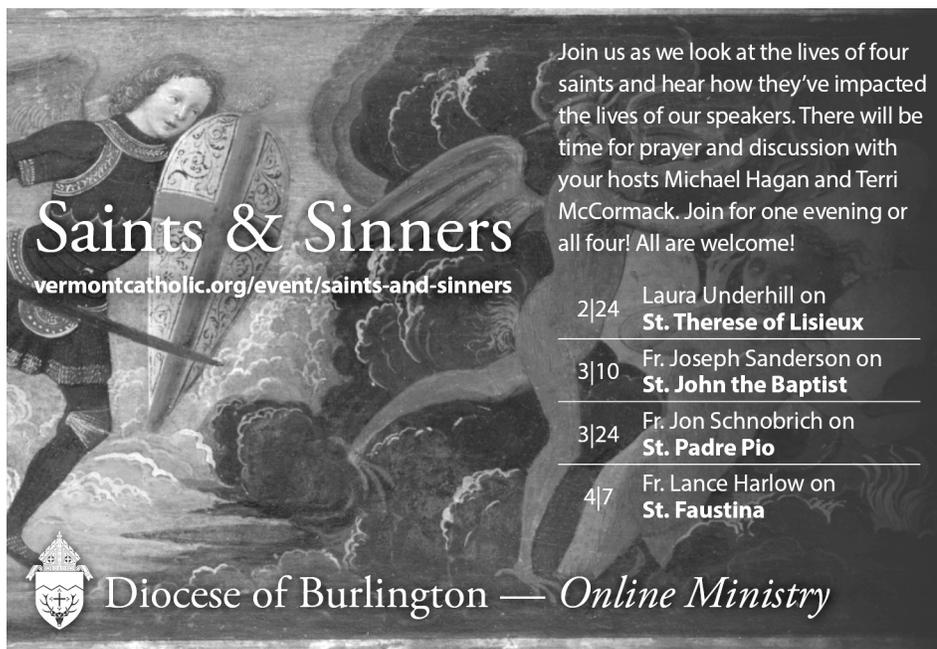
03|12, 13, 14 FRI, SAT, SUN  
**2021 National Catholic Womens Conference**  
*Online*

What if you could be at peace most of the time? Discover women just like you sharing similar struggles, and learn how they're finding freedom in Faith. Learn how prayer enhances your vocation as a mother, spouse, professional, and friend. Experience how God Multiplies our time and energy when we make prayer a priority. Learn how to stop wasting time and energy on guilt, comparison, and resentment and become fully alive as a Catholic Woman. This virtual retreat will have live speakers, prayer rooms, and you will have access to 40+ speakers with a free weekend pass by registering for free: [go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021](http://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021)

CHRIST OUR   
*Hope*  
 2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



CHRIST OUR   
*Hope*  
 BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH

**Saints & Sinners**  
[vermontcatholic.org/event/saints-and-sinners](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/saints-and-sinners)

Join us as we look at the lives of four saints and hear how they've impacted the lives of our speakers. There will be time for prayer and discussion with your hosts Michael Hagan and Terri McCormack. Join for one evening or all four! All are welcome!

- 2|24 Laura Underhill on **St. Therese of Lisieux**
- 3|10 Fr. Joseph Sanderson on **St. John the Baptist**
- 3|24 Fr. Jon Schnobrich on **St. Padre Pio**
- 4|7 Fr. Lance Harlow on **St. Faustina**

 Diocese of Burlington — *Online Ministry*

# RYAN TREMBLAY

RYANTREMBLAYMUSIC.COM

## VIRTUAL CONCERT

FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH @ 7:30PM



TO BENEFIT



[KURNHATTIN.ORG](http://KURNHATTIN.ORG)

SPONSORED BY  
**THE ST.  
NICHOLAS  
PROJECT**  
[thestnicholasproject.com](http://thestnicholasproject.com)

TICKETS  
**\$10**

[bit.ly/2MrasmD](https://bit.ly/2MrasmD)

Since 1894, Kurn Hattin Homes for Children has helped thousands of children and their families by offering a safe home and quality education in a nurturing environment.

**KURN HATTIN TRANSFORMS THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES FOREVER**

P.O. Box 127 Westminster, Vermont 05158 | (802) 722-3336 | [www.kurnhattin.org](http://www.kurnhattin.org)