



Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

Welcome to St. Andre Bessette Parish!



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

March 20, 2021 – March 28, 2021

- 03/20 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)
† Jean Francois and Mariette Bouchard by Jerry & Nicole Pion
- 03/21 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† Rachel Bouchard by Annette Morse
- 03/23 Tue 4.00 PM Mass (SHJ)
Open for Mass intention
- 03/24 Wed 8.30 AM Mass (SHJ)
For the people of our Parish by Fr Paul
- 03/25 Thu 8:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
For the Unborn by Fr Paul
- 03/26 Fri 7.00 PM Mass (SHJ)
† Rolland Fontaine by Annette Morse
- 03/27 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)
† Jean Paul Couture (9th) by Theresa Couture & Family
- 03/28 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (SHJ)
† John Bathalon by Alan & Karen Bathalon

This Week's Parish Events/Youth Programs Calendar

- Mar 21 Sun 8am to 11am KofC Breakfast (SHJ)
1.00pm Jewish Passover Meal
- Mar 26 Fri 9am to 6pm Adoration (SHJ)
6.15pm Confession
7pm Stations of the Cross

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>

Sacraments of Initiation (RCIA)

Emily Watson and Jenna Busky are receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) on Easter Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare themselves.



Jewish Passover Meal

Knights of Columbus Council 7943, Troy, cordially invites you to join a scheduled Zoom and in-person meeting at St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall, Troy, on Sunday, March 21st at 1:00 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.



To join in the Zoom meeting online, contact George Piette at georgepiette@gmail.com for direction and link. (#323-2470)

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

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.



Stations of the Cross (7pm at SHJ)

03.26.2021 - St Ignatius' Ladies

Let us join our Lord to share in his pain.



Consecration to St. Joseph

Many thanks to Rose Bathalon and Nicole Pion for organizing Consecration to St Joseph program. It was much beneficial and enriching. God bless you and all who participated in it.

Thank you 

Lenten Penance Service in our Deanery

Sunday, March 21, 2021 - Barton - 3:00 PM

Sunday March 28, 2021 - St. Johnsbury- @ 3:00 PM

40-Days of Lent Family Food Drive

Knights of Columbus Troy council is collecting food for the people in need during Lent. People can drop the food in the basket kept at the entrance of SHJ Church, Troy.

Holy Week Schedule for St Andre Bessette Parish

Venue : Sacred Heart Church, Troy

Holy Thursday - 7pm
Good Friday - 7pm
Easter Vigil - 7pm
Easter Sunday - 9.30am



Holy Week

Weekend of 03/13/2021—03/14/2021

Offertory \$1,269.00
Weekly Budget \$1,771.00
Difference +/- (\$502.00)

Annual Vermont Catholic Men's Conference:

Saturday, March 27th, 2021 9:00AM – Noon via Zoom.

The Keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain, Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 ½ years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic.

Other speakers will include Bishop Coyne & Msgr.

John McDermott. The cost is free, but registration is necessary.

Registration and more info at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men

Call John Morin for more info (802) 885-3946

4th Degree Sir Knights' Meet

James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157 invites all 4th Degree Knights of Columbus members to join us for our monthly meeting, Wednesday, March 24, at 6:00 PM at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish Hall, Orleans. A light social will be provided after the meeting. Social distancing and wearing a face mask remains in place.

Job Opportunity:

Our Parish needs an office assistant. It is a paid position. Interested person can reach out the parish office or Fr Paul in person or via email. You are greatly appreciated to help our parish with your God given talents.

standrebessetteparish@vermontcatholic.org



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

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

FOR LENT 2021

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18)

Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.

“Social love’ makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone” (Fratelli Tutti, 183).

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. Mk 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord’s word to his Servant, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you” (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

“Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society” (Fratelli Tutti, 187).

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Savior, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter. (Lent 2021: “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18). Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love | Francis (vatican.va))

NEWS FROM The Inland See

March 20–26, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Chrism Mass

2021

Tuesday, March 30, 2021
11 A.M.

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington



On March 30 at 11 a.m., priests from throughout the Diocese of Burlington will join Bishop Christopher Coyne at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. This annual Mass traditionally is celebrated on the morning of Holy Thursday but, as is done in most Dioceses in the United States, can be moved to another time around Easter. The Chrism Mass brings the diocesan community together as the bishop blesses the priests of the Diocese and blesses the holy oils that will be used in the sacramental life of the Church in the coming year.

During the liturgy, the priests of the Diocese will stand before the bishop and renew the promises they made at their own ordination. They resolve to be “faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist” and “discharge the sacred office of teaching [...] not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls.” The bishop also exhorts everyone to pray for the priests and finally to pray for him so that he “may be made day by day a living and more perfect image of Christ, the Priest, the Good Shepherd, the Teacher, and the Servant of all.”

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the sacred oils are blessed. Containers holding the three oils – Oil of the Sick, Oil of the Catechumens and the Sacred Chrism – as well as the perfume that is mixed into the Sacred Chrism to give it its rich aroma – are presented by deacons serving in the Diocese. The Oil of the Sick is blessed for the healing of body, mind

and spirit. The Oil of Catechumens is blessed for the anointing of those preparing for baptism. Through this anointing, they are strengthened by Christ to resist the power of evil in all its forms. The Holy Chrism is consecrated by the bishop and priests of the Diocese to anoint infants after baptism, those who are to be confirmed and bishops and priests at their ordination. It is also used to anoint altars and churches at the time of their dedication. After the Mass, the oils are distributed and brought back to all the churches in the Diocese.

All are invited to join us for this special liturgy to pray especially for our priests and for all who will be anointed by these oils in the coming year. As the bishop will pray at the Chrism Mass: “May the Lord keep us all in his charity and lead all of us, shepherds and flock, to eternal life.”

Because of the limited capacity in the cathedral, seating for the general public will be limited. Those wishing to attend in person must RSVP online (vermontcatholic.org/events), and reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The Mass also will be live-streamed on the diocesan website and Facebook page. Priests or parish representatives designated by their pastors may come to the lower chapel following the Chrism Mass to pick up the holy oils for their respective church(es).

— *Josh Perry is director of the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Burlington.*



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Upcoming Events



03|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|23 TUESDAY

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/



03|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.



03|24 WEDNESDAY

7 Keys to Sharing Your Faith

via Zoom • 7:30 pm

Thomas Smith will be joining us virtually to discuss his own conversion story (from Mormon missionary to Baptist Minister to Catholic evangelist) as a template for exploring with you seven keys for joyfully and fruitfully sharing your faith with others. Learn more at: vermontcatholic.org/event/7-keys-to-sharing-your-faith



03|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



03|25 THURSDAY

Lenten Reflection with Bishop Christopher Coyne

via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Join Bishop Coyne as he shares his Lenten reflection. All are welcome! Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/lenen-reflection-with-bishop-christopher-coyne/



03|26, 04|02 FRIDAYS

Live Stations of the Cross

via Zoom • 11:30 am

Join Josh Perry and Valerie Parzyck as they pray Stations of the Cross online. This event will be streamed live at 11:30 am every Friday during Lent and at 7 pm on Good Friday. Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/live-stations-of-the-cross



03|27 SATURDAY

St. Ann Roast Pork & Beans Dinner

St. Ann, Milton • 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Sponsored by the Milton Knights of Columbus. Take-out only. Call St. Ann Rectory at (802) 893-2487 to order.

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2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$2,651,157

86%

As of
March 8, 2021:
\$2,278,829

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BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH

A bus ride from hell to heaven... *intrigued?*

Join us on this adventure as we read C.S. Lewis' classic novel "The Great Divorce." As we approach and celebrate Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday, we can hardly help but reflect on the "Four Last Things": death, judgement, heaven, and hell.

Online, Tuesday evenings
from 7:30-8:30 pm.

- March 30, 2021
- April 6, 2021
- April 13, 2021

Register at:

[vermontcatholic.org/event/
book-study-great-divorce](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/book-study-great-divorce)

Live captioning available.

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46%

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March 8, 2021:
\$4,378,367