

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

YEAR B

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

October 2, 2021 to October 9, 2021

10/2 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)
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10/9 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)
(Open for intention)



Weekday Mass Schedule at local Churches

St. Mary's Star of the Sea—Daily 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Lowell Carmelite's—8:00 am daily except Wednesday's 9:00 am.

Benedictine Monastery—10:00 am daily

Fr. Rijo Johnson S.D.V., Pastor
Deacon Ward Nolan, Administrator



Ladies of Sacred Heart meeting
October 7th, 6:00 PM
Copy Room

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

October 2 - Feast of Guardian Angels
October 3 - St. Theodora Guerin
October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi
October 5 - St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
October 6 - St. Bruno
October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
October 8 - St. John Leonardi



Papal Intention for October Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.



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

Please notify the Parish office of those who have asked for our prayers.



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



St. Vincent's Steeple Cross Memorial
October

OPEN FOR INTENTIONS

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.

Prayers for Dorothy Sylvia Fuller



Futures Pregnancy Care Annual Fundraiser Banquet

Featured Guest Speaker
Mary Hahn Beerworth
Executive Director, VT Right-to Life Committee
Friday, October 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM



Union Baptist Church 932 Us Route 5
Waterford, VT 05819

HEALING MASS

Fr. Lance Harlow will be offering a healing Mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Newport on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm



All are welcome

The Sacred Heart Harvest Dinner is on October 24th at 11:30.



If any of our parishioners have an abundance of vegetables and would like to donate, we would very much appreciate it - winter squash, rutabaga, carrots or cabbage

Thank you, Ladies of Sacred Heart

DOCTORS, NURSES, AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS



Join us at St. Mary Star of the Sea (Newport), or St. Edwards the Confessor (Derby Line) or St. James the Greater (Island Pond), or Sacred Heart of Jesus (Troy) in recognizing you, "our Guardian Angels", in celebrating with us a White Mass honoring you during all Masses on October 2nd and 3rd. Please save the date!



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION **ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH**

To contact us, you may use the Sacred Heart Office
Phone: (802-744-4066)

For any bulletin submissions please use our e-mail address(standrebessetteparish@vermontcatholic.org) or call us.
The st.andrebuletin@gmail.com is no longer being monitored
Mailing Address: PO Box 109, Troy, VT 05868



The True Cost of a Catholic Education...

St. Paul's Catholic School in Barton is celebrating 125 years of bringing quality Catholic education to the children of the Northeast Kingdom.

St. Paul's needs your help. All their allocated scholarships for this year have already been given out and their scholarship fund is completely depleted. Rising costs have made it difficult for some parents to continue sending their children to St. Paul's without your help. Are you able to contribute to their scholarship fund to help a child receive a Catholic education? Please call Joanne Beloin at 525-7101 for more information.

It's not too late to sign up **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN**

(Especially those receiving the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation) is being offered by Mater Dei Parish. The classes will be given at the St. Edward Church hall in Derby Line.

Sign Up



St Vincent de Paul
Annual Harvest Dinner
18 N. Pleasant St. North Troy, VT
October 10, 2021
Dine in or Take Out, 11:30 am



Turkey Dinner to include: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Squash, Carrots, Roll, Cranberry Sauce, Beverages and Homemade Dessert

Adults \$12.00, Children \$5.00, Children under 5 free

The St. Nicholas Project is conducting its fall fundraiser, "Shoes for St. Nicholas." They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lance W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting:

www.thestnicholasproject.com and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: lwharlow@sover.net. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels. God bless you!



Parish Stewardship Reports **Weekend of September 25, 2021**

Offertory	\$1028.00
Weekly Budget	\$1,771.00
Difference +/-	-(\$743.00)

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

October 3, 2021

Mark 10:2-16

One Flesh



Jesus addressed one of the major crises of our world... the vulnerability of the institution of family. Jesus affirmed the will of the Creator, and his divine plan for humanity against the human attempts to undermine God's design. Pharisees were experts in law. They looked at divorce as a legal issue. Jesus saw the selfish motives and hardheartedness hidden behind their legal interpretation. For Jesus, divorce was a spiritual issue, because marriage is God's ideal. By reviewing God's purpose for marriage, he exposed the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. He showed how superficial was their knowledge that did not take God's law into consideration.

Despising God's design has its consequences. Taking God's law into our hands and doing what we want, is rebellion against God. Jesus clearly said divorce is not God's will. God wants that marriage remains permanent. Redefining marriage and family has its bearing on children and society. Saint Augustine wrote, "It is God who devised marriage. Unity comes from God. Separation is from evil". The Word of God invites everyone to return to God's ways, and to work together to restore broken relationships and support those who struggle. Origen advocating the stability of spousal union says, "more than man and his wife, it is God's Word and his Spirit becoming one body in marriage. It is a sacrament where a human soul merges with God in love. This is how God intended marriage from the beginning.



Come and be with Jesus!



Holy Hour - each Thursday from 2-3 pm
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Troy, VT. Will include a song or hymn, the Flame of Love Rosary and prayer petitions from the faithful.
Holy adoration will be on the second and fourth Thursday as part of the Holy Hour.

St. Vincent de Paul The Rosary will be prayed at St Vincent de Paul every Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in North Troy.

BISHOPS APPEAL

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..." Matthew 35:25.

St. Andre Bessette Parish;

Goal—\$15,010.00, Actual—\$4,913.00, Recurring est.—\$477.00, Actual including Recurring est.—\$5,390.00, Over/Under—(\$9,620.00), % of Goal - 36%



PRAYER CORNER

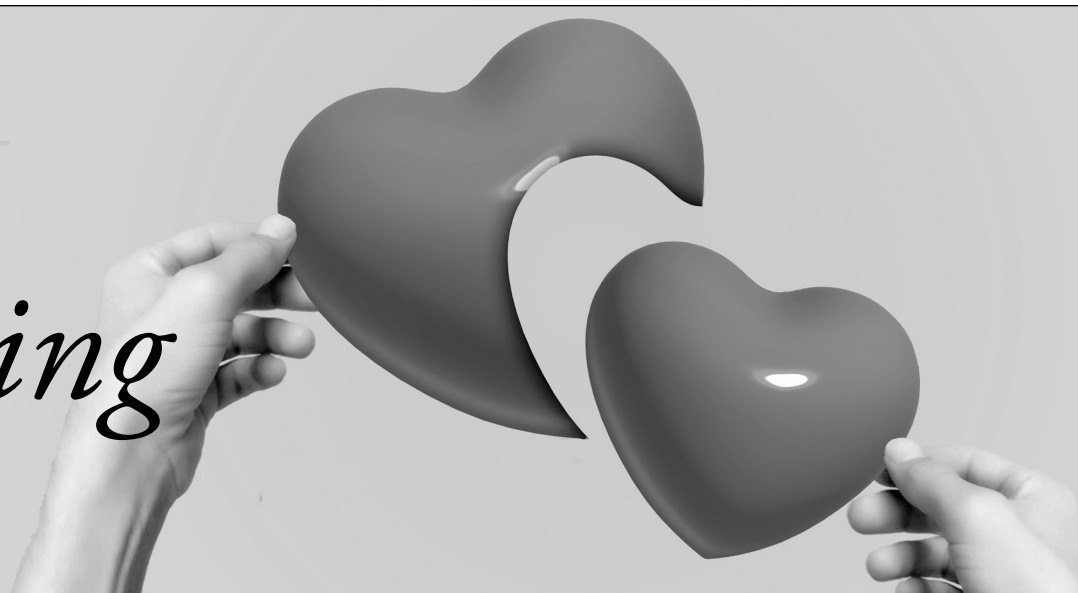
The church is open during the day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for anyone wanting a quiet place to pray.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

October 2–8, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

On *changing* hearts



There is a scene in the 2020 movie “Roe V. Wade” when Dr. Bernard Nathanson breaks down in tears and falls against a wall sobbing over and over, “It’s a person. It’s a person.”

It is a powerful scene. The moment when one of the most prolific abortionists of his time realizes the humanity of the unborn child and the gravity of his actions. The moment he has a major conversion of heart.

When people blanch at the thought of being labeled “pro-life,” the above scene brings home why those who are pro-life are so stubborn. It’s a person.

Dr. Nathanson’s real-life conversion gives hope to those who are pro-life. Hope that we can reach the lost, those whose hearts have been hardened.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recognizes October as Respect Life Month. During this month we are called to reflect on the dignity of every human life. How do we love and show mercy to those who hold us in contempt? How do we love and show mercy to those who WE hold in contempt?

Consider this reflection from Father David Thoroughgood: “The Lord seeks out the lost, and so do we under His guidance and power. He has a real love for the lost, being able to see these people as His own children. It is much like a parent

still looking out for the child who has taken wrong turns and is in great trouble at present. ...

The parent still loves the wayward child, whereas the general public might have contempt for that same ‘child.’ The lost can include some very unpopular people, such as murderers, rapists, dictators, fraudsters, sex abusers. ...”

I dare to add the abortionists and pro-abortion politicians.

A priest from the Archdiocese of Adelaide, Australia, Father Throughgood posts his homilies on his blog luxvera.blogspot.com. His words are filled with charity even though sometimes they are hard to read.

How do we change hearts? How do we reach people and convince them of the truth? Perhaps we stop talking and instead listen, leaving the heavy lifting up to Our Lord.

St. Teresa of Calcutta famously said, “If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”

The words of St. Peter of Alcantara can apply in our times. He said, “Truly, matters in the world are in a bad state; but if you and I begin in earnest to reform ourselves, a really good beginning will have been made.”

“The trouble is that everyone talks about reforming others and no one thinks about reforming himself.”

— **Phyllis Harkonen is the Respect Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington**



To see more events or to submit your event to the diocesan calendar: vermontcatholic.org/events

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Upcoming Events



10|13, 27, 11|10 WED

Living Joy Discussion Group

Online • 7 pm

Join us for Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact pturnley@aol.com for more information.



10|09 SATURDAY

Ordination Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to the diaconate. Mr. Michael Knowles will be ordained to the permanent diaconate and Mr. Brandon Schneider will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Christopher Coyne. This event is open for all who wish to attend. For those unable to be with us physically for the liturgy, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.



10|10 SUNDAY

Evening Honoring the Life and Teachings of St. John Henry Newman

Holy Family Church Hall, Essex Junction • 4 - 8 pm

Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch cordially invite

you to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. **RSVP by October 3 to: VermontNewman@gmail.com**



10|26 TUESDAY

Saints & Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us each month to learn how a particular saint has influenced the life of our guest speaker. October: Fr. Curtis Miller presenting on Ven. Br. William Gagnon. **For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.**



11|13 SATURDAY

Annual Women's Retreat

St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne

8:30 am - 2:15 pm

This year's theme is: The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God. Check-in begins at 8:30 am. The key not speaker is Sister Barbara Cline of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of attendees, deadline registration November 6 with \$30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1451

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*The Heart
of Prayer*

*Our Living
Relationship
with
God*

*Annual Vermont Catholic
Women's Retreat*

Saturday, November 13 • St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne

9 am – 2:15 pm, check-in begins at 8:30 am • Key Note: Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

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