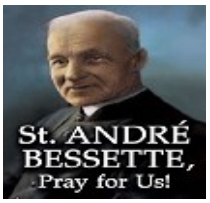

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH
Year C
Sixth Sunday of Easter

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
May 21, 2022 To May 28, 2022

5/21/22 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

†Yvonne Lemay
By Madeleine Morrissette

†Paul Couture (Birthday)
By Alicia Couture

5/28/22 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

†Deceased Members of
The Ladies of Sacred Heart
By The Ladies of Sacred Heart

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, Temporary Administrator

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.

St. Vincent's Steeple Cross Memorial May Open for Intentions

Papal Intention for May

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Fr. Meany - Fr. St. Onge Knights of Columbus Council 7943 is looking for Family of the Month nominations from you, our parishioners.
The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month program instituted in 1978 promotes and supports the development of strong and vibrant families by recognizing the good work being done every day in the homes of our neighbors. Recognized families outwardly exhibit strong ties of love and faith, exemplifying Catholic family values and making meaningful contributions to their parish and larger community.

Family of the Month nomination(s) write-up should include the following:
• Is the family tight-knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
• Does the family attend weekly Mass together? Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
• Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
• Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values
Nominations must include the following:
Name of Husband
Name of Wife
# of Children (*if applicable)*
# of Grandchildren (*if applicable)*
Please submit nomination(s) to George Piette, Grand Knight, at georgepiette@gmail.com. For questions, please call George at 802-323-2470

Remembering Our Homebound Members

If you know of someone in need of a home visit for Holy Communion or to see a priest, please call the office. 802-744-4066

Totus Tuus

Thank you for your time, talents, and donations to beautifying our Church, pews and general cleaning.

Also, the gardens in front of the Church and hall are looking great.

HOLY HOUR

Each Wednesday from 9-10 am
Starting May 4, 2022

Will include a song or hymn, the Flame of Love Rosary and prayer petitions from the faithful.

2022 Prayer List

Prayer for the Sick
Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of need. Alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love and grant us the strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servant to health. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge and accept Your will.
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Parish Stewardship Report
Weekend of May 14, 2022

Offertory	**$835.00**
Weekly Budget	**$1,771.00**
Difference +/-	**-($936.00)**

Reflections

May 22, 2022
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year C
John 14:23-29

Peace of Christ

Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as his own peace to the disciples. It is important to note that Jesus promises "His" peace, which is qualitatively different from the kind of peace the world gives. For, the worldly peace almost always is soaked in violence and bloodshed; it is a nuclear peace forced on others out of fear and threat. It is a peace brought about by war and destruction; a peace amidst the tombs. However, the piece that Christ offers is a liberating one, a nonviolent peace; peace that is offered and received in freedom and love; peace that does not alienate but includes everyone; peace that leaves the tombs open raising even the dead.

It is such liberating peace that the apostles, through the Jerusalem Council, offer the Gentile converts. By waiving the requirement of circumcision, the apostles and the elders breakdown the walls that separated and narrowly defined the life of Jews and Gentiles, and bring them in communion with the peace of Christ. Perhaps we can take a leaf from the apostles and make peace (of Christ) with someone whom we have kept at a distance until now for the sake of having (worldly) peace.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BREAKFAST THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus Council 7943 would like to thank everyone who donated, worked, and participated on the Monthly Breakfast.

May God bless you all. Thank you again for your continued donations and support!

We hope to see you all at our next breakfast on **Sunday, June 19, 2022**.

If you have any questions, please contact Deborah @ 673-7510 or George @ 323-2470.

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
May 21–27, 2022
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

‘Every word weighs a ton’

Calvin Coolidge was once asked why he spoke so infrequently, and when he did, so briefly. He had earned the moniker “Silent Cal.” In response, he said that “one of the first lessons a president has to learn is that every word he says weighs a ton.”

The same could be said for the creeds of our faith, those statements of the faith of the Church that we are proud to profess.

A creed, very simply, is a precise summary and formulation of the truths, or doctrines, of the faith received from Jesus Christ, which are necessary to hold for salvation. We have three principle creeds: The Apostles’ Creed (the short one that accompanies the rosary), The Nicene Creed (the one used on a Sunday) and The Athanasian Creed (one much less used, but profound and beautiful nonetheless). That every word of the creeds has been debated, fought over, prayed with and safeguarded tells us how important they are.

Our own age is characterized by its philosophical materialism, which is a denial of the spiritual life, and a radical skepticism, which is severe doubt that we can actually know anything to be true. These two currents of thought have led to the de-humanizing tragedy that people no longer care whether they are philosophically or theologically right. The philosophy of “it’s all good” or “whatever floats your boat” and “you have your truth, I have mine” makes mincemeat of reality and any hope of unity. For in truth we are all created by God and find our identity in the saving words and deeds of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. St. Augustine said that “our hearts are restless until they rest in thee,” and Aristotle reminded us that “all men, by nature, desire to know.”

Let us recall that conversion of mind, of believing true things, of having sure knowledge of God and His will, are central to the mission of Christ. Hear Christ’s words with Pontius Pilate: “Pilate said to him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.’ Pilate said to him, ‘What is truth?’” (Jn 18:37-38).

We are not only physical beings with material appetites. We are spiritual beings wedded to a physical body. We have souls to be saved! God did not make us to be unknowing like the animals. Allowing our minds to be flooded with divine truth, to hold certain things in our mind to be true and others false is part of the act of faith. The most fundamental truth is this: “For God so loved the world that he gave us His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16). Author G.K. Chesterton said in his 1905 book “Heretics” that the most terrible position we can be in is ignorance of our own creed. A reluctance to hold a creed simply will not do. It is against human nature. A reluctance to hold a creed will mean simply an acceptance of someone else’s.

We Catholics, baptized and made members of the mystical body of Christ, are humble recipients of the fullness of truth as revealed by God in His son Jesus Christ. The creeds we possess are like heirlooms that have distilled and made crystalline the solid and unchanging truth of God and what He has done to bring us to Himself.

So, the next time you are at Sunday Mass, let your mind and heart close tightly around those sacred words, “I believe… .” Martyrs have died for those words, make them a prayer — each word weighs a ton. Be “transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Rm 12:2).

— Father Steven Marchand is the parochial vicar of the Rutland-Wallingford Catholic Community.

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Respect Life Ministry – Article 22: Should I Vote "NO"?

In November, Vermonters will vote on whether to amend the Vermont Constitution by adding Sec 2. Article 22 of Chapter I which reads: **Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty] That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.** Notice that this Article mentions neither "women" nor "abortion". As stated by Robert P. George, Professor of Jurisprudence, Princeton University: "People on both sides of the debate over abortion know that 'reproductive autonomy' is publicly understood to be the way of referring to an unlimited abortion license, that is, elective abortion permitted through the entire nine months of gestation and pregnancy up to and including the process of birth." If voters approve Article 22, Vermont will be the first state in the country to explicitly allow the death by induced abortion of unborn children in its state constitution.

Upcoming Events

05|24 TUESDAY
Grief & Loss Support Group for Widows/Widowers
St. Mark, Burlington
9:45 - 11:15 am
Please join us every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the rectory parlor, to explore supportive ways grief and loss can be the entry point of God's healing in your life.

05|24 TUESDAYS
Seminar: The Creed Professed
via Zoom • 7 - 8:00 pm
Seminar based on Part I of the *U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults,* as part of the diocesan's "Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life." Sessions are bi-weekly by zoom from May 10 through November 8. Offered and coordinated by Deacon Gesualdo Schneider and Paul Turnley. **REGISTER: studythecreed@gmail.com**

05|28, 06|04, 11, 18, 25 SATURDAYS
SoulCore
Blessed Sacrament, Stowe
3 - 4 pm
SoulCore is an invitation to nourish body, mind and soul through prayer and functional movement. Workouts can be modified to suit ability and comfort level; the prayers are the main focus. Freewill donation. Suggested items: mat, water, weights (optional, 1-3 lbs popular).

05|28, 06|11, 25 SATURDAYS
Scripture Deep Dive — Acts of the Apostles
St. Mark, Burlington
8 - 9:30 am
Come explore the beginnings of the early church movement as studied through the Acts of the Apostles. Join us every Saturday of May and June at 8 am. in the parish library to dive deep into God's word. Begin your weekend with scripture and you will not regret it!

05|29 SUNDAY
DeGoesbriand Council #279 Vocation Pancake Breakfast
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9-11:30 am
Join us for an old-fashioned all you care to eat pancake breakfast. Benefits seminarians or religious aspirants. Admission is by donation with a suggested gift of $8. Take-out containers are available. Hope to see you there!

06|08, 15, 22, 29 WEDNESDAY
Stumbling Into Grace Book Group
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 9 am OR 6:30 pm
In "Stumbling into Grace," Mary Pezzulo shows how the works of mercy have become her anchor in turbulence and calm, overcoming despair and bringing enduring hope. She also shares ways to live the works of mercy in your own life. St. John Vianney parish in South Burlington's summer book series will meet in-person on Wednesdays for four weeks, beginning on June 8. You can sign up for the morning sessions at 9 am or the evening sessions at 6:30 pm. Books will be available for $16 each to be picked up in the parish office. For more information or to sign up, please contact Connie McDonald at sjvgoodnews@gmail.com or 802-864-4166 x204.

06|19 - 24 SUNDAY - FRIDAY
5 Day Directed Retreat
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
The Society of St. Edmund will be conducting a 5-Day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants are invited to contemplate scripture passages in a silent environment, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. Trained Spiritual Directors will serve as companions and co-discerners of the Spirit during the retreat. The cost is $550 per person and includes private room and all meals. **FOR MORE INFO: Nancy Dulude, (802) 928-3362 or ndulude@sss.org or online at saintannesshrine.org/upcoming-retreats**

07|25, 26, 27 MON, TUES, WED
Quebec Pilgrimage
via Bus, roundtrip Vermont – Quebec
Join the K of C Council #297 in St. Albans for a pilgrimage to Quebec. Stops include Sainte-Anne-de Beaupré Shrine, Our Lady of the Cape Shrine in Trois-Rivières, St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal and St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte, Vermont. The cost includes all lodging, transportation and meals.
FOR MORE INFO: Bill Greenwood at (802) 527-0496.

06|19 – 08|06
Totus Tuus
Vermont's largest catholic summer program for kids returns, with 12 locations. For more information and to download registration forms, visit vermontcatholic.org/totustuus.

Complete list of dates and locations:
June 19 – 24 • Bennington and Waterbury
June 26 – July 1 • St. Albans and Barre
July 10 – 15 • S. Brattleboro and Stowe
July 17 – 22 • S. Burlington and Vergennes
July 24 – 29 • Newport and Rutland
July 31 – August 5 • St. Johnsbury and Georgia

06|24 FRIDAY
Worldpriest Rosary Relay
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
4 pm
The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will again take place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This will be its thirteenth year, involving more prayer locations than ever, having grown from 24 single prayer locations in June 2003 its first year to 2,600 in 2020. Bishop Christopher J. Coyne will be leading the Rosary in Vermont, from the Cathedral of St. Joseph. All are invited to attend either in person or via live-stream. Learn more or access livestream at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/worldpriest-rosary-relay/