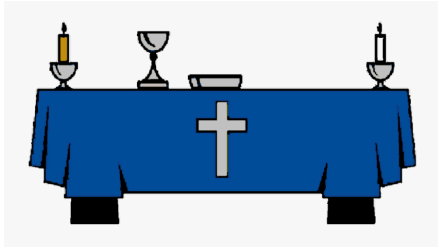




ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH
YEAR C
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION



8/20/22 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

†Philip Gonyaw
By Alice Gonyaw-Piette

8/27/22 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

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

† Norman Berneche
By The Knights of Columbus
Council 7943

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,

Respect Life
Diocese of Burlington

Let us affirm life. Please vote
"no" to Article 22.



AFFIRMING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Parishioner testimony: "My niece, Bonnie, was born a week before my sister's 22nd birthday. No one ever said whether abortion was considered, but it must have been. My sister had a tumultuous time in high school, barely graduated. Her life was a mess, as was her relationship with Bonnie's father.

But for whatever reason, there was no abortion, and Bonnie came into the world, I never saw such a change in a person as when my sister became a mother. It turned her life around, as she later said. Bonnie gave her a reason to live, and to get her act together. She went to college, and eventually became a teacher. My sister was a devoted mother, and Bonnie has grown to be an extraordinary and gifted woman. Truly, "God sends children into the world to save their parents."

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Papal Intention for August

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



2022 Prayer List

Prayers for the Messier Family

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.

Amen

Please call the parish office
at (802-744-4066)

if you would like to add a name to the list



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

HOLY HOUR

Each Wednesday
from 9-10 am

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



The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ

Join us Tuesday, August 23rd for
The Creed Professed: Session 8:

The Paschal Mystery: Unity of the Saving Deeds

An online zoom seminar on The Nicene Creed using
Part I of the *U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults*
Bi-weekly Tuesdays 7-8 pm

For information and to register: studythecreed@gmail.com



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 Mer-
cy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.*



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:

Sunday, August 21st (every third Sunday).

Eat-in or Takeout is available. All you can eat \$10.00 (6-12 years of
age \$5.00, (Children 5 and under - FREE).



**May God bless all those who help
support our efforts.**

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



**St. Vincent's Steeple Cross
Memorial For August.
Wendy Therrien Carter**

Parish Stewardship Report Weekend of August 13, 2022

Offertory
Weekly Budget
Difference +/-



\$1221.00
\$1771.00
-(\$550.00)

Reflections

August 21, 2022
The Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
Luke 13:22-30



Jogging God's Memory

Imagine the scenario: you have dined with him repeatedly. You have attended his teaching sessions. You have lived where he lived and followed where he went. But when you finally approach him, he tells you: "I do not know where you come from." The parallel passage in Matthew puts it bluntly: "I never knew you: depart from Me" (Mt 7:21-23). How frightening and disastrous it would be when these words come from God himself, who has repeatedly said that He knew us before we were even formed in the womb (Jer 5:1), that He knows us by our name (Is 43:1), and that He has written our names in the palm of His hands (Is 49:16)!



Could this happen to us, who have been celebrated many Eucharists (dining with Christ) have read the Bible regularly (listening to him), preached and attended many retreats? If our words of faith have not become flesh in us, Christ simply does not see his image and likeness in us. And the means to guarantee that we carry His reflection in us is to enter through the narrow gate of doing the Will of God. It ensures that we are counted as his family.



Faith Formation

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION IS COMING!

St. Andre Bessette is pleased to announce that Theresa McAviney has been selected as our new Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL) to direct our youth Faith Formation Program.

This year's program will include children from both St. Andre Bessette and Mater Dei parishes.

Classes for Grades 1-6 will be held each week from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and will begin on the following dates:

Monday, October 3rd at St. Edwards Parish Hall for St. Mary's and St. Edward's children.

Tuesday, October 4th at St. James Parish Hall for St. James students.

Thursday, October 6th at Sacred Heart Parish Hall for St. Andre Bessette Parish youth

Registration forms are available at each of the Churches and at St. Andre Bessette's Parish Office in Troy. Please contact Theresa at (802) 873-4577 for more information or with any questions.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

August 20–26, 2022

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Priest's role at Mass is multi-faceted

One of my earliest memories of attending Mass as a child involved my thinking that God must be in the attic of the church. My mother and I most often sat about half-way back from the sanctuary; a perfect spot for a child like me to see not the altar or the priest, but the back of people's heads. I couldn't see a thing when everyone was standing, but I could hear everything through the sound system. I heard the voice over the sound system "Glory to God in the highest ... Let us pray ... This is my body ... This is my blood." Our speakers were hung from the ceiling, and so it sounded like a booming voice from above. For whatever reason, I associated that voice with God. And with the voice coming from above, I thought, "Could God be in the attic of the church?"

I find it intriguing that this memory came back to me as I began writing this article on the role of the priest at Mass. You see, the priest isn't the voice of God in the attic. The priest, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, stands in the midst of, or more appropriately, at the head of the liturgical assembly — the Body of Christ — as the very person of Christ as head of that body. No, Josh, God isn't in the attic when we celebrate liturgy. He is much, much closer.

The priest's role at Mass is multi-faceted, and the confines of this article unfortunately do not allow me to dive into the beauty of the priesthood as exercised in the liturgy. There's so much important imagery to uncover! At a very basic, human level though — perhaps the most fundamental level — the priest is seen as presiding over the gathered assembly. He leads the prayers and prompts the participation of the people. His leadership in the liturgical assembly can help

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express the faith of the Church (or obscure that expression of faith); his role can be instrumental in fostering unity in worship with the Church Universal (or fostering division).

He fulfills this role in the very way he celebrates the liturgy. It is for this precise reason that a priest is entrusted not only with the reverent celebration of liturgy but with the very careful preparation of the liturgy. Too often the temptation is to fall back onto the “ritual” and not be attentive to how one leads the liturgical assembly.

Although there is comfort in following the ritual structure, the danger is that one falls into a ritual “rut” and neglects attention to

the preparation needed to celebrate liturgy “worthily and well.”

This applies not only to the preparation of the priest but the preparation of all the ministers and to everyone who gathers for liturgy! In their 2009 document on music, “Sing to the Lord,”

the bishops of the United States said “faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations can foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken it” (my emphasis).

I'll conclude with a word of gratitude to all the liturgical ministers — especially our priests and deacons — who, week after week, take the time to carefully prepare the liturgy, whether it be through attention to their homily, or to the ritual and music, or to how they voice the prayers or bodily express the faith. Your preparation fosters faith. Perhaps your preparation will even make a young child think that God can be found in the attic of the church. Or better yet — even closer.

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



Upcoming Events



08|23, 9|13, 27 TUESDAYS

Grief & Loss Support Group for Widows/Widowers

St. Mark, Burlington • 9:45 - 11 am

The benefits of a support group with others who have experienced the loss of a spouse or partner helps universalize your experience. You are not alone, although it may feel that way sometimes. Listening to the experience of others who have traversed rough waters usually lends helpful insights into personal practices. 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 for God's healing.



08|23 - 11|08 TUESDAYS

The Creed Professed: a seminar on Part I of the U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

This bi-weekly Zoom seminar is being offered as part of the Diocesan "Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life." The first session was held on May 10. For information and to register: studythecreed@gmail.com
Aug 23, Session 8: *The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ*
Sep 13, Session 9: *Receive the Holy Spirit (Jn 20:22)*
Sep 27, Session 10: *The Church: Reflecting the Light of Christ*
Oct 11, Session 11: *The Four Marks of the Church*
Oct 25, Session 12: *Mary: The Church's First and Most Perfect Member*
Nov 8, Session 13: *Our Eternal Destiny*



08|24, 31 WEDNESDAYS

Summer Reflection Series at Saint Anne's Shrine

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15 am

We hope you can join us for the 11:15 am Mass followed by the presentation. Lunch is available in the cafeteria after the presentation, except for July 27 when you can bring your own picnic lunch. Please call or email us with any questions at (802) 928.3362 or sas@sse.org.

August 24: Monsignor Peter Routhier,
The Role of Saints in the Life of the Church
August 31: Rev. Richard Myhalyk, S.S.E.,
How We See God: Our Spiritual Lens on Life



08|24 - 10|28 WEDNESDAYS

"The Search" Video Series

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:45 - 8:30 pm

Why are we here? What's life all about? What happens when we die? Have you ever pondered the answers to these questions, or others like them? Do you wonder what kinds of answers the Catholic faith has given throughout the centuries? To get to the crux of the matter, please consider joining us "The Search" video series: viewing, brief discussion, and some light refreshments. **FOR MORE INFO: Connie, sjvgoodnews@gmail.com.**



08|25 THURSDAY

Our Lady's Kitchen & Catholic Movie Night

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 6 - 8 pm

Free meal for the poor, the hungry and the lonely. Also,

Catholic Movie Night will take place with free popcorn and a screening of "The Count of Monte Cristo." Come join us for food, fellowship, and faith!



08|26, 09|02, 09, 16, 23, 30 FRIDAYS

SoulCore

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 9 - 10:30 am

Join us on Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass.

SoulCore is an apostolate that intentionally engages the whole person in the sacred experience of the rosary. Integrating the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movements to nourish body & soul and encourage deeper reflection on the virtues. A gentle path to grow in virtue and cultivate interior peace. Bring a mat and water, weights optional (1-3lbs). SoulCore is self-paced and can be modified for any ability



08|27 SATURDAY

Informational: "Reproductive Liberty Amendment" Article 22

Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 9 - 10:30 am

Vermont Representative Anne Donahue is the featured speaker. There will be an opportunity for asking questions as well as discussion. Come learn why Article 22 is worded to win your support and why you should oppose it. Light refreshments.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 878-3568



09|02 FRIDAY

The Women Ancestors of Jesus and Salvation History

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 10 am - 3 pm

This day long event includes Mass and a day of recollection, prayer and reflection at peaceful and beautiful Saint Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. Directed by Brother Frank Hagerty, S.S.E. Begins at 10 am, includes lunch and concludes at 3 pm.



09|06 TUESDAY

Article 22 (Prop 5) Discussion

St. Augustine, Montpelier • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Fr. Julian Asucan has invited Representative

Anne Donahue to host a discussion on Article 22. Representative Anne Donahue is a spokesperson for Vermonters for Good Government, which seeks to educate the public about the ramifications of adding Article 22 — originally called Prop 5 — to our Vermont constitution. She is the vice-chair of the House Health Care committee and has served in the legislature since 2003, representing Northfield and Berlin.



09|17 SATURDAY

Vermont Catholic Daughters Fall Retreat: The Rosary

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 9 am - 2 pm

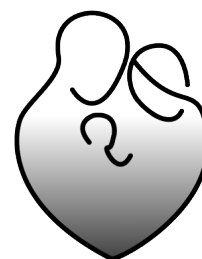
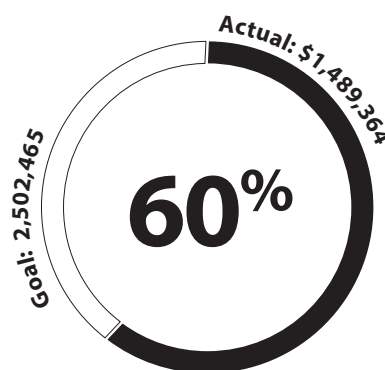
The Vermont Catholic Daughters Fall Retreat will be lead by Father Brandon Schneider. There will be a series of short talks and Mass will be celebrated during the retreat. Father will be available for confessions. Snacks and lunch will be provided. We will be raising awareness of the need to support our seminarians. There is no fee for this event if you register by Sept. 7. **Please pre-register by Sept. 7: Debbie, dgbrown264@gmail.com.**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



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AFFIRMING A CULTURE OF LIFE

It is time for some of us to confess/repent of a serious sin: judging the struggling, single mother and thinking "this situation is her fault, the result of her irresponsible behavior and poor choices." "A person reaps what they sow. . ." We resent that we are now burdened by her needs (and the needs of the child), because of her "poor choices."

Shame, shame, shame on any of us who have such thoughts. *This mother chose life!* She chose life for her child, and we should celebrate and rejoice. Rather than the easy way, she has chosen the hard path, the path of self-sacrifice for the sake of her child. It is on us to walk beside her, and help however we can. There are only two choices that really matter in life — the last one, and the next one. Her last choice was life. Let us rejoice!

Let us affirm life — please vote "no" to Article 22.