

## ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH YEAR A 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

12/3/22 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

†Denise Wilkins and  
†Bernard Bonneau  
By Rodney Wilkins  
and Fern Bonneau

12/7/22 5:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

Feast of the  
Immaculate  
Conception

†Roland and Gerard Limoges  
By Nicole Pion

12/10/22 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

†Louis Berthiaume  
By Joan Berthiaume

†Harold "Chip" Crowe  
By Lea Cook and Family



### Weekday Mass Schedule at local Churches

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

**Lowell Carmelite Monastery -**  
8:00 am daily except Wednesday's 9:00 am.

**Benedictine Monastery -**  
10:00 am daily

**Society of Divine Vocations**  
**Deacon Ward Nolan,**  
**Temporary Administrator**



**There will be a second collection on  
December 11th**

### 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 the repose of the soul of  
Harold "Chip" Crowe*



*Happy 2nd week of Advent*



### HOLY HOUR

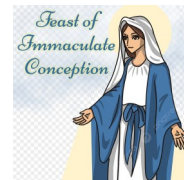
**Each Wednesday  
from 9-10 am**

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

### Upcoming Masses

12/7/22

**5:00 PM  
Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception  
SHJ**



12/24/22

**4:00 PM  
Christmas Eve Mass  
SHJ**



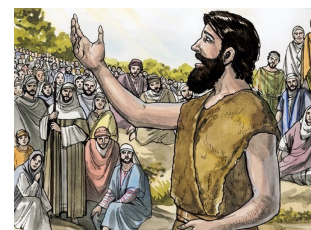
12/25/22

**10:30 AM  
Christmas Day Mass  
SHJ**



### Reflections

December 4, 2022  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
Year A  
(Matt. 3:1-12)



#### **Wilderness Act**

John did not go to the towns and villages to preach (as would do his cousin later). He remained in the wilderness. People, including Sadducees and Pharisees, went to the wilderness to listen to him. John preached and baptized in the wilderness.

He had a singular message: *Repent! Change your ways! Prepare the way for the Lord!* In the fast-paced world we live in, it is hard to pause and reflect. But we must necessarily "withdraw into the wilderness" periodically. It is over the long years of life in the wilderness



that Yahweh shaped Israel into a certain level of spiritual maturity before they entered the Promised Land. Once in the wilderness, we must listen to the prophetic voice that emerges from within, asking us to change our ways. What do I need to repent from? What must I do to prepare myself to play host to the Lord when he comes visiting? These are questions we must honestly confront ourselves with. Advent is that time of year when we should make this retreat to the wilderness and discern with John the Baptist.

Today, you might want to identify some three areas in your life where you need to make definitive changes for the better. Plan out, with God in prayer, how to effect the change.

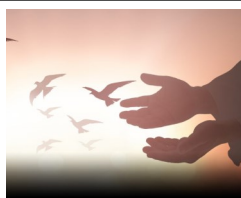
Ladies of Sacred Heart Meeting on Monday,  
December 5th  
at 6 PM in the KC Room.



**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday December 13th at 6:30 PM in the KC Room**

## PEACE

A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord  
Mathew 3:3



**Young Apostles Charity Breakfast**  
**Sunday, December 11th**  
**9:30 am—11:30 am**  
**At St. Edward's Parish Hall**  
**Adults \$10 Children 5 & under \$5**

*Blessings go to*  
*Ava Marie Chaput*  
*Congratulations on her*  
*First Holy Communion today*



## 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.

## Papal Intention for December

**Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations**  
We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



## Parish Stewardship Report Weekend of November 26, 2022

**Offertory**  
**Weekly Budget**  
**Difference +/-**



**\$614.00**  
**\$1156.00**  
**-( \$542.00 )**

## All Ladies of St. Andre Bessette Parish

**You are invited to a luncheon**  
(Food will be provided)

You are invited to join us for a lunch and to help assemble cookie platters.

The cookie platters will be distributed in the parish community.

This event will be on December 8th (the Feast of the Immaculate Conception), at 11:30 at the Troy parish hall. We ask the ladies to bring their appetite and 2-3 dozen cookies to fill the platters.



RSVP for luncheon is not necessary but welcomed:  
[bathalonrose@gmail.com](mailto:bathalonrose@gmail.com) or 802-744-2373  
[sanvillecarmen@gmail.com](mailto:sanvillecarmen@gmail.com) or 802-744-6547

## 2022 Prayer List

**Bernie Poginy,**  
**Abigail Jackson,**  
**Geraldne Berneche,**  
**Wilma Therrien**



### *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**



**St. Vincent's Steeple Cross Memorial For December**

**Denise Wilkins**  
**Bernard Bonneau**  
**Also**

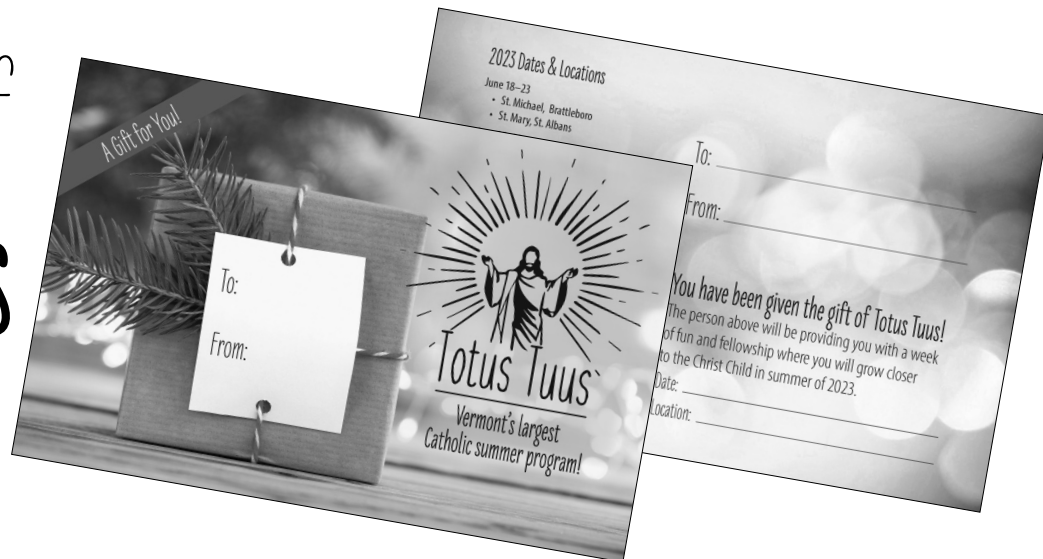
**In Memory of Deceased Members of the Starr Family**

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 3–9, 2022

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## Give the Gift of Totus Tuus



Are you looking for a stocking stuffer for a special child in your life? Consider giving him or her “The Gift of Totus Tuus.”

Every summer, the Diocese of Burlington has offered students in grades K-12 the chance to participate in a weeklong faith immersion experience called “Totus Tuus.” Summer might seem a long way off, but many families begin planning their summer break well in advance.

That’s why this Advent season we are happy to announce the dates for Totus Tuus 2023:

June 18-23	St. Michael Parish, Brattleboro St. Mary Parish Hall, St. Albans
June 25-30	St. Peter Parish, Vergennes/Bristol St. Monica Parish, Barre
July 9-14	Sacred Heart/St. Francis de Sales Parish, Bennington Christ the King Parish, Rutland
July 16-21	Mater Dei Parish, Newport/Derby Line St. John Vianney Parish, South Burlington
July 23-28	St. John the Baptist Parish, Enosburg Falls Blessed Sacrament Parish, Stowe
July 30-Aug. 4	Corpus Christi Parish, St. Johnsbury Ascension Parish, Georgia

In addition, every parish has been given a set of “Give the Gift of Totus Tuus” sponsorship cards. These cards are a creative way to save the date while also pledging your financial support to that special child in your life. Here’s how it works:

- Step 1:** Pick out one of the cards from the back of the church or from the parish office.
- Step 2:** Fill out the “To” and “From” lines with the appropriate names.
- Step 3:** Choose which location and date work best for the young person’s family.
- Step 4:** Place the card in the child’s stocking for Christmas.

These are neither gift cards nor registration cards. By filling them out, you simply are making a promise to that special young person that you will register him or her for Totus Tuus once sign-ups begin in the spring. It will also help you better plan your family’s summer so that you can make certain that Totus Tuus will be a part of it.

Here is what people are saying about Totus Tuus:

*“Totus Tuus gave my children their best experience of the summer!”*  
— Totus Tuus parent

*“Totus Tuus is one of the most rewarding experiences for kids and the parish community. I would recommend it for anyone.”*  
— Totus Tuus missionary

*“Totus Tuus is fun, educational and great for socializing!”*  
— Totus Tuus participant

— Daniel Lacourrege is catechetical leader  
for the Diocese of Burlington.



# Upcoming Events



12|05, 12, 19 MONDAYS

## Old Testament Scripture Study

St. John Vianney Parish Hall, S. Burlington  
9:15 – 10:30 am

Brush up on your Bible Basics with an Old Testament Scripture Study. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, we will look into all that led up to that glorious event, from the beginning of creation. For more info or to register: [sjvgoodnews@gmail.com](mailto:sjvgoodnews@gmail.com).



12|05, 12 MONDAYS

## From the Gospel of St. Matthew — Advent to Christmas

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 – 8 pm

Join us for this two part series with Rev. Richard Berube SSE PhD. All are welcome.



12|08, 15 THURSDAYS

## Weekly Bibly Study

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 7 pm

Every Thursday at 7 pm we will gather in the parish hall library to read and discuss the Gospel for the coming Sunday. All are welcome!



12|08, 15, 22 THURSDAY

## Advent Study for Women

via Zoom • 7:30 – 9 pm

The Vermont Catholic Women's Group is watching "Behold" an Advent series by Sr. Miriam Hiland. You can find the companion book on the AveMaria Press website. **FOR MORE INFO: contact Carolina, caro3600@gmail.com.**



12|09, 16 FRIDAYS

## SoulCore

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 9 – 10:30 am

Integrating the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movements to nourish body & soul and encourage deeper reflection on the virtues. What to bring: Mat, water, weights optional (1-3lbs.) Who should come? Everyone! SoulCore is self-paced and can be modified for any ability.



12|10 SATURDAY

## What is Christmas? A Nativity Program

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 5pm

Join us for a program of scripture, music, and display of Christmas artwork through the centuries and around the world.



12|11 SUNDAY

## Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 – 10 am

Omelets to order, scrambled eggs, french toast, bacon, sausage, fruit, plain and blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, sausage gravy on biscuits, corn bread, home fries, mini muffins, juice, milk, and coffee. \$10 adults, \$6 children 8 to 12yrs., \$32 immediate family maximum. Sponsored by Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus.



12|11 SUNDAY

## DeGoesbriand Council 279 Burlington Pancake Breakfast

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9 – 11:30 am

Breakfast served on the 2nd Sundays of each month. Cost is \$10 per person and \$25 for a family of four.



12|13 TUESDAY

## In the Bleak Midwinter: The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College

St. Peter, Rutland • 7 pm

Join us for a festive concert of sacred music for Advent and Christmastide. The acclaimed 20-voice ensemble will take you on a musical journey from the season of hushed waiting to the joyful radiance of Our Lord's Nativity. This concert is part of the choir's In the Bleak Midwinter tour that is taking place at major churches across New England this December. It is free and open to the public.



12|15 THURSDAY

## Our Lady's Kitchen: A "meal and a movie" Night

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

Come join us for an incredible meal, popcorn, and a great movie! Free and open to all.



12|15 THURSDAY

## Married Life — The First 5 Years

Online • 7 – 8:15 pm

Navigating the first five years of marriage can be a challenge — no matter how long you've known each other. Enhance your relationship, meet other couples, and grow your marital relationship. You only need to register once to join. We meet virtually, once a month, 7 – 8:15pm. Please pre-register for any one or all: [vermontcatholic.org/event/married-life-the-first-5-years/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/married-life-the-first-5-years/)



12|18 SUNDAY

## Knights of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast

St. Francis Xavier, Winooski • 8 am – 12 pm

Held in the St. Francis School Gym, cost is \$10, includes pancakes — plain & blueberry, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee & juice.



12|18 SUNDAY

## Organ Concert: Sing We Now Noel

St. Michael's College chapel, Colchester  
2 pm

Dr. William Tortolano, emeritus professor and college organist, will present the 62nd annual festive concert with the classic two-manual, 14-stop Casavant pipe organ.

The program is designed to cover a variety of musical compositions to encourage the audience to participate. Jerry Proulx, a St. Michael's graduate, with extensive theater credentials, will sing the famous Italian carol, *Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle*, in Italian. A free-will offering gratefully.



12|18 SUNDAY

## Lessons and Carols

Our Lady of the Snows, Waitsfield • 2 pm

This year features singers from Thomas

Aquinas College in Northfield MA, Ruth Tintle and her husband Leigh, and Ann Harvey. An outdoor reception with fire pits, warm drinks and dessert will follow. This is a family friendly event.



12|18 SUNDAY

## 3 Part Series on The Christian Crisis of Teen Doubt

St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne • 5:30 pm

Parts 1 and 2 were held on Oct. 9 and Nov.

20. Part 3: Doubt: A Threat or Opportunity?



12|19 MONDAY

## The History of the Christmas Tree — from Luther to the present age

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 – 8 pm

Join us for this presentation by Dr. Damian Costello, Ph. D. All are welcome.



12|25 SUNDAY

## Free Christmas Dinner!

St. Anthony, Bethel

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Come enjoy a free, incredible, and scrumptious dinner.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



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