



ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH
YEAR A
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**EUCCHARISTIC
CELEBRATION**



2/4/23 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

†Real and Martha Limoges
By Denis Limoges

2/11/23 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

†Denise Wilkins
By Rodney Wilkins

Weekday Mass Schedule at local Churches

St. Mary's Star of the Sea -
Daily 9:00 am.

Lowell Carmelite Monastery -
8:00 am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
9:00 am Monday and Wednesday

Benedictine Monastery -
10:00 am daily

Society of Divine Vocations
Deacon Ward Nolan,
Temporary Administrator

Ash Wednesday
Holy Mass
February 22
at 7:00 PM



Ladies of Sacred Heart have a meeting, Monday February 6th at 6 PM in the Knights of Columbus Room.



St. Vincent's Steeple Cross
Memorial
For The 2023 Year
OPEN FOR
INTENTIONS

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.



Reflections

February 5, 2023
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Year A
(Matthew 5:13-16))



Preaching a Crucified Christ

Today's Gospel is a partial repeat of that for January 30th, emphasizing the people's reaction to the miraculous cure of Gerasene Demoniac. We are invited to notice that there is more to Jesus than meets the eye. It seems that Jesus' cures are aimed at inspiring faith and not merely at entertaining the eye. Isaiah pushes us in the first reading to not merely see the hungry, the poor, the naked, the oppressed. He adds a challenge to do something about it because at a deep level these suffering ones are our kith and kin. We need to see not merely externals that are objective but internal truths that are subjective and point to a relationship. There is a paradoxical grasping that goes deeper than what eyes and ears can grasp. This is the theme that engages Paul in the second reading. Paul points out that he steered away from all shows of oratory and philosophy, precisely to ensure that his listeners would open themselves to the power of God at work among them. Paul, a former wielder of political or dominative power, now wields only transformative, spiritual power. Like his God, he operates through invitation and not through bullying. Let us clarify for ourselves the type of power we aspire to wield. Hopefully, it will be the paradoxical power of Christ's Crucifixion.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY
BREAKFAST**
Sunday, February 19th
All are welcome



BLESSING OF THE SNOW MACHINES
10:30 AM



VALENTINES BASKET RAFFLE



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.

Monthly Breakfast (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).

Sign up for a free door prize.

May God bless all those who help support our efforts.

If you have any
questions, please contact
Deborah @ 802-673- 7510 or
George @ 802-323-2470.



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 8

6:00 PM

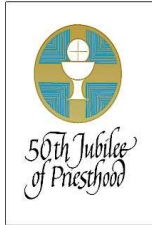
Fr. Leo Bilodeau's 50th Ordination Anniversary Celebration

A complete spaghetti & meatball dinner to honor his years of dedication will take place on:

Saturday, February 18, 2023

at 12:30 PM

St. Edward's Parish Hall, Elm Street,
Derby Line, VT



Advanced Registration Required
Registration forms can be obtained at the back of the Church.

02|18 SATURDAY

Mardi Gras Dinner and Entertainment Barton • 5:30 - 9 pm
Featuring the return of Wing-It, as well as other entertainers. Ham dinner and all the fixings,



\$13 for advance tickets, \$15 at the door.
Tickets are limited to 100.

Location: Barton Municipal Building,
downtown Barton.

Sponsored by Most Holy Trinity Parish.

For reservations call Linda at (802) 525-3137.

Truly a night to be enjoyed

Papal Intention February

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



**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**

Parish Stewardship Report Weekend of January 28, 2023

Offertory
Weekly Budget
Difference +/-



\$997.00

\$1156.00

-\$159.00

Temporary Collection
Envelopes
Can be obtained at the back of
the Church
Please feel free to use these
until we receive the delayed
shipment of our Collection
Envelopes.



Second Collection: St. Andre Bessette Parish Religious Education and Catechesis



Next week: St. Pauls' School

Catholic School Week

Please pray for the students and teachers of our Catholic Schools as they celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This week brings awareness to the many parts that it takes to run a school. Students, Staff, parents, sponsors and supporters.

We are fortunate to have Saint Paul's Catholic School in Barton, only 30 minutes away. Serving our community for 127 years, Saint Paul's serves PreK through 8th grade.

Our own parishioner, Joanne Beloin has been principal for 10 years.

(There will be a second collection for Saint Paul's Catholic School on February 11).



Prayer List

Abigail Jackson,
Geraldne Berneche,
Wilma Therrien,
Joyce Crawford



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)

NEWS FROM The Inland See

February 4–10, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



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*When is the
latest I can
get to Mass...?*

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Every once in a while, this question is posed to me. A less common question is whether it's OK to leave Mass right after receiving communion.

There was a time when it was believed that the Mass obligation was satisfied if one got to Mass in time for the offertory; some now say it's by the reading of the gospel. Official Church documents don't give such a clear answer. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy reads, “The two parts [of the Mass], namely, the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the eucharist, are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship. Accordingly, this Council strongly urges pastors that, in their catechesis, they insistently teach the faithful to take their part in the entire Mass, especially on Sundays and holy days of obligation” (#56, my emphasis).

What is our part in the Mass? Some may think it's OK to arrive late or leave early because their presence at the Mass really isn't all that important. It's the priest and deacon, the altar servers and lectors and the musicians that need to be at the Mass. From the pew, one might think that all they do at Mass is watch as a spectator.

The Church thinks differently about our part in the Mass and calls for the “full and active participation by all the people” in the liturgy (14). Rather than our worship being our own personal thing and not really related to what's going on at

the altar, our participation is integral to the Church's liturgy. Our common participation in the Mass — our singing, our responses, our attention, all done together with others — is a visible expression of the unity of the Church as one body, the Body of Christ. At the same time, our participation helps bring about that very unity.

At the same time, our participation in the Mass becomes a sign to the world that the Church is the one Body of Christ. Far from it being tangential, our participation in the Mass is crucial to what happens at Mass. Our worship is joined to the very activity of Jesus Christ in the Mass, who ultimately offers His Body and Blood to God the Father in worship, and offers to us the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Our offering of prayer and worship is joined to Christ's offering of Himself at the Mass. That's “our part,” and it happens from the Opening Song to the Final Blessing.

Let us work then to participate as fully as possible in the entirety of the Mass, because when we fail to do so, we, in a certain sense, deprive our brothers and sisters at Mass the fullness of the Eucharistic celebration. You never know — someone in the assembly might benefit from your own prayer and offering of worship in union with Christ's work in the Mass. I sure have.

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



Eucharistic TESTAMONIALS

“The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of my life and faith. ... In the Eucharist, I receive a foretaste of Heaven and receive the strength necessary to, by the Grace of God, get there!”

— **Deacon Phil Lawson, executive director of pastoral ministries for the Diocese of Burlington**

Submit your Eucharistic Testimonial to: revival@vermontcatholic.org

Upcoming Events



02|07, 09 TUES & THURS Walking With Families

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Presenters for February 7 & 9 are Daniel

Lacourrege, Diocesan Catechetical Leader; Sister Paul Mary Dreger, FSE, Campus Ministry; and Marie Antunes, Administrative Secretary Waterbury, Moretown, Waitsfield.

FOR MORE INFO: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/walking-with-families-3/>



02|07 TUESDAY Our Lady's Kitchen

St. Anthony, Bethel • 11 am - 1 pm

Free meal — come one, come all!



02|08, 15, 03|01, 08, 15 WEDNESDAYS Good News Bootcamp

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

Has the Holy Spirit been nudging you lately

to reignite your joy and dig a little deeper into our Catholic faith? Please join us in discussing how we as Catholics can bring healing, transformation, virtue, and enthusiasm to our world. Check out our website at stjohnvianneyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp to discover what each week's topics will be. Join us for the sessions that interest you or join us for all of them! Questions? Contact Connie at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com.



02|10 FRIDAY Essex Community Meal followed by Valentine Dance

Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Jct.

5:30 - 9:30 pm

Lasagna dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, followed by an evening of dancing and fun beginning at 7 pm. Dessert and snack items will be available throughout the evening. To help cover the cost of the event, donations will be accepted at the door. RSVP: Holy Family Parish office at (802) 878-5331 or email holyfamilysecretary@comcast.net.



02|10 FRIDAY Saint Francis Xavier School Calcutta

Hampton Inn, Colchester • 6 - 10 pm

St. Francis Xavier School's Home & School Association is thrilled to announce the return of its in-person Calcutta and Silent Auction. Tickets are \$100. This includes one calcutta ball, A delicious dinner for two, and the chance to bid on some fantastic auction items including a 55" Samsung TV, a kayak and tons of gift cards to area restaurants. Tickets are available at: sfxhomeandschool.org/calcutta-balls.



02|10 FRIDAY Father/Daughter Dance

Good Sheperd Catholic School, St. Johnsbury
7 - 9 pm

Open to the public — \$10 per person includes raffle prizes, refreshments, DJ. Tickets are available at Boxcar & Caboose and Good Shepherd School in St. J; Shear Sensations in Lyndonville; and Little Red Wagon in Littleton.



02|11 SATURDAY St. Peter's Cemetery Committee — Bingo

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 - 9 pm

Doors open at 5 PM, Bingo starts at 6 PM. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



02|11 SATURDAY Valentine's Day Prime Rib Dinner

Our Lady of the Angels Parish Hall, Randolph •

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Hosted by the Randolph Knights of Columbus, Charles Phillips Council #14351. Come enjoy an incredibly scrumptious (and huge!) prime rib dinner with mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert! This event is open to the first 100 people who reserve a spot. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be reserved by calling the parish office at (802) 728-5251.



02|12 SUNDAY Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

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

\$10/adults, \$6 children 8-12, \$32 immediate family max.



02|12 SUNDAY DeGoesbriand Council 279 Burlington Pancake Breakfast

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington

9 am - 11:30 am

Cost is \$10 per person and \$25 for a family of four. Knights of Columbus DeGoesbriand Council # 279 Vocation Pancake Breakfast raises funds for our seminarians and postulate.



02|12 & 19 SUNDAYS Bible Study

Fr. Lively Center, St. Johnsbury • 1 - 2:30 pm

Dcn. Tom will lead a Bible study on the

Parables of Matthew. This study began on Sunday, Feb. 5.

On Feb. 12 we will study the parables of mercy and justice in chapters 18 and 20 and on Feb. 19 we will study the parables on being ready for Christ's return in chapters 21 and 24.



02|15 WEDNESDAY Franklin Deanery Holy Hour

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 6 pm

The Franklin Deanery will host a Holy Hour, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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02|19 SUNDAY Knights of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast

St. Francis School Gym, Winooski • 8 am - 12 pm

Cost is \$10, includes pancakes — plain and blueberry — scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee & juice.



02|19 SUNDAY Community Family Breakfast

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Troy • 8 - 11 am

Knights of Columbus Father Meany-Father

St. Onge Council #7943 hosts an "all you can eat" community family breakfast every third Sunday.



02|19 SUNDAY Blessing of the Snowmobiles

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Troy • 8 - 10:30 am

Riders, you and your organization's members

are cordially invited to attend a Catholic Blessing of your snowmobiles by Rev. Mr. Francis "Ward" Nolan.



02|24 FRIDAY Organ Recital

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church, Bennington • 7 pm

This performance by organist Don McMahon — in celebration of his 60th birthday — will be presented in person and streamed live on the parish's website.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



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visit: bishopsappealvt.org

