



ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH
YEAR A
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**EUCCHARISTIC
CELEBRATION**



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

†Denise Wilkins
By Rodney Wilkins

**2/18/23 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)
OPEN FOR INTENTIONS**

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

Reflections

February 12, 2023
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
(Matthew 5:17-37)



Virtue Deeper Than That of Scribes and Pharisees

On this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Paul, in the 2nd Reading, sums up his message in haunting, poetic words to truly touch the heart. He refers to *things no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard, things no mind has ever conceived...all that God has prepared for those who love*. If we aspire to such wisdom, we need to turn to God, not books. Today's Responsorial verses are taken from Psalm 119, the longest in the Psalter, and they invite us to love God's law as a map for our pilgrimage on earth.

Our 1st Reading today, taken from Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), challenges us to use our freedom wisely. The message is a repeat of a challenge elsewhere in Scripture (Deuteronomy) where God claims to set before us, life and death, blessing and curse. Then God says, "Choose life." It is this "life" precisely that is behind the new standard proposed by Jesus in today's Gospel. "You have heard... but I..." While Jesus is truly revolutionary, he is in fact insisting on proper observance of the original law, as distinct from the myriad minutiae taught by the Scribes and Pharisees and which had become a burden on the people. Jesus challenges us to make our virtue deeper than that of these Scribes and Pharisees.



Ash Wednesday
Holy Mass
February 22
at 7:00 PM

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**
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.*



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



BLESSING OF THE SNOW MACHINES
10:30 AM



VALENTINES DOOR PRIZE



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.



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.



Parish Council

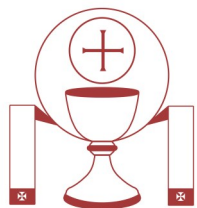
meeting on
Tuesday February 14
at 6:30.

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.

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. Pauls' School



When we build on a firm foundation of Christ we can withstand whatever comes our way. A foundation based on God produces steadfast faith and life
Matthew 7:24-29



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 February 4, 2023

**Offertory
Weekly Budget
Difference +/-**



**\$1239.00
\$1156.00
\$83.00**

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.



Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner



The Knights will host a baked fish dinner on Fridays during Lent. Menu includes Parmesan-Herb baked Cod, Rice Pilaf with Orzo, freshly made Cole Slaw, veggies, beverages, and dessert.

Meal dates are February 24th, March 3rd, 17th and 31st from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. \$15 per person.

Eat in or take away available. RSVP required. Please call by the Wednesday prior to reserve your dinner. Contact Dan at 744-6272 or email dmcavinney@outlook.com

NEWS FROM The Inland See

February 11–17, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Trying to figure out who's who is a common human activity. We like to know who we are sharing our time with and what relationship they have to us. So it is with the Church that gathers on Sunday for Mass.

Many of the faces are as familiar as our own, but as with any healthy group, new faces are to be expected and welcomed. Some of those new faces may be responding to a call to find out more about Christ and His Church. The Church opens its arms to these seekers with the wisdom and rituals of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (the OCIA, known formerly as the RCIA).

People who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith and its mission fall into two main groups: catechumens and candidates. A catechumen is someone who has never been baptized, while candidates are those having already been baptized in another Christian denomination and desire to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

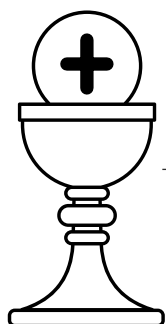
Catechumens and candidates undergo a period of formation involving a number of steps and phases. After this formation, they receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist — usually at the Easter Vigil or in the Easter Season.

For these catechumens and candidates, Lent is a period of intensified spiritual preparation. At the beginning of Lent, the Diocese of Burlington celebrates a special ritual, the “Rite of Election” for the catechumens and the “Call to Continuing Conversion” for the candidates. Based on the testimony given by the sponsors and catechists, Bishop Christopher Coyne will declare the catechumens to be “Elect,” chosen by God for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the upcoming Easter Vigil. The bishop also will recognize the desire of the already-baptized candidates for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist within our Catholic community.

All members of the faithful throughout the Diocese are encouraged to pray for and with the catechumens and candidates this Lent, especially for the new faces you may see in your own parishes.

All are encouraged to join us for the Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion that will be celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington at 3 p.m.

— *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|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.



02|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.



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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|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|19 SUNDAY

Mardi Gras Celebration

St. Francis of Assisi, Windsor • 2 - 4 pm

Come join us at our "Fat Tuesday" celebration.

Music is provided by the East Bay Jazz Quintet under the direction of Gerry Grimo. Traditional (as well as some novel), New Orleans Jazz selections, fitting the Mardi Gras pageantry, will surely lift your soul these last days before Lent. The festivities include a "Kings Cake" competition. To enter, simply bake and decorate your best Kings Cake recipe and bring it to the celebration for judging. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person to benefit the St. Francis Fuel Fund.



02|23, 03|02, 09, 16, 23, 30 THURS

Apostle's Creed Series

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 6 - 7 pm

The Apostle's Creed is the oldest of the official creeds of the Church and is still used today as our baptismal creed. During Lent, as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, what does the Apostle's Creed actually say? How is it important for us today? How does it affect how we live? Join Fr. Greg Caldwell in the Youth Center Thursdays in Lent, starting February 23, for a series of reflections on the Apostle's Creed.



02|24, 03|10, 24 FRIDAYS

St. Peter's Take Out Fish Dinners

St. Peter's Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 - 6:30 pm

Take out fish dinners—serving 5:00-6:30pm (take out). \$13/adults \$7/children 6-12. For reservations, please call (802) 877-2367.



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.



02|26 SUNDAY

Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Bishop Coyne on the First Sunday of Lent at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Friends and family of those participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and all the faithful from around the diocese are invited to celebrate with us. A small reception follows the liturgy.



02|27, 28, 03|01 MON, TUES, WED

A Lenten Retreat with Monsignor Richard Lavalley

Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 8:30 am - 12 pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 am Mass with a reflection by Monsignor Lavalley. Monsignor will be available for Confession and Spiritual Direction every morning after Mass until noon.

Tuesday, February 28 at 7 pm: Monsignor will pray the

Stations of the Cross with meditations at every Station. For more information or to schedule a time to meet with Monsignor, please call 802-878-5331. Everyone is welcome!



03|01, 08, 15, 22, 29 WEDNESDAYS

Presence:

The Mystery of the Eucharist

via Zoom • 7 - 8:30 pm

Join Christ Our Savior Parish for this weekly Lenten seminar. For information and to register: presencecosp@gmail.com.



03|02, 09, 23 THURSDAYS

Lenten Series

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Randolph • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Come join Fr. Gratton as we learn about Eucharistic miracles, marian apparitions, and inspiring saints throughout Lent. We begin with Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm, followed by a free meal provided by the KofC Council #14351 (please bring potluck sides), and this inspiring series. Come ignite your faith during this Lenten Season!



03|05 SUNDAY

Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 - 4 pm

Benediction and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm on the first Sunday of every month with Fr. Lance Harlow.

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visit: bishopsappealvt.org

