



# ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH

## YEAR A

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



#### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION



4/15/2023 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

†Yves Morressette 5th anniversary  
By Madeleine Morrisette

†Wilber and Rita Firkey  
By The Families of Bruce and Jerry Firkey

4/22/2023 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)

†Maurice Morin 35th year anniversary  
By The Morin Family

†Roger Raboin  
By Rodney Wilkins and Fern Bonneau

#### Weekday Mass Schedule at local Churches

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

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

Benedictine Monastery -  
10:00 am daily

Society of Divine Vocations  
Deacon Ward Nolan,  
Temporary Administrator



April  
St. Vincent's Steeple Cross  
Memorial

In Memory of the Ladies of St Vincent  
deceased family members

#### Knights News for April 2023

The Fr. Meany / Fr. St. Onge Council would like to thank you for attending our monthly breakfasts and our recent Lenten Fish Dinners. The money we raise gives substantial help to the neediest in our community.

From October 2022 through April 2023, we have donated over \$3100 to the following groups: Orleans Essex County Special Olympics, NEKCA Parent/Child Center, St. Andre Bessette Parish, Ladies of the Sacred Heart, Ukraine refugees locally and internationally through K of C Charities, Camp Ta-Kum-Ta (camp for kids with cancer), Futures Pregnancy Center in Lyndonville, and ongoing assistance to needy individuals in our area. We thank you sincerely for your continued support of our activities.



#### Reflections

April 16  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
(JN 20)



**HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET BELIEVE!"**

Our spiritual nourishment all this week comes entirely from Acts and John. The reading from Acts today paints an almost ideal picture of the early Christian community. Fidelity, community, sharing, common prayer in the Temple; they broke bread regularly, were greatly admired by all, and increased in number day by day. This kind of living is rooted in faith as is explained in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading today. Peter praises the Christians because in spite of not seeing with their eyes, they have learnt to believe and love. Persecution notwithstanding, the early Christians were characterized by indescribable joy. The Gospel today, taken from Jn 20, offers us two more of the resurrection appearances to a group of disciples, with Thomas present only in the second case. There is the usual talk of peace. There is joy. There is mission. There is promise of



the Holy Spirit and talk of forgiveness of sin. Thomas' conditions for believing. And then the proclamation of blessedness for us who have not seen and yet have learnt to believe. The Responsorial, Ps 118, offers us a beautiful summary of all that we have been part of since Holy Week. Are we listening?

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 16th  
All are welcome



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.

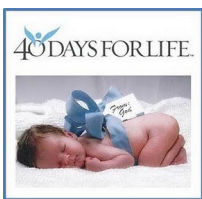
#### **Monthly Breakfast** (every third Sunday).

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.



Christ came to conquer death, and therefore abortion. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (Jn.10:10)

**If not you, who?**

**If not now, when?**

**March 12 – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Support our 40-Day Baby Bottle Drive and Support the Futures Pregnancy Care Center. Take a baby bottle home, fill it with your spare change and return to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

Checks may be made to: **Futures Pregnancy Care Center, Vermont Right to Life or**

**Knights of Columbus Council 7943**

**(mark memo line: Baby Bottle Drive)**

Drop them off at the Parish Office or during Masses

### Prayer List

# Pray

FOR

*Theses*



**Abigail Jackson,  
Geraldine Berneche,  
Wilma Therrien,  
Joyce Crawford,  
Robert Laramee**

### 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



For upcoming events throughout our area...  
The Inland See is available to view on our web-sight

## Parish Stewardship Report Weekend of April 9, 2023

Thank you for giving generously

**Offertory**

**\$245.00**

**Easter Collection**

**\$975.00**



# The office is closed for the week of April 17th through 21st

**CHURCH  
OFFICE**

### An Easter Thought



The scars we bear in life are also windows through which growth is possible. Through our wounds, we can grow and become stronger, so also the people whose lives we touch. Whatever our scars and wounds are, and in whatever circumstances they become part of our stories, they reveal both our vulnerability and our strength. When we invite others into our wounded experience, we emerge feeling stronger and more united with one another.

Dear Lord, by your divine compassion, give us the healing that comes from You alone. Renewed and strengthened, may we bring healing to others through our solidarity with one another.

In faith, and in His peace. Dcn. Ward

## **EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS**



### In Memory of:

The Deslandes Family  
The Fournier Family  
Leo Austin  
Ernest Turner  
Gabrielle Turner  
Paul SteMarie

### Donated by:

Rita Deslandes  
Rita Deslandes  
Emily Austin  
Anne Cota and Family  
Anne Cota and Family  
Julie and Greg SteMarie



**HOLY HOUR**  
**Each Wednesday Morning**  
**9:00 AM**

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

### PRAYER CORNER

The church is open every day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for anyone wanting a quiet place to pray.



# NEWS FROM The Inland See

April 15–21, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



## Deacon RJ Dourney to be speaker at next Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast

One of the newest permanent deacons serving the Diocese of Burlington will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of Vermont Catholic Professionals, offering his thoughts on bringing Catholic values to the board room or the work place.

Deacon RJ Dourney, ordained last year, also will offer personal testimony to the power of Catholic networking.

“Over the past 30 years as an executive, I have encountered some of the most hostile, non-Christian environments and managed to remain true to my Catholic faith while succeeding in a business,” said the seasoned entrepreneur and executive who has successfully developed multiple companies throughout the United States, Europe, Central America and Asia including the development of more than 2,000 restaurants. “Though some doors have been closed to me through the years, many more have been opened by God as a result of following a few simple rules.”

He will share these rules while also sharing the impact Catholic networking has had on his career and life. “Still today I benefit from the groundwork I laid through Catholic networking over 25 years ago which has been a financial benefit and spiritual grace,” he said.

A veteran CEO, the Deacon has served as a key executive of both public and privately held companies including Applebee’s, Cusi, Chili’s and The Upper Crust Pizzeria. He also is the founder of Hearthstone Associates, formerly one of the largest privately held restaurant companies in New England.

The founder of Fortis Advisors, Deacon Dourney and his team consult for real estate and senior living community developers, investment bankers, technology and restaurant companies, helping move their businesses to the next level.

He serves on the board of directors of public and private companies and is currently chairman of Zullee Mediterranean Grill and TOMS King, one of Burger King’s largest franchisees.

“We must see the business world as the perfect platform to encourage others to walk towards our Lord Jesus Christ,” he said.

Deacon Dourney is a Distinguished Fellow at Catholic University where he serves on the board of advisors for the Ciocca Center School of Entrepreneurship.

He attended Villanova University where he studied business and economics. He regularly guest lectures at Harvard Business School, Boston College and Catholic University.

“Early in my career I realized I had a choice regarding living my faith. I could live our Catholic values at home, church and with friends and then be secular at work or I could be true to my faith at all times. I chose the latter,” he said. “This has at times both alienated me and drawn me

closer to people at work. But regardless of how difficult it has been, I have never regretted being a follower of Christ at work and at home.”

At work he has never hidden his faith, and as a result there have been numerous times when people in his work life wanted to talk about faith. They had lost their way, and when they saw how comfortable he was being Catholic they asked to talk with him. “Very often it has been as if others simply wanted someone else to walk through the door of being openly Catholic first and they

would follow,” he said.

Deacon Dourney is in full-time ministry as a deacon, serving at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, Our Lady of the Valley Church in Townshend and Chapel of the Snows at Stratton Mountain. He also is engaged in prison ministry and supporting Deacon Phil Lawson as he leads the Diocese’s evangelization and “Building Vibrant Parishes” work.

The next Vermont Catholic Professionals networking breakfast will be April 19 beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the speaker at 9.

To register for both the Zoom session and the in-person meeting at the diocesan headquarters, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, go to [vermontcatholic.org/about/vermont-catholic-professionals](http://vermontcatholic.org/about/vermont-catholic-professionals).



Deacon RJ Dourney — Submitted photo

# Upcoming Events



## 04|16 SUNDAY So. Burlington Council, Knights of Columbus, Super Bingo

Doubletree, So. Burlington • 10 am - 4 pm

Doors open at 10 am, admission is \$50, pay online by going to [kofcvt.org](http://kofcvt.org). Proceeds benefit Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. **FOR MORE INFO:** [kidsforcamp2020@gmail.com](mailto:kidsforcamp2020@gmail.com).



## 04|16 SUNDAY Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration, and Confession

St. Mark, Burlington • 1 - 3 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession from 1-3 pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm. Confessions will be available after the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer.



## 04|16 SUNDAY Divine Mercy Celebration

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 2 pm

Holy Hour from 2 to 3 pm, during which confessions will be heard. Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and then a potluck in the youth center to end the Octave of Easter.



## 04|16 SUNDAY Divine Mercy Chaplet & Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 2 - 3 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 2 pm, and the Chaplet (sung) and Benediction will take place at 3 pm.



## 04|16 SUNDAY Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Anthony, Burlington • 2 pm

Adoration with Exposition and Benediction, Reconciliation (Confessions), venerate the Divine Mercy image, Silent prayer, Rosary, concluding with praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Catholics and individuals who have been absent from the church and want to return to receive the Graces of His Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation — Jesus is there waiting for you in the confessional.



## 04|19 WEDNESDAY Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast

Diocese Offices, S. Burlington • 8:30 am

Join us for our next networking breakfast. Our speaker will be Deacon RJ Dourney. Attend in-person or via Zoom. Learn more

and register at: [vermontcatholic.org/vcp](http://vermontcatholic.org/vcp).



## 04|19, 26 WEDNESDAYS Contemplative Prayer Series

Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center, Essex Jct. 9:15 - 10:15 am

Join us for this series led by Louise Boisvert, a member of Notre Dame de Vie, a Secular Institute, founded in the 20th century by Blessed Marie Eugene of the Child Jesus, a carmelite father.



## 04|19, 26 WEDNESDAYS Good News Bootcamp

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

Please join us in discussing how we as Catholics can bring healing, transformation, virtue, and enthusiasm to our world. See topics on our website at [stjohnvianneyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp](http://stjohnvianneyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp).



## 04|19 WEDNESDAY Saint John's Bible Presentation

St. Augustine Church, Montpelier • 7 pm

In 1998, St. John's Abbey and University commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated bible. Excerpts of this bible will be presented. **FOR MORE INFO:** go to [vecncc.org](http://vecncc.org).



## 04|29 SATURDAY Mount St. Joseph Academy Live & Silent Auction Night

Mount St. Joseph Academy, Rutland 6 - 10 pm

Tickets are \$15 per person, with a cash bar available (21 and older only); light hors d'oeuvres; 50/50; and plenty of time to dance with MC Sounds. Purchase tickets through the Development Office at 802-775-0151 ext. 2015 or via email to Carly Ward at [cward@msjvermont.org](mailto:cward@msjvermont.org).



## 05|08 MONDAY Bereavement Support Group

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 5:15 pm

Bereavement Support Group led by Kyle Sipples. All are welcome to join. In order to encourage discussion, these meetings are confidential.



## 05|14 SUNDAY Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am

\$10/adults, \$6/children 8-12 (\$32 family maximum).



## 05|14 SUNDAY Monthly COSP Knights of Columbus Fund Raising Breakfast

Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm

Supporting Parish and Community outreach programs.



## 05|20 SATURDAY Walk to Mary

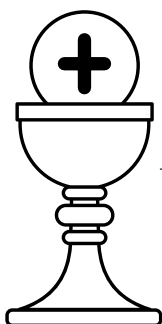
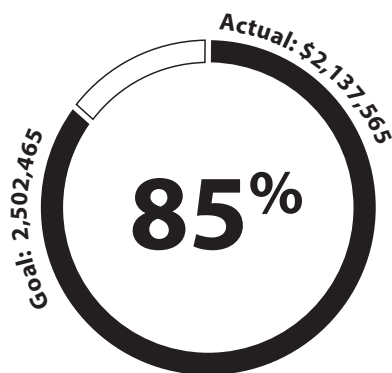
Isle LaMotte • 9 am - 2 pm

Join us for a 2.3 mile walk from St. Joseph, Isle La Motte to St. Anne's Shrine starting at 9 am, praying the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet while we walk. When we get to the shrine, there will be Mass at 11 am, a break for lunch, then Stations of the Cross for Life at 1 pm. For those who cannot walk with us and would still like to participate, there will also be a Holy Hour of Adoration at St. Anne's Shrine starting at 9:30 a.m. **FOR MORE INFO:** contact Janice (802) 848-3834, [janicegodin@myfairpoint.net](mailto:janicegodin@myfairpoint.net) or Renee (802) 370-2231 or [rjpatterson1962@gmail.com](mailto:rjpatterson1962@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## Eucharistic TESTIMONIALS

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It's spiritual nutrition — missing Mass would be like missing my dinner. It's a reminder that this crazy upside-down world is in fact crazy and upside-down. It helps keep me focused on the things that are truly essential.

— Elizabeth Stuart,  
Our Lady of the Valley Parish; Randolph