

**ST. ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH  
YEAR A  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**EUCCHARISTIC  
CELEBRATION**



- 5/13/2023 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)  
†Phillip Sheltra By Alicia Couture
- 5/18/2023 4:00 PM (Thursday) SHJ Ascension  
Mass in Thanksgiving by A Parishioner
- 5/20/2023 4:00 PM Mass (SHJ)  
†Real and Martha Limoges  
By The Limoges Family

**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**

**Second  
Collection  
Next week:**



**May 20  
Parish Evangelization Program/Retreat  
May 27  
Catholic Communication Campaign**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



We know the feeling of falling down and being unable to lift ourselves back up. Often the Spirit works through others in our lives, individuals who lift us up in times of pain with their physical presence, healing voice, or compassionate hearts. The Spirit also works through us when those around us are troubled. When have you experienced the Holy Spirit as an Advocate? When have you been an Advocate, carrying the burdens of others?

Let us pray: Come, Holy Spirit, and strengthen us with your grace in the midst of the challenges of daily life. May your presence be for us a balm, bringing relief to our frail and wounded hearts.

In faith, and in His peace.  
Dcn. Ward

**Papal Intentions**

May

**For church movements and groups**



We pray that Church movements and groups may re-discover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

**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  
Geraldne Berneche and consolation for  
her family**

**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.*



**May  
St. Vincent's Steeple Cross  
Memorial  
OPEN FOR INTENTIONS**



### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### Are you Being Called?

St. Andre Bessette  
Parish is looking for  
qualified parishion-  
ers to become Ex-  
traordinary Eucha-  
ristic Ministers of

Holy Communion, primarily for the sick, homebound,  
and nursing home residents.

For those who may be interested, Deacon Ward will be  
offering a workshop/discussion on this important min-  
istry in the near future. Those who are already Extraor-  
dinary Eucharistic Ministers are also welcome to at-  
tend!

If you are interested, please call the parish office (802-  
744-4066) and leave your name and phone number.

### Prayer List



# Pray.

**Abigail Jackson,  
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**

**If you know of someone in need of a  
home visit for  
Holy Communion or to see a priest,  
please call the office.**



### Parish Stewardship Report Weekend of May 6, 2023

**Thank you for giving generously**

Offertory	<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>\$1861.00</b>
Weekly Budget		<b>\$1156.00</b>
Difference +/-	<b>CORNER</b>	<b>\$705.00</b>

### Reflections

May 14, 2023  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Year A



### **SUFFERING AND FORCES OF EVIL CAN NEVER HAVE THE LAST WORD:**

We are two weeks short of Pentecost, so it is not sur-  
prising that in our readings these days, more and more men-  
tion is made of the Holy Spirit. In our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, after Philip  
has done the spade work of preaching in a Samaritan town in a  
context of cures and rejoicing, Peter and John are dispatched  
from Jerusalem to build on what their fellow Apostle has  
done. They pray, and lay hands on the people who immedi-  
ately receive the Holy Spirit.

Peter, in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, alerts us to the important  
distinction between an argument to prove someone wrong and  
a discussion to find the truth. Respectful freedom is the key.  
In today's Gospel we bid farewell to Jn 14 which has been  
nourishing us regularly since May 5. Jesus presents us with a  
string of promises to sustain us when he is not visibly present  
in the community. He says: I shall ask for the Advocate; I  
will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you; you will  
see me; you will live; I shall love you and show myself to you.  
Hopefully, each of us will be inspired to be latter day apostles  
crying out gladly: "Come and hear... I will tell you what  
(God) did for my soul."

### PRAYER CORNER

**PRAYER**



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

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**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.

# NEWS FROM The Inland See FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

May 13-19, 2023

# 170

*Celebrating 170 years of  
the Diocese of Burlington*

1853-2023



## Dear Friends in Christ,

Pope Francis has said that “being the Church, being the People of God, means being God’s leaven in this our humanity.” Each of us is called to be the sign of God’s love, hope, and salvation to the world, to build the kingdom of God and joyfully draw others to the faith.

As we celebrate the 170th anniversary of the Diocese of Burlington this year, I am amazed by the many people who have risen to this call with an open heart and given so generously of their time, talent, and treasure to build our Diocese throughout the years. We have grown from humble beginnings of only five priests and a handful of parishes to 55 priests, 63 parishes, 12 Catholic schools, and ministries that serve the elderly and poor. None of this was easy. Our Diocese has faced many challenges including world wars, the Spanish influenza, and the Great Depression. We have survived cultural battles and anti-Catholic sentiment, always staying true to the Gospel. Together, we stand for the sanctity of all life; we educate our youth in the faith; and we care for those on the margins. We celebrate the Mass in communion each week and are strengthened by the Eucharist to share our faith with others.

The foundation of our Diocese was built by our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. This legacy of faith has been handed over to us. We are the leaven for the next generation. Many of the ministries, churches, and schools built during the past 170 years exist today. It is our responsibility to continue the mission so we can share the beauty of our faith for years to come.

Over the next several weeks, you will be asked to contribute to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal which supports vocations, parishes, Catholic schools, religious education, emergency aid, and so much more. I prayerfully ask that you consider a gift in this special year to honor all those who came before us.

To learn more about the Bishop’s Annual Appeal or to make a gift visit: [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org).

With gratitude,

*Ellen Kane*

Ellen Kane  
Executive Director of Development and Communications



BISHOP'S  
ANNUAL  
APPEAL

*Make a gift online to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*



# Upcoming Events



05|17, 24, 31 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).



05|19 FRIDAY

## St. Monica St. Michael Family Fun Fair

St. Monica, Barre • 3 - 8 pm

Lots of games, attractions, music, and food for the whole family on the campus of St. Monica-St. Michael Catholic School.



05|19, 06|02, 09 FRIDAYS

## The Chosen Season 3

St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, Lyndonville • 5 - 7:30 pm

Join us for dinner at 5; the show will start at

5:30. If you can't make it for dinner, no worries — come for the show! Note: we will not meet on Memorial Day weekend.



05|20 SATURDAY

## Walk to Mary

Isle La Motte • 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.**



05|20 SATURDAY

## St. Peter's Cemetery Committee — Bingo

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 9 pm

Doors open at 5:00 PM, Bingo starts at 6:00 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.



05|21 SUNDAY

## "No Other Lake" Film

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 2 - 4 pm

Join us for a viewing of the documentary

film "No Other Lake" produced by local Vermonters, Jordan Rowell and Duane Peterson III. A panel discussion will follow. Sponsored by Vermont Mercy Associates.



05|22 MONDAY

## Saint John's Bible Presentation

Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction

9 am & 7 pm

The Saint John's Bible, commissioned by Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN, is the first handwritten and illuminated Bible to be produced since the invention of the printing press. Come and view this unique work of art and craftsmanship, and listen to a presentation and discussion about the artists and the story of the making of The Saint John's Bible.



05|25 THURSDAY

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

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

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

Come join us for an incredible meal, popcorn, and the first two episodes of the Chosen!



06|03 SATURDAYS

## First Saturday Devotions

All Saints, Richford • 7:30 - 9:30 am

Confessions from 7:30 to 7:50, followed by

Mass at 8 am, then devotional prayers. All are welcome!



06|03 SATURDAYS

## First Saturday Devotions

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 8 am

Mass at 8 am, followed by Rosary and

Confessions at 8:30 am.



06|03 SATURDAYS

## First Saturday Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Every first Saturday starting with Confessions

and the Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass at 8:30 am.



06|03 SATURDAY

## First Saturday Devotions

Our Lady of Ephesus, Jamaica • 10 am

Every first Saturday starting with confessions

followed by a Mass at 10:30.



06|03 SATURDAY

## Rutland Dismas House Dinner and Auction

Spartan Arena, Rutland • 5 pm

Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased by calling (802) 775-5539 or emailing [geraldine@dismasofvt.org](mailto:geraldine@dismasofvt.org). No tickets will

be sold at the door. Doors open at 3:30 pm. and the program begins at 5 pm. There will be live music and awards.



06|04 SUNDAY

## Eucharistic Healing Service

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

Benediction and Exposition of the Most

Blessed Sacrament, offered the first Sunday of the month, with Fr. Lance Harlow.



06|16 FRIDAY

## Worldpriest Rosary Relay

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

Join people around the world in praying the

Rosary. Bishop Coyne will lead the Rosary and it will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website as well as aired on Our Lady of Perpetual Help radio.



06|23 FRIDAY

## Diocese of Burlington Theology of the Body Formation Day

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 8 am - 5 pm

For more information, contact Daniel Lacourrege at [dlacourrege@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:dlacourrege@vermontcatholic.org).



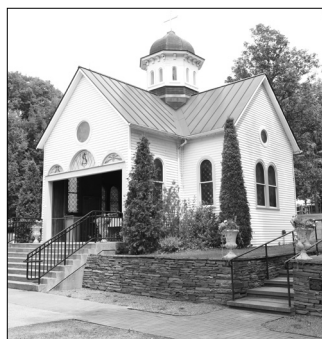
07|09 SUNDAY

## Annual Diocesan Family Day Mass

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 12:15 pm.

Bishop Christopher Coyne will be the

celebrant. The shrine will be providing a free-will-donation barbecue after the Mass. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic as well as lawn chairs and lawn games.



## 5-Day Silent Retreat • St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte

Retreat begins Sunday, June 11 at 7 pm and concludes Friday, June 16 at 1 pm.

The Society of St. Edmund will be conducting a 5-Day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants are invited

to contemplate scripture passages in a silent environment, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. Spiritual Directors are specifically trained for this type of retreat and will serve as companions

and co-discerners of the Spirit during the retreat. Applicants should be comfortable maintaining an atmosphere of silence and be able to share their prayer experience with a Spiritual Director in a daily meeting of about forty-five minutes.

The cost is \$550 per person which includes a private room and all meals. A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with application which can be obtained by calling Joe Gallagher at (802) 928-3362 or via email at [jgallagher@sse.org](mailto:jgallagher@sse.org). Space is limited due to private bedroom accommodations and married couples attending will be assigned to separate cabins.