

NEWS FROM The Inland See

November 26 – December 2, 2022

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

‘Slow down, you move too fast’

One of my favorite Simon & Garfunkel songs is the “59th Street Bridge Song,” and I think this golden oldie is a wonderful introduction for all of us to consider as we enter into the Advent season. The opening lyrics are: “Slow down, you move too fast; you’ve got to make the morning last!” If you’re like me, you just finished the rest of the first verse quietly to yourself.

Why do I think these lyrics are a wonderful introduction to Advent? Because for most of us as we approach the end of the year and look forward to Christmas and New Year’s, we find ourselves in a constant flurry of activities ranging from Christmas shopping, Christmas parties, Christmas concerts, vacation planning and a host of other things that make our lives anything but peaceful. While we approach some or all of these activities with enthusiasm, I believe all of us find the busy-ness of this time of year exhausting. We would like to slow down a bit and not feel as if we are hurtling down a hill without brakes.

This brings us to Advent. It is the Church’s way to invite



us to slow down from the hustle and bustle of preparing for the secular side of the Christmas rush to remind us what God is asking us to prepare for at this time of year.

It is the Church’s tradition for us to celebrate Advent so as to prepare our hearts, not just for the celebration of Christ’s birth at Bethlehem but

for His return in glory at the end of time. It is meant to be a time of prayerful reflection so we can ask if we are ready for His return. Are we prepared to be judged by Him who will come “to judge the living and the dead?” Have we grown in holiness during the liturgical year we have just completed? Are we more prayerful, compassionate, forgiving? Or are we still struggling to be like Christ?

Rather than find us “moving too fast” this time of year, let’s take the advice of Simon & Garfunkel and the instruction of our Church to slow down, quiet down, take time to pray and really prepare to welcome Jesus Christ, at Christmas, in our daily lives and when He returns.

— *Msgr. John McDermott is vicar general for the Diocese of Burlington.*

GIVING TUESDAY

Matching Grant for Giving Tuesday, November 29

All gifts made online of \$500 or more to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal on November 29, 2022, will be matched with \$500 from a \$10,000 matching grant given by the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. The Bishop’s Appeal supports vital programs such as emergency aid for people in need. People like John, Donna and their three children who needed help with a security deposit for a new apartment and food because they were suddenly forced to move out of their apartment due to the poor condition of the building. Without the immediate financial assistance, they would have been homeless.



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Upcoming Events



11|28, 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. This series is meant for us to practice our story line, and learn a little bit more about what we hear in the first reading every Sunday. For more info or to register: sjvgoodnews@gmail.com.



11|29, 12|01 TUES & THURS
**Walking With Families:
 Tackling the Tough Topics
 Around Human Sexuality**
Online • 7 – 8 pm

Please join us from 7 to 8 pm, for a presentation and time for questions. You can choose to attend any and all presentations. Learn more and register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/walking-with-families/



12|01, 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|01, 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|02, 09, 16 FRIDAYS
SoulCore
Blessed Sacrament, Stowe
 9 – 10:30 am

SoulCore is an apostolate that intentionally engages the whole person in the sacred experience of the rosary. Integrating the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movements to nourish body & soul and encourage deeper reflection on the virtues. A gentle path to grow in virtue and cultivate interior peace. 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|02, 03 FRIDAY & SATURDAY
**Our Lady of the Angels Annual
 Christmas Bazaar**
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph
 Friday 2 - 6 pm and Saturday 9 am to 2 pm

Over twenty vendors offering jewelry, toys, ornaments, needlework, quilts, knitted & crocheted items, fibre art,

warmers, jams & jellies, teas, herbal products, pet treats, scents, food storage, plus maple products and more. Also available will be bakery items, breakfast sandwiches and lunch options. A 50/50 Raffle drawing to be held on Saturday, tickets \$1 each.



12|02, 03, 04 FRI, SAT, SUN
The Best Christmas Bazaar Ever
St. Raphael Parish Hall, Poultney
 Friday 3–7pm, Saturday 10 am – 4 pm

Joint bazaar of the 7 Catholic Churches in western region of central Vermont. Basket Raffle, traditional raffle, quilt raffle, food tables, crafts, "Treasures" Religious items, vendors and stay for lunch or supper from our kitchen! . Raffle drawings at 4 pm Saturday. **FOR MORE INFO: camshaw22@gmail.com or call (518) 636-9012.**



12|03, 04 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
Pierogi Making Workshop

St. John Vianney Parish Hall, S. Burlington
 Saturday 9 am - 1 pm, Sunday 12 – 4 pm

St. John Vianney parish is offering a two-part pierogi making workshop, and the fruits of our labor will be donated to an ANEW Place dinner. Four teams will create 4 different pierogi fillings. Space is limited, because we can't have too many cooks in the kitchen! Contact Connie in the office at sjvgoodnews@gmail.com if you'd like to help with organizing, or for more information.



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|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|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/



12|18 SUNDAY
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|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 cooked by Cathy Day and her crew.

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