

Vermont Catholic Professionals to hold two networking events in spring 2026

Vermont Catholic Professionals is happy to announce two networking events this spring. The first event is a networking breakfast and the second is an evening networking event. Both events are free and all are invited attend.

On Wednesday, March 25 our guest will be Christine Werneke, the president and chief operating officer of UVM Health Network – Home Health & Hospice in Colchester. She will be speaking on the topic of long-term care as we or a loved one ages. When asked to present on this topic, Werneke responded with, “I believe that talking about our plans for care as we age is a valuable first step.” The event will be held at the diocesan offices at 55 Joy drive in South Burlington. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the speaker will be at 9:00 a.m. Light breakfast fare and beverages will be provided.

On Wednesday, April 29 our guest will be Joanne Nelson,

the director of justice, mentoring & reentry for Mercy Connections in Burlington. In this position she runs the Vermont Women’s Mentoring Program, which provides powerful support for individuals who are justice-involved, in transition from prison, treatment court, addiction, and/or mental health crises. Her past roles include campus minister at Saint Michael’s College and chaplain at UVM Medical Center. The event will be held at the diocesan offices at 55 Joy drive in South Burlington. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the speaker will be at 6:00 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

To register for either of these events, or to learn more about Vermont Catholic Professionals, please visit us at: vermontcatholic.org/vcp or use the QR code below.

— *Vermont Catholic*

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Home Health & Hospice, Colchester

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Joanne Nelson, Director of Justice, Mentoring
& Reentry for Mercy Connections, Burlington

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03|08 SUNDAY
Sacred Music Festival

St. Monica, Barre • 2:30 - 6 pm

Will begin with rehearsal at 2:30, then singing for Mass at 4:15, and after Mass small groups will share 1 or 2 of their favorite pieces. We will conclude with a potluck dinner. Everyone is welcome. Musicians, please refer to our website, rccwvm.org/liturgical-music-festival-1 for the music we will be doing, and RSVP to Sharon Trani, sltrani@verizon.net.



03|08, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19 SUN, TUES, THU
Rosary for Vocations and the Diocese of Burlington

via Zoom • 7 pm

Join us for a live Rosary at noon on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during Lent. These Rosaries will be offered for two special intentions close to all our hearts: an increase in holy vocations and prayers for healing, wisdom, and trust in the Lord amid the bankruptcy facing the Diocese of Burlington. Priests, deacons, and others will be leading the Rosaries. Zoom link: us06web.zoom.us/j/87111038763.



03|11, 18, 25 WEDNESDAYS
Series on St. John of the Cross

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 9 - 11 am

St. John of the Cross, whom we are celebrating

in 2026, is still alive and has a word he continues to speak to today's world, "The message he has left us is one of seeking the divine, calling us to immerse ourselves in God in a lived experience of theological life. A message to forge and form believers in mature faith, in a greater intimacy with God." — Friar Francisco Sánchez Oreja. c.d.o.



3|13, 27 FRIDAYS
Lenten Fish Fry

St. Andrew, Waterbury • 5 - 7 pm

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr. Galligan Council #2085 Waterbury to benefit our charity fund. Adults \$20, Children 6-12 \$10, 5 and under Free, Family (2Adults & 2 children) \$50. Eat in or takeout. A Serving of Calamari \$10.



3|13 FRIDAY
Essex Community Dinner

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm

Provided in order to grow and promote our community! They are also intended to feed the lonely and needy among us. These meals are free to all but donations are appreciated. Take-out dinners are also available, at 6 pm.



03|13, 20, 27 FRIDAYS
Stations of the Cross

St. Paul, Orwell • 6 - 7 pm

Join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross, every Friday during Lent.

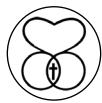


3|13 FRIDAY
Paint and Pray Ascension Fundraiser

Ascension, Georgia • 6 - 8 pm

Let's gather to pray during Lent as we paint the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This will be a kid-friendly day for ages 9 and up. Suggested donation of \$35.

Seating is limited. RSVP is required. Contact Celine at celinemthouin@gmail.com to claim your spot.



03|13, 14, 15 FRI, SAT, SUN
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience

While faith is a powerful part of this process, the focus of the Marriage Encounter experience is on married life. For more information, email: wmmevt.camp@gmail.com.



03|14, 21, 28 SATURDAYS
SoulCore

St. Andrew, Waterbury • 9-10 am

Activate your Mind, Body & Soul: Stretch, Strengthen & Pray. SoulCore is an integrated faith & fitness class to the prayers of the rosary with a self-paced workout. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed. Please bring a mat and water bottle. The cost is by freewill donation, suggested \$10 (after expenses, proceeds go to local charity)



03|15 SUNDAY
Healing Prayer Service

St. Anthony, Burlington • 2:30 - 4 pm

We will begin with the Rosary, for vocations in the diocese and for Pope Leo. Healing Prayers and blessing with St. Raphael oil from 3-4 pm. There will be adoration, confessions, and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



03|15 SUNDAY
St. Patrick's Day Potluck

St. Andrew, Waterbury • 3 - 5 pm

Mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of fun, singing and potluck dining celebrating St. Patrick's Day. There will be Irish Music with Father Matthew Rensch and Sergio Torres, Irish dancing, door prizes will be awarded and a 50/50 raffle planned. \$10 per person with family discounts.



03|16 MONDAY
Talk: "An Irish Immigrant's Look at Life 1875-1938, The View from Shanty Pond"

St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne • 6:30 pm

It's said that everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Join us for a fascinating and enjoyable talk by parishioner and author Joe Blanchette. Voluntary donations appreciated. All book proceeds to benefit Family Faith Formation.



03|21 SATURDAY
VT Men's Conference

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph, 9 am - 2:15 pm

Keynote speaker is Mark Kutolowski, founder of Metanoia of Vermont. Prices: \$40 for adults, \$15 for college students, and under 18 is free with a paying adult. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/vt-mens-conference.



03|21 SATURDAY
"Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality" movie event and fundraiser

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 6:30 - 8 pm

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council

2946. Admission is free, but donations (of any amount) to benefit the Catholic Center at the University of Vermont are welcome. This is a film for all ages! The movie is about one of the Church's newest and youngest saints, St. Carlo Acutis, who was canonized this past September by Pope Leo XIV. For more information, visit: carloacutisfilm.com.



03|25 WEDNESDAY
Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast

Chancery Offices, S. Burlington • 8:30 am

Christine Werneke, President & CEO of Home Health & Hospice will present on the topic of long term care. Light breakfast foods and beverages will be provided.



03|31 TUESDAY
Chrism Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 11 am

At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop McDermott, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass.



04|11 SATURDAY
Youth Day Retreat 2026 — Bennington

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
10 am - 4 pm

This retreat is meant for students in 7th-12th grade. There will be opportunities for community building, fun, and spiritual growth. We invite you to register the young person in your life for the most convenient retreat near you. Registration is free. To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/nnLYw31dv5tCT7GM7>.



04|17, 18, 19 FRI, SAT, SUN
Young Adult Retreat 2026

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte

The Diocese of Burlington is excited to

announce that from April 17-19 we will host our fourth annual Young Adult Retreat. It is open to young adults, aged 18-39 years old. This retreat is held annually at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte — a beautiful, prayerful setting that sets the tone to engage in a weekend of spiritual growth, community building, and reflection. The cost is \$125 per person, which includes lodging for 2 nights, snacks for the weekend, and 4 meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday). Learn more or register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/young-adult-retreat-2026.



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