



**August 25, 2019**  
**21th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 (Year C)



## Eucharistic Celebrations

August 24 – September 1, 2019

- 8/24 Sat 5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)  
 † Gerard Limoges 5th Anniversary by Jerry and Nicole Pion
- 8/25 Sun 8:00 am (St. Vincent)  
 † Robert VanHensbergen by Fr. Timothy Naples
- 8/25 Sun 9:30 am (St. Ignatius)  
 Pauline Choquette † Her Sons & Families
- 8/26 Mon \*No Mass\* (Sacred Heart)
  
- 8/28 Wed \*No Mass\* (Sacred Heart)
- 8/29 Thu \*No Mass\* (St. Vincent)
- 8/29 Fri \*No Mass\* (Sacred Heart)
  
- 8/31 Sat 5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)  
 Open for Intention
- 9/1 Sun 8:00 am (St. Vincent)  
 Pro Populo
- 9/1 Sun 9:30 am (St. Ignatius)  
 For Birthday Blessings and Intentions of Father Paul

### This Weeks Prayer Intentions

For all who are sick, for the homebound of our parishes and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Michelle Warman, Edward Quintal, Roger Decheneaux, Noella Berthiaume, Denise (Laramée) King, Lise Coulombe and Conrad Coulombe.

*“Lord, look upon all the above with Mercy. May Your Healing Hand rest upon them. May Your life-giving powers flow to the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to health of mind and body”.*

For our recently deceased family, friends and community members.

*“Eternal rest grant to 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.”*



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### Papal General Intention (August)

**Evangelization: Families, Schools of Human Development**  
 That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “schools of true human development”.

## Greetings and Offerings

August 31 - 1, 2019

**22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

### Greeters

- 5:00 pm Anne Cota
- 8:00 am Volunteers from the community
- 9:30 am Raul & Kathy Fernandes

### Offertory

- 5:00 pm Parish Volunteers
- 8:00 am Parish Volunteers
- 9:30 am Parish Volunteers



### This Weeks Parish Events/Youth Programs Calendar

- 9/1 Sun 9 am Community Breakfast – SV Hall
- 7:30 am Rosary – SV

### Noteworthy Days 21st Week in Ordinary Time

- 8/27 St. Monica (white vestments)
- 8/28 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor (white vestments)
- 8/29 Beheading of John the Baptist, Martyr (red vestments)

### Prayer for the Month: Caregivers of the Sick/Dying

Let them dedicate their life today, in the care of those who come their way. Let them touch each one with healing hands, and the gentle art for which they stand. And then tonight when the day is done, Let them rest in peace, If they’ve helped just one. (Adapted from *A Nurse’s Prayer* by Teri Lynn Thompson)

### Bishops Annual Appeal Update

The Bishops Annual Appeal for the diocese of Burlington is at 65%. St. Andre Bessette Parish is at 59%. Thank you for your generosity.

### Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekends of 8/17 – 8/18/2019

St Andre Bessette Parish

Offertory	\$ 1,764
\$Budget/Week	\$ 1,731
Difference +/-	\$ 33
Assumption	\$ 411

### St. Vincent’s August Steeple Cross Memorial

*Dedicated to Therrien and Sargent Families and*

*Wendy Carter*

*By: Andre and Wilma Therrien*

## Catholic Tidbits

Dear Parishioners of St. Andre Bessette Parish,

This week marks the release of a 10 month committee evaluation of credible reports of abuse within our Diocese. It is with a sad heart that I inform you there are 40 names have been made public on the list. The 4 page independent report accompanies the priest's list and if you wish to see these documents please visit <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/vermont/bishop-releases-names-of-priests-credibly-accused-of-abuse/>. I would encourage you to start by reading the Inland See letter from Bishop Coyne included in this bulletin.

With prayers,

*Fr. Sahaya Paul Sifuvai Sebastian*

### **Prayer for Healing**

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by the blood of his cross.  
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.  
Hear our cries as we agonize  
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,  
soothe restless hearts with hope,  
steady shaken spirits with faith:  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,  
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.  
Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,  
so that we may act with justice  
and find peace in you.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Diocesan Pastoral Ministries Conference** **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT**

The keynote will be Ron Huntley from "Divine Renovation" and will focus on helping us and our parishes move from "maintenance to mission." In addition, breakout sessions will be held focusing on religious education, youth ministry, marriage and family life, worship, RCIA and communication. Learn more and register at: [vermontcatholic.org/MinistryConverence2019](http://vermontcatholic.org/MinistryConverence2019)

## **St. Andre Bessette Healing Mass**

**Date:** 09/07/2019 \*No Mass September 8<sup>th</sup>\*

**Time:** 4pm

**Venue:** Sacred Heart Church

- 4:00pm - Life of St. Andre
- 4:30pm - Holy Hour & Veneration of the Relic & Anointing with St. Joseph's Oil
- 5:15pm - Break
- 5:30pm - Mass & Fixing the Relic
- 6:30pm - Potluck Dinner

Bring your favorite side dish and join us for an evening of good fellowship and food as we have the blessings of our Parish Patron.

## **Online Prayer/Mass Request Options**

This is not an exhaustive list but if you wish to reach out to Catholic's outside of our own community to request prayers this is a wonderful starting point.

- St. Joseph's Oratory - <https://www.saint-joseph.org/en/spirituality/prayer-intention/>
- Cardinal Burke - <https://www.cardinalburke.com/> (select "connect" and then "Ask for Cardinal Burke's Prayers")
- Discalced Carmelite Nuns - <https://carmelitesofvermont.com/vocations/prayer-requests/>
- Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - <https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/pray>
- Sisters of Carmel - <https://www.sistersofcarmel.com/> (scroll down to drawing of nuns praying and select "Send a Prayer Request")
- Monastery of the Holy Cross - <http://chicagomonk.org/prayer/>
- Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery - <https://www.passionistnuns.org/prayer-request>
- Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church - <https://www.sspeterandpaul.net/prayer-requests/>
- Abbaye de Saint-Benoît-du-Lac - <https://www.abbaye.ca/en/spiritual-renewal-at-the-abbey/liturgical-celebrations-and-special-schedules/#honoraires>

## **September Happenings at St-Vincent**

- 9/1 First Sunday Breakfast after Mass 9:00 am
- 9/3 First Tuesday Ladies Meeting 6:00 pm
- 9/12 Second Thursday Rosary 6:30 pm  
(This month we sing the Patriotic Rosary)
- 9/15 Third Sunday Social 11:30  
(This month - Chili Cook-Off)
- 9/27 Mass in honor of St-Vincent-de-Paul 7 pm

## **Birthday**

Fr. Paul celebrates his birthday on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for him.

# The NEWS FROM Inland See

August 24–30, 2019 FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## The sins of the past

**T**he Diocese of Burlington this week published a report listing the names of diocesan clergy who, since 1950, have had a credible and substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor made against them. With one exception, all of these acts occurred more than 20 years ago. None of these priests are in ministry; most of them are deceased. While most of these allegations took place at least a generation ago, the numbers are still staggering; the victims of these priests are still bearing the wounds of what happened to them. Until now, the scope of all of this has been our “family secret.”

Family secrets can be toxic. Harmful past experiences — unspoken, unaddressed, and known only by a few — fester like neglected wounds. The innocent victims of the family secret are often made to feel ashamed about what happened as no one seems to listen to them or even, sadly at times, believe them. While these secrets remain hidden, those who have been hurt are often unable to find the healing they need, especially if those who harmed them are still “part” of the family, even if only in memory.

The Church is not immune to this reality. We often talk about the Church as a family, as a community of faith in which we are brothers and sisters in our love for God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are supposed to be a people of love, a place of hope, and a community of healing. But that is not always the case. This is especially true with the significant number of cases involving the sexual and physical abuse of children by clergy, not just here in Vermont, but in the entire Church. These “sins of the past” continue to haunt us. These shameful, sinful, and criminal acts have been our “family secret” for generations. While there has been significant action by the Church here in Vermont and in the United States to address the issue of

the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and the cover-up of those crimes by those in authority, the whole sordid tale of what happened in decades leading up to the U.S. bishops’ 2002 Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People has not been fully aired. That is why I have asked that this report be compiled and published.

When I arrived in Vermont four years ago as the 10th bishop of Burlington, I promised to continue the Diocese’s efforts to address past abuses of children by clergy, to work toward healing for those who have experienced abuse, to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for any individual with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse, and to be transparent about the prevention, handling, and response to the sexual abuse of minors. In order to do so, it is clear to me that we must be fully honest about these sins of our past. If only a list of priests with credible allegations of sexual abuse of a minor had been released 15 years ago, perhaps we would be farther along our collective path of healing. But for many reasons, this was not able to happen.

In November 2018, as part of my personal commitment and that of the Diocese of Burlington to transparency regarding abuse by clergy, an independent, volunteer committee of four lay men and three lay women assembled to review clergy personnel files pertinent to any past allegation of abuse of a minor and to create a list of priests who have been credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor. Working completely independent of the Diocese, the committee only met with me twice, in the beginning and at the end of the process. I am grateful to the individuals who served on the file review committee, volunteering more than eight months of their

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time to thoroughly review files and materials and to compile a report of their findings. As promised, I am publishing the committee's report as it was presented to me without any edits or changes. It can be viewed at [vermont-catholic.org/promise](http://vermont-catholic.org/promise).

In addition to confronting the sins of the past, we must remain vigilant in ensuring these sins do not occur in the future. I have listened to the stories of victims of clergy sexual abuse and will continue to do so. They need to hear over and over again that we believe them. They also need to know that we are doing everything we humanly can to make sure this does not happen again. The Church in the United States has put in place policies and procedures to make the Catholic Church one of the safest places for children today. In 2002, the Diocese of Burlington adopted the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which requires: mandatory reporting of all abuse allegations to civil authorities; removal of credibly accused clerics from active ministry; background checks of all priests, staff and volunteers; training to recognize and prevent abuse; and many other proactive steps to ensure the safety of all members of our Church family. As a result of our rigorous efforts, since 2002 there has been only one credible and substantiated claim of abuse against a priest in the Diocese of Burlington. There are no priests in ministry in Vermont who have had a credible and substantiated allegation made against them.

As has been the case for the past 17 years, I, along with the clergy, staff and volunteers of the Diocese, are committed to supporting and caring for all victims of abuse and will continue to work to ensure safe environments for all God's people — especially children, youth and vulnerable individuals— in which no form of harassment, sexual or otherwise, is tolerated. If you have been abused or if you suspect a minor or vulnerable person has been abused, contact the proper authorities immediately, including local law enforcement and the Diocese's Victim Assistance Line at 866-485-2488.

Please visit [vermontcatholic.org/promise](http://vermontcatholic.org/promise) for regular updates, frequently asked questions and more information regarding the Diocese's promise to protect children and vulnerable persons entrusted to our care.

The greater family of the Catholic Church is in much need of healing. Together, we can mend our family's discord and, by the grace of God, ensure that these sins do not happen again.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington

## UPCOMING EVENTS



08|28 WEDNESDAY  
**St. Anne's Shrine  
Summer Reflection Series**

*St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15 am - 1 pm*

Begins with Mass at 11:15. Our final date is August 28, with Rev. Richard Berube, S.S.E., Surprising Conversions: Peter, Paul and the Woman at the Well.



09|05 THURSDAY  
**Life of St. Br. André of St.  
Joseph's Oratory**

*Mary Queen of All Saints, Hardwick • 4 - 7 pm*

Presentation on the life of St. Br. André, Eucharistic Adoration and Anointing of the Holy Spirit, Veneration of the Relic of St. Br. André, Blessing with St. Joseph's Oil, Healing Mass. Food provided by Catholic Daughters of the Americas.



09|05 THURSDAY  
**Surviving Divorce**

*St. Peter, Vergennes • 6:30 - 8 pm*

This small group will meet over several weeks to cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. Participants will find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing.

**FOR MORE INFO: and/or to register by September 5,  
Sharon (802) 877-6585.**



09|07 SATURDAY  
**Our Lady of Fatima Devotions**

*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am*

Join us the first Saturday of every month

for Our Lady of Fatima Devotions. We begin with rosary and reconciliation at 8 am, followed by Mass at 8:30.



09|07 SATURDAY  
**Chicken Pie Supper  
by Maybelle Dumont**

*Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 5 pm*



09|08 SUNDAY  
**St. Luke Children's Carnival**

*St. Luke Fairfax • 11:30 am - 1 pm*

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council

10830. Event is open to Children of All Ages.



09|13, 14 FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
**Young Adult Retreat Dumaine**

*Dumaine Retreat Center, Jacksonville*

Arrive 7 pm Friday, depart, 6 pm Saturday.

For Young Adults ages 18-39. Cost: \$65, includes meals and lodging. Led by Sisters from the Daughters of Saint Paul.



09|14 SATURDAY  
**Padre Pio Devotions**

*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am*

Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass, then

learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the Holy Family Parish Hall after Mass.



09|20 FRIDAY  
**Married Couples Date Night  
for Empty Nesters**

*Assumption of the BVM, Middlebury*

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Add some more romance and intimacy to your marriage! Get out and have some fun!! Your date night includes appetizers, beverages, and time for the two of you for a minimal fee of \$20 per couple.

RSVP by Sept. 16 to: [tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org) or (802)658-6110 x1451



09|21 SATURDAY  
**Living the Catholic Faith  
to the Full**

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston*

8 - 10:30 am

Knights of Columbus Men's Spiritual Development Workshop. Fr. Henry Furman will be the guest speaker. All men are invited to attend. Light Refreshments will be provided.