



February 16, 2020
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 (Year A)



Eucharistic Celebrations

February 8 – February 16, 2020

- 2/15 Sat 5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)
† Aurore Morin (2nd Anniversary) by Roger Morin
- 2/16 Sun 8:00 am (St. Vincent)
Pro Populo
- 2/16 Sun 9:30 am (St. Ignatius)
Pro Populo
- 2/18 Tue *No Mass* (Sacred Heart)
No Mass
- 2/19 Wed *No Mass* (Sacred Heart)
No Mass
- 2/20 Thu *No Mass* (St. Vincent)
No Mass
- 2/21 Fri *No Mass* (Sacred Heart)
*No Mass *No Adoration**
- 2/22 Sat 5:00 pm (Sacred Heart)
Open for Intention
- 2/23 Sun 8:00 am (St. Vincent)
Open for Intention
- 2/23 Sun 9:30 am (St. Ignatius)
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This Week's Prayer Intentions

For all who are sick, for the homebound of our parishes and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Bonnie Day, Casey Bonneau, Michelle Warman, Edward Quintal, 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 especially John Bajada-page, Roger Decheneaux, Frances O Lucier, Robert J. McDermott, and Sebastiyai.

"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 (February)

Universal intention - Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Greetings and Offerings

February 22 - 23, 2020

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Greeters

- 5:00 pm Theresa Daigle & Harriet Trottier
- 8:00 am Volunteers from the Community
- 9:30 am Sonny & Anne Cote

Offertory

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



This Week's Parish Events/Youth Programs Calendar

- 2/16 Sun 7:30 am Rosary – SV
- 9 – 10:30 am Encountering Jesus – SHJ Hall
- 2/18 Tue 9:00 am Rosary – SHJ
- 2/23 Sun 7:30 am Rosary – SV

Please note, Adoration has been Canceled this Month

Noteworthy Days the 6th Week of Ordinary Time

February is dedicated to the Holy Family

- 2/22 Chair of St. Peter, Apostle (white vestments)

Prayer for Caregivers of the Sick/Dying

God please grant them awareness for the needs of those in their care, courage to tirelessly give of themselves, and discernment to know when to focus on their own needs versus the needs of those in their care. (Adapted from Caregivers Prayer by Dorothy B. Sweet)

Coming Soon: The Christ Our Hope campaign will raise funds to help our parish realize its vision and provide endowment funding for faith formation efforts and Catholic Charities emergency services throughout the state.

Our parish will take part in the campaign beginning this spring. We are currently looking for people to be a part of our campaign team. You will receive training and be asked to attend a couple of brief meetings. Your primary focus as a volunteer is to visit with other parishioners about the campaign and help them complete their commitment cards.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Paul at ss.paul85@gmail.com.

St. Vincent's February Steeple Cross Memorial

Open for Intention

Catholic Tidbits

Excerpted from "The See of St. Peter", Jacques Bossuet.

Chair of St. Peter

Since early times, the Roman Church has had a special commemoration of the primatial authority of St. Peter. As witness one of the most renowned of the Apostolic Fathers, the Roman See has always held a peculiar place in the affection and obedience of orthodox believers because of its "presiding in love" and service over all the Churches of God.

"We shall find in the Gospel that Jesus Christ, willing to begin the mystery of unity in His Church, among all His disciples chose twelve; but that, willing to consummate the mystery of unity in the same Church, among the twelve He chose one. He called His disciples, said the Gospel; here are all; and among them He chose twelve. Here is the first separation, and the Apostles chosen. And these are the names of the twelve Apostles: the first, Simon, who is called Peter. [Mt. 10, 1-2] Here, in a second separation, St. Peter is set at the head, and called for that reason by the name of Peter, 'which Jesus Christ,' says St. Mark, 'had given him,' in order to prepare, as you will see, the work which He was proposing to raise all His building on that stone.

"All this is yet but a beginning of the mystery of unity. Jesus Christ, in beginning it, still spoke to many: Go, preach; I send you [see Mt. 28, 19]. Now, when He would put the last hand to the mystery of unity, He speaks no longer to many: He marks out Peter personally, and by the new name which He has given him. It is One who speaks to one: Jesus Christ the Son of God to Simon son of Jonas; Jesus Christ, who is the true Stone, strong of Himself, to Simon, who is only the stone by the strength which Jesus Christ imparts to him. It is to him that Christ speaks, and in speaking acts on him, and stamps upon him His own immovableness. And I, He says, say to you, you are Peter; and, He adds, upon this rock I will build my Church, and, He concludes, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [Mt. 16, 18] To prepare him for that honor Jesus Christ, who knows that faith in Himself is the foundation of His Church, inspires Peter with a faith worthy to be the foundation of that admirable building. You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. [Mt. 16, 17] By that bold preaching of the faith he draws to himself the inviolable promise which makes him the foundation of the Church.

"It was, then, clearly the design of Jesus Christ to put first in one alone, what afterwards He meant to put in several; but the sequence does not reverse the beginning, nor the first lose his place. That first word, Whatsoever you shall bind, said to one alone, has already ranged under his power each one of those to whom shall be said, Whatsoever you shall remit; for the promises of Jesus Christ, as well as His gift, are without repentance; and what is once given indefinitely and universally is irrevocable. Besides, that power given to several carries its restriction in its division, while power given to one alone, and over all, and without exception, carries with it

plenitude, and, not having to be divided with any other, it has no bounds save those which its terms convey."

Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekends of 2/8 – 2/9/2020

St. Andre Bessette Parish	
Offertory	\$ 1712
\$Budget/Week	\$ 1,771
Difference +/-	\$ (59)

Thank You

The annual St. Valentine dinner was a great success and the money will go to the church for upkeep.

Thank you to all who participated and donated to the raffle. The band Janet Lussier, Friends & Drifters did an amazing job and we appreciate them very much. A special thanks to The Ladies of Sacred Heart for their time and donations for the dinner and thank you to the men who set up and took down tables and chairs.

Young Adult Retreat

March 21-22, 2020: St. Ann's Shrine, Isle la Motte, VT

A retreat is a beautiful gift - come away from the routine of daily life for a chance to rest and reflect. It's also an excellent opportunity for quality time with your peers! Join us at St. Ann's Shrine in Isle la Motte with Sr. Cecelia, a native Vermonter who joined the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (CFRs). We'll be reflecting on the theme of Spiritual Friendship. Please see the [diocesan event page](#) for more information and to sign up.

Traditional Latin Mass – Low Mass

St. Elizabeth's, Lyndonville – Sunday, February 16th 5pm

Come celebrate the Traditional Latin form of the Holy Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month with the NEK community. The Mass will be offered by Fr. Brian O'Donnell, chaplain to the St. Philip Neri Latin Mass Chaplaincy in Burlington, VT.

All 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

St. Edward's Hall, Derby Line – Wed., February 19th, 6 pm

James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157 invites all 4th Degree Knights of Columbus members to join us at our monthly meeting. A light social will be provided after the meeting.

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection

There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachel, and Residential Care Homes. A portion of the collection will go to help fund the Bishop deGoesbriand grants which are awarded to Vermont nonprofits who are making a difference in their communities. Envelopes will be available in the churches. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

The Inland See

NEWS FROM

February 15–21, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Ash Wednesday Collection

for Vermont Catholic Charities

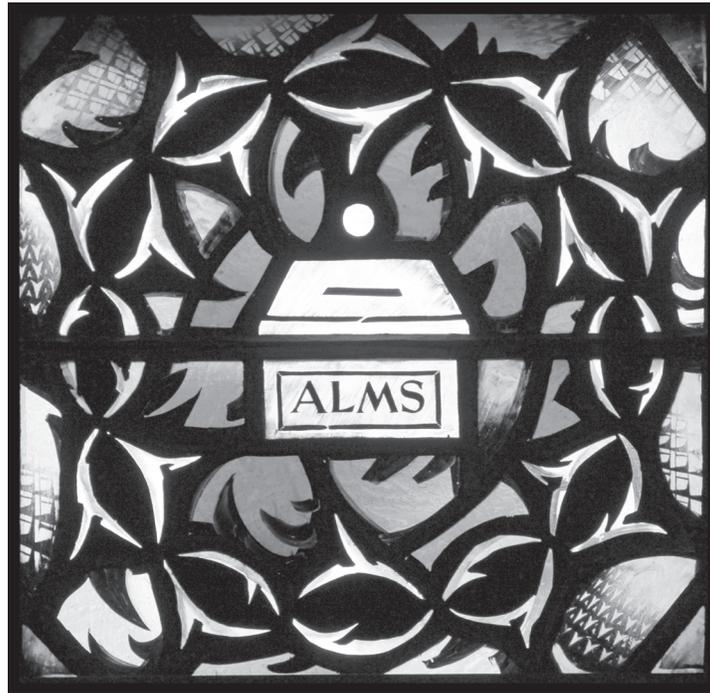
On February 26, our Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the 40 days of Lent dedicated to reflection, fasting, almsgiving, and good works in preparation for Easter. One concrete way we can prepare and share our gifts with others is to participate in the collection on Ash Wednesday to support the outreach work of Vermont Catholic Charities, including the Bishop de Goësbriand Grants for Human Advancement. These grants are awarded to Vermont non-profit organizations that are making a difference in the daily lives of people living in their communities.

Vermont Catholic Charities has been awarding Bishop de Goësbriand grants since 2011. To date, over 230 grants have been given out, totaling more than \$480,000. What a wonderful expression of our faith — to serve others. Organizations receiving funding have included homeless shelters, right to life programs, and food programs for children and families.

Here are a few examples of how these grants impact the lives of Vermonters.

- ♦ The Upper Valley Haven in White River Junction received a grant to support the Seasonal Shelter, which helped 87 people stay out of the cold. One client stated, “When I arrived at the Haven I was broken. I felt frozen, totally overwhelmed by all my problems, but the Service Coordinator told me I could do anything.” Julio noticed a sign seeking help at the Mobil station near the Haven. Julio inquired, filled out an application, went on interview, and landed the job. Five weeks after starting work, Julio moved into an apartment with a roommate.

- ♦ Good Beginnings of Central Vermont received a grant to support its infant carriers and emergency assistance programs. The grant helped a total of 26 families, or 65 individuals (35 parents and 30 children).
- ♦ The Addison County Community Action Group (HOPE) received a grant to support its food shelf and financial assistance program. The agency commented, “Your support has a tremendous impact on our ability to respond to the needs of some of the most vulnerable in our county. Thank you for your continued commitment and support to our community.”



“Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ.”

— Pope Francis

- ♦ The Catholic Center at UVM received a grant to buy food to prepare and serve community meals at the Salvation Army. One student commented, “To be part of the community of Burlington or any place we may live in the future, there cannot be an ignorance of the fact that many go without food, warmth, and shelter. It has been a joy and privilege to serve at the Salvation Army in Burlington.”

As we begin this Lenten journey together, we ask you

to prayerfully consider participating in the Ash Wednesday collection - any gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. As a Catholic community, let's continue to do Christ's work here in Vermont and show Christ's love to our neighbors in their times of need. By sharing our gifts with others, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the good news that Jesus Christ has risen.

— *Mary Beth Pinard, executive director of Vermont Catholic Charities Inc.*

UPCOMING EVENTS



02|20 THURSDAYS Surviving Divorce

St. Peter, Vergennes • 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Surviving Divorce is a divorce support group based on the teachings of the Catholic Church that will help bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. This 12-week series begins on February 20. Each session contains video presentations and group discussion that will answer questions, restore hope and begin authentic healing. This program is open to the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. Contact (802) 877-6585 for information and registration.



02|21, 22, 23 FRIDAY – SUNDAY Retreat: Re-Reading My Life in the Light of the Gospel

Our Lady of Life Center, Quebec

Retreat for all ages in the Carmelite tradition with teaching by Fr. Michel Vigneau, Trinitarian; teaching given in French with simultaneous English translation.

FOR MORE INFO: www.notredamevie.org/en



02|22 & 03|21 SATURDAYS Marriage Preparation Retreats

10 am - 5:30 pm

Spend time in prayer, sharing and fellowship with your fiancé and other engaged couples. February 22 at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall, Bennington, and March 21 is at Blessed Sacrament in Stowe.



02|26 WEDNESDAY Ash Wednesday

Come to Mass and receive your ashes!



02|28, 03|06, 13, 20, 27, 04|03 FRIDAYS Stations and Soup

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5:30 - 6:30 pm

On Fridays during Lent, we will pray the

Stations of the Cross, followed by soup prepared by various parish groups, served at St. Brigid's Kitchen.



03|01 SUNDAY Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm

Celebrated by Bishop Coyne. During the Rite of Election, the Church "elects" those seeking full initiation into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. The Church also recognizes those already-baptized Christians seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church and pledges the support of prayer as they journey toward Full Communion in the Catholic Church. A small reception follows the liturgy.



03|02 MONDAY Ageless in the Lord

Christ the King, Rutland • 10 am - 12 pm

Are you aging well? Does aging feel like a thief in the night? Do you think that your age is not the best

age to be? Would you like to have more meaning and purpose in your life? The Ageless in the Lord Lenten Retreat has nothing to do with age, but everything to do with attitude! This retreat will challenge those who are past their mid-life, or are living in their senior years. Register by 2/28/2020: rwccatholic@gmail.com. Cost: \$10 includes materials and light refreshments.



03|06 FRIDAY Lenten Soup Supper for Haiti

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6 - 7 pm

Join us for a modest Lenten meal, with a

variety of meatless soups and lots of good fellowship. A free will donation is requested (but not required) and will go to support education and community development at our sister parish in Boc-Banic, Haiti. We will also accept donations of school supplies, which will be collected throughout Lent and shipped to Haiti later in the spring. After the meal, all are invited to stay for Stations of the Cross in the church upstairs.



03|06 FRIDAY Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm

This new documentary explores the life, the faith, and the ministry of this extraordinary woman who devoted herself to the ideals of Catholic social teaching and the Preferential Option for the Poor. She is currently under consideration for sainthood. Essex Catholic Community is pleased to present this film as part of our "Series on the Saints."



03|07 SATURDAY Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family • 8 - 9:30 am

First Saturday of every month, rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 am and Mass at 8:30.



03|08 SUNDAY Burlington K of C Pancake Breakfast

St. Mark, Burlington • 8 am - 5 pm

Age 6 to 89, suggested \$7, under 6 and over 89, no charge. Maximum per family, \$25. Blueberry or plain pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, milk, orange juice, hot chocolate.



03|09, 16 MONDAYS Lenten Series

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm

"The Journey of the Magi for Lent: A Parable, A Poem, and a Painting" presented by Fr. Richard Berube, SSE.



03|14 SATURDAY Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am

Rosary starts at 8 am followed by Mass,

Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the Holy Family Parish Hall after Mass.



03|21, 22 SATURDAY & SUNDAY Young Adult Retreat at Saint Anne Shrine

Saint Anne's Shrine, Isle la Motte • 9:30 am - 2 pm

For young adults 18-39 (out of high school). Cost: \$75, includes meals and lodging. Led by sisters from the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (New York). Learn more at: vermont-catholic.org/event/young-adult-retreat-saint-ann-shrine/



03|21 SATURDAY Exploring Laudato Si: A Call To Conversion

*Mercy Ecospirituality Center, Benson
10 am - 3 pm*

Explore the spiritual roots of the environmental crisis as outlined in the encyclical Laudato Si. Along with considering key themes of the encyclical, the workshop will also invite participants into experiential and prayerful reflection on how the natural world is revelatory of God, and of our kinship with all. Co-led by Anne Curtis, RSM (Executive Director of Mercy Ecology) and Arlene Flaherty OP, (Director of the Office of Justice and Peace, School Sisters of Notre Dame) women religious committed to the process of their own ecological conversion and to accompanying those who also want to take this journey. Registration: mercyfarm@mercyecology.org or (802) 537-4531 by March 10.

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For More Info:

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