

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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Monsignor  
Richard G. Lavalley  
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**Saint Francis Xavier School**  
Mr. Craig Hill, Principal  
Pre-School through 8th grade  
**655-2600**

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Andrew Coulter  
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**St. Vincent de Paul Center**  
*Open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM*  
*Tuesdays and Thursdays*  
**655 - 3006**

**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday : 4:00 PM  
Sunday : 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday - Friday : 8:00 AM

**Adoration**  
Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

**Confessions**  
Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 PM  
*Anytime by appointment*  
**655-2290**

**Baptisms**  
Parent classes required. Please call the rectory for more information.

**Marriage**  
Plan six months in advance.  
Contact the rectory. Attend Pre-Cana classes

**Registration**  
New parishioners and newly married couples should register by calling the rectory as soon as possible.  
**655 -2290**

**School telephone numbers**  
**School**                      **After School**  
**655-2600**                      **655-4660**  
School Website: [www.SFXVT.org](http://www.SFXVT.org)



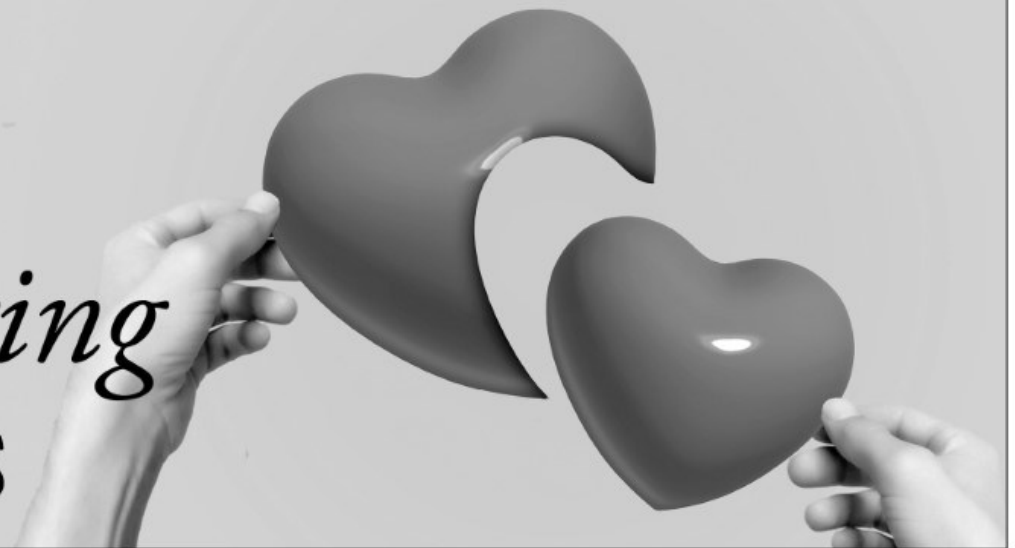
**The Feast  
of Our Lady  
of the Rosary  
7 October**

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

October 2–8, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## On *changing* hearts



There is a scene in the 2020 movie “Roe V. Wade” when Dr. Bernard Nathanson breaks down in tears and falls against a wall sobbing over and over, “It’s a person. It’s a person.”

It is a powerful scene. The moment when one of the most prolific abortionists of his time realizes the humanity of the unborn child and the gravity of his actions. The moment he has a major conversion of heart.

When people blanch at the thought of being labeled “pro-life,” the above scene brings home why those who are pro-life are so stubborn. It’s a person.

Dr. Nathanson’s real-life conversion gives hope to those who are pro-life. Hope that we can reach the lost, those whose hearts have been hardened.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recognizes October as Respect Life Month. During this month we are called to reflect on the dignity of every human life. How do we love and show mercy to those who hold us in contempt? How do we love and show mercy to those who WE hold in contempt?

Consider this reflection from Father David Thoroughgood:

“The Lord seeks out the lost, and so do we under His guidance and power. He has a real love for the lost, being able to see these people as His own children. It is much like a parent

still looking out for the child who has taken wrong turns and is in great trouble at present. ...

The parent still loves the wayward child, whereas the general public might have contempt for that same ‘child.’ The lost can include some very unpopular people, such as murderers, rapists, dictators, fraudsters, sex abusers. ...”

I dare to add the abortionists and pro-abortion politicians.

A priest from the Archdiocese of Adelaide, Australia, Father Throughgood posts his homilies on his blog [luxvera.blogspot.com](http://luxvera.blogspot.com). His words are filled with charity even though sometimes they are hard to read.

How do we change hearts? How do we reach people and convince them of the truth? Perhaps we stop talking and instead listen, leaving the heavy lifting up to Our Lord.

St. Teresa of Calcutta famously said, “If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”

The words of St. Peter of Alcantara can apply in our times. He said, “Truly, matters in the world are in a bad state; but if you and I begin in earnest to reform ourselves, a really good beginning will have been made.”

“The trouble is that everyone talks about reforming others and no one thinks about reforming himself.”

— *Phyllis Harkonen is the Respect Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington*



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To see more events or to submit your event to the diocesan calendar: [vermontcatholic.org/events](http://vermontcatholic.org/events)

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## Upcoming Events



10|13, 27, 11|10 WED

### Living Joy Discussion Group

Online • 7 pm

Join us for Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9

Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact [pturnley@aol.com](mailto:pturnley@aol.com) for more information.



10|09 SATURDAY

### Ordination Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to the diaconate. Mr. Michael Knowles will be ordained to the permanent diaconate and Mr. Brandon Schneider will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Christopher Coyne. This event is open for all who wish to attend. For those unable to be with us physically for the liturgy, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.



10|10 SUNDAY

### Evening Honoring the Life and Teachings of St. John Henry Newman

Holy Family Church Hall, Essex Junction • 4 - 8 pm

Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch cordially invite

you to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. **RSVP by October 3 to: [VermontNewman@gmail.com](mailto:VermontNewman@gmail.com)**



10|26 TUESDAY

### Saints & Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us each month to learn how a particular saint has influenced the life of our guest speaker. October: Fr. Curtis Miller presenting on Ven. Br. William Gagnon. **For more info: [vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners](http://vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners).**



11|13 SATURDAY

### Annual Women's Retreat

St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne

8:30 am - 2:15 pm

This year's theme is: The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God. Check-in begins at 8:30 am. The key not speaker is Sister Barbara Cline of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of attendees, deadline registration November 6 with \$30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Terri McCormack at [tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org) or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1451

## DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocesan Central Offices, South Burlington:

Administrative Assistant for Human Resources

Administrative Assistant for Pastoral Ministries

Director of Communications

Accountant

Diocesan Catechetical Leader

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:

Cook — \$1000 Sign-On Bonus!

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:

Dining Aide — \$500 Sign-On Bonus!

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:

LNA / Caregiver — \$500 Sign-On Bonus!

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) — \$1,000

Sign-On Bonus

St. Mark Parish, Burlington:

Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

[vermontcatholic.org/careers](http://vermontcatholic.org/careers)



As of Sept. 22, 2021: **\$1,658,202**

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The Heart  
of Prayer

Our Living  
Relationship  
with  
God

Annual Vermont Catholic  
Women's Retreat

Saturday, November 13 • St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne

9 am - 2:15 pm, check-in begins at 8:30 am • Key Note: Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday October 4, 2021
8:00 AM Sr. Germaine Compagna, R.S.M. by Sandra Webb
Tuesday October 5
8:00 AM Nancy Villemaire by Family
11:30 AM Mass at OLP Chapel No public attendance
Wednesday October 6
8:00 AM Jean Abair by Sheila Cort-Desrochers
11:30 AM Mass at OLP No public attendance
Thursday October 7
8:00 AM Joe Arrington by Tom & Robin McCormick
11:30 AM Mass at OLP No public attendance
6 to 7 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday October 8
8:00 AM Bob Jodoin by Wife, Louise
11:30 AM Mass at OLP No public attendance
Saturday October 9
1:00 PM Wedding: Patrick O'Neil & Meghan Colitti
4:00 PM Clement Boisjoli by Diane & Andy Dufresne
Sunday October 10
7:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Thibault Family
9:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 AM Clement & Theresa Potvin M/M Donald Brosseau

PARISH SUPPORT

Financial information will appear in next weeks bulletin

Thank you for your continued support

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is Open at St. Mark Parish

Located in the Family Center
1251 North Ave., Burlington

All are invited to participate in this opportunity for prayer in the presence of Our Lord. Every day from 7 AM to 9 PM. If you were previously signed up for a day and time before Covid, you are still on at that time. If you would like to sign up or adjust your hour to another day or time, please go to our website: stmarksvt.weadorehim.com or contact the parish office at 864-7686 or stmark@vermontcatholic.org.

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God My Guardian Dear
To whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side
To light and guard to rule and guide. Amen

Prayer at Genuflection

Jesus, my God I adore thee here present in the sacrament of your love.

The Winooski Knights of Columbus



The Winooski Knights of Columbus meet every 2nd Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 7 PM. Any man 18 years of age or older wishing to join the Knights should contact; Grand Knight Greg Clairmont at 343-8446 or listandsellvt@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight Greg Bolger at 660-9044 or gbolger@ccnne.com For additional information about the Knights of Columbus visit our web site www.wkofc.org and "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Winooskikofc2284

"For I was hungry and you gave me food" Matthew 25: 35-40

Our St. Francis Xavier parish community is partnering with the new Winooski Food Shelf to help feed our neighbors in need. This parish is an extremely valuable partner in providing the consistent donations of food to the many people coming for assistance. The WFS is grateful for your sustained commitment of providing donations each week and your generosity continues to serve families in need. There is a strong need right now for toiletries such as shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors. Non-perishable food items for distribution such as cereal, tomato paste, and canned food are always appreciated.

The Winooski Food Shelf is very appreciative of your generosity in donating the cookies collected for Thanksgiving and Christmas last year! We are continuing to collect cookies this year to include in our Thanksgiving and Christmas bags of food. We are in need of about 400 boxes of packaged store bought cookies which will be put into the bags for our neighbors in need. We cannot accept home made cookies because of the current pandemic. Distribution of pantry food will occur on our pantry days of Wednesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 10th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. ; Wednesday, December 1st and Wednesday, December 8th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We appreciate your continued generosity in supporting our Winooski residents in need.

Collection boxes are placed in the church vestibule and delivered to the Food Shelf each week.

Your donations may also be dropped off at: J & J Market 12 Malletts Bay Ave. or at Commodities Market on Winooski Falls Way.

The St. Nicholas Project is conducting its fall fundraiser, "Shoes for St. Nicholas." They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lan.ce W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting: www.thestnicholasproject.com and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: wharlow@sover.net. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels. God bless you!

**The CARES Catholic Network: St. Francis Xavier Health & Wellness Ministry**

**Compassion, Advocacy, Respite, Education, Service**

We are three Mercy Associates who are working with the Parish Nurse to collect and redistribute medical equipment in an effort to help those in need have a better quality of life. We are seeking wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes, adult diapers, bed pads and other related equipment (good condition only, please). If you have any equipment that you would like to donate or if you are in need of equipment, please call 863-8508 or 578-9920 and ask for Monique.

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**2021 BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL**

During the height of the pandemic, when our churches were closed, the Diocese was able to livestream more than 200 faith activities to keep us all connected, including daily and Sunday Mass, daily rosary and Adoration, bible study, book club, retreats and so much more. This was possible because of your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year our parish goal is **\$76,167.00**. To date you have contributed **\$ 77,877.00** this is **102%** of our goal. **A very special THANK YOU** for your generosity. We have reach our goal.

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**Saint Francis Xavier Faith Formation**  
**(802) 399 - 0097**  
**acoulter@sfxvt.org**  
**Faith Formation Office Hours:**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**Coming Soon**

**Registration for 2021 - 2022:**

**Registration forms** are being sent home with those previously enrolled in Faith Formation. If you have an incoming First Grader or are new to St. Francis Xavier Church and would like to enroll your family in our **Family Faith Formation Program**, you can find the forms at the **back of the Church** or at **St. Francis Xavier School** during the week. If you have questions or if we can be of further service, please contact Andrew Coulter in the **Faith Formation Office** at **(802) 399 - 0097** or at **acoulter@sfxvt.org**.

**Catechetical Ministers and Aides:**

As a Faith Community, we are called to share our faith and witness to the Gospel in our lives. As a Catechist or Aide, you are invited to **journey with our young people in the parish** as they **cultivate and grow their relationship** with the Lord. This ministry both **enables you** to grow as a **faith-filled Catholic** and has the **added benefit of nurturing and inspiring the lives of others**. We invite you to consider a call to serving and sharing the love of God in your life. We will provide training, education, support, and guidance to ensure your success and confidence in this endeavor. Please contact Andrew Coulter at **802 - 399 - 0097** or **acoulter@sfxvt.org** for more information.

**2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade!!**

Please join the 2021' Public Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join is in praying for our nation on October 16, 2021' at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally take place at Taylor Park in St. Albans, VT. Please arrive at 11:30 am at St. Mary's Parish Center parking lot. Please contact Jeff Remillard via email at: **remi1961@gmail.com** to register for this Event. God Bless and Thank You

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**Our Lady Of Providence**

Is seeking full time LPN's, LNA's, and PCA's for all shifts. Respectful and understanding of their employee's lives and challenged, OLP strives to help employees succeed in meeting personal and professional goals by offering innovative wellness programs, comprehensive benefits including a 403b retirement plan, competitive wages, above market shift differentials and flexible scheduling. For more details, contact Director of Nursing Rosemarie Provetto, at 802-655-2395 or online under the Careers section at **OurLadyofProvidence.org**

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**Saint Francis Xavier School** has welcomed over 200 students for the 2021 - 2022 school year. SFX School serves students from PreSchool to 8th grade and is proud to offer excellent academics in a nurturing and faith-filled environment. The mission of SFX School is supported in many ways by SFX parishioners, including the monthly school collection which takes place on the first Sunday of each month. Our thanks to all our benefactors and supporters. For more information about the school please check out our website at **www.sfxvt.org** and our Facebook page **https://www.facebook.com/SaintFrancisXavierSchoolVermont/**. Thank you!

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**The St. Vincent DePaul Center**

The St. Vincent DePaul Center is **Open** and is accepting clothing. Volunteers needed, please call 655-3006 if interested.

The Center will accept donations.

Tuesdays 9 AM to 3 PM.

Thursdays 9 AM to 3 PM.

*We are so delighted to be open and serving others!*

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**RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

St. Francis Xavier Parish will be holding classes explaining the Catholic Faith. Anyone wishing to become Catholic or anyone who would like to deepen their faith are welcome to attend. We are now accepting registrations for the program. For more information please call the parish office at 655-2290.

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