

The Inland See

NEWS FROM

September 17-23, 2016

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

FROM THE BISHOP

'Prayer: The Faith Prayed' Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 18

Each year in the month of September, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Catechetical Sunday, a day on which we commission the various teachers and catechists who will be serving in our parishes. The work of these professionals and volunteers is so important in fostering the life of faith in our diocese, especially as we encounter a culture that is more and more non-religious, even atheistic in its foundation.

This year's theme, "Prayer: The Faith Prayed" is one that touches the very roots of faith in Jesus Christ, that communion that we know in Him through our communal and individual prayer. Through prayer and the sacraments, we build up that relationship with Jesus that helps us to "know Him, to love Him and to serve Him." Many of us desire to add more prayer to our lives because we sense it to be the deep well that quenches our thirst for God. Yet, in our busy lives we often set aside prayer as something we will get to "later in the day" but then, sadly, never do. And that's a shame. Because once we do take the time to really pray and listen, we, like the prophet Elijah, are able to hear the voice of God as a whisper passing by the door of our souls and we are consoled and strengthened.

I recently returned to one of my favorite books on prayer, Emilie Griffin's "Clinging: The Experience of Prayer." I don't know how many times I've read it, but it never fails to draw me in, especially with the words of the first few sentences:

"There is a moment between intending to pray and actually praying that is as dark and silent as any moment in our lives. It is the split second between thinking about prayer and really praying.... It seems, then, that the greatest obstacle to prayer is the simple matter of beginning, the simple exercise of the will, the starting, the acting, the doing."*

Heavenly Father, please help me to pray.



Yours in Christ,

Christopher J. Coyne

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

*Griffin, Emilie. "Clinging: The Experience of Prayer." 1983: McCracken Press, N.Y.

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"An Inland See" (Howard Coffin (L. Brown and Sons Printing Inc.: Barre, Vermont, 2001)) tells a brief history of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington from its birth until the new millennium (2000). Then Bishop Kenneth A. Angell initiated the project, declaring that "it is the duty of Catholics who live today to record, preserve and pass on our story to those yet to come." In his introduction to the completed book, he encourages readers to "now do likewise, adding our own moments in history and passing them along." That is the hope for this new, diocesan bulletin, "News from The Inland See" — to add our own moments to the history of the Catholic Church in Vermont. Each week, you will find information about upcoming events and opportunities in this one-page bulletin insert. Consider attending, volunteering at, or praying for the various happenings of our diocese and be a part of the moments that contribute to the Catholic Church in Vermont today.

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TEACHERS

SEPTEMBER 18 • 3 PM
ST. JOSEPH
CO-CATHEDRAL
20 Allen St., Burlington

Catechists and school teachers are invited to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy and pray together for all Catholic educators. Light refreshments will be served after the celebration.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



09|18
Jubilee for Teachers
St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington
3 pm

Catechists and school teachers are invited to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy and pray together for all Catholic educators at the St. Joseph Co-Cathedral located at 20 Allen St., Burlington. Light refreshments will be served after the celebration.



09|18
All Saints/Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes Annual Turkey Dinner
Dorian Hall, Richford
12 pm until all are served

All Saints and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes will sponsor their annual turkey dinner. It will take place in Dorian Hall on Main Street in Richford, across from All Saints Church. The menu will include roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, squash, tossed salad, rolls, cranberry sauce, pickles, assorted desserts, coffee, tea, punch, milk and water. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, \$5 for children age 5-12 and free for children under five.
FOR MORE INFO: Linda at All Saints Rectory, (802)848-7741 or janicegodin@myfairpoint.net



09|24
Right to Life Auction Dinner
St. John Vianney Parish Hall, So. Burlington
5:30 pm

The Chittenden County Right to Life Annual Dinner and Auction. Reservations required.
FOR MORE INFO: Eileen Haupt, 802-899-4882



09|25
"Inspire: Called to Love"
Lake Placid Olympic Arena, N.Y.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg, N.Y., is hosting a conference. Speakers include Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles; Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne; columnist George Weigel; and Jennifer Fulwiler, a writer from Austin, Texas, who converted to Catholicism. Registration required. **FOR MORE INFO: inspirecalledtolove.com**



09|28 to 11|06
40 Days for Life Observance
Williston and Rutland

This non-denominational, annual 40 days of prayer to end abortion brings together participants from faith communities throughout Vermont for peaceful vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood clinics in two locations. These locations are Talcott Road, Williston, and 6 Roberts Ave., Rutland. Sign up for vigil hours online at 40daysforlife.com. **FOR MORE INFO: Agnes Clift, Williston 40 Days, 802-310-9520 or Delia Warnecke, Rutland 40 Days at 802-287-0354**



10|01
Respect Life Month
Vermont parishes

October is Respect Life Month. Catholic

parishes throughout Vermont will offer prayer, public education and pastoral care initiatives in recognition of Respect Life Month. The theme this year is "Moved by Mercy" in keeping with the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. **FOR MORE INFO: Check your parish bulletin to find out how you can participate**



10|01
United for Life Rally
75 Talcott Road, Williston
12 pm

The 40 Days for Life United for Life National Team Rally.



10|02
Respect Life Life Chain
Several Locations

Respect Life Sunday Masses will be offered in recognition of the sanctity of all human life. Life Chain, a 1-hour, interfaith silent witness calling for an end to abortion, will take place in several Vermont communities.
• **BURLINGTON**, 2 to 3 pm, Main Street, beginning at the intersection with South Union Street.

FOR MORE INFO: Ethel Brousseau 802-893-1168

• **MONTPELIER**, 2 pm in front of the Statehouse.

FOR MORE INFO: Brenda Pepin 802-229-9338

• **NEWPORT**, 2 pm, 100 Main St. **FOR MORE INFO:**

Jeannine Young, lifechain4newport@gmtmom.com



10|08,22,11|5,19,12|03
Marriage Enrichment Retreat
Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction
7 pm to 8:30 pm

Six-sessions for couples of all ages. There is a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage. Explore the mystery, wonder, joy, and the meaning of this beautiful sacrament with your spouse. This retreat is based on the video series BELOVED from the Augustine Institute. **FOR MORE INFO: Judy Kanya, 802-878-6152, kanyaj@comcast.net**



10|09
Prayer for Healing and Hope
Catholic Center Chapel at UVM
1 pm to 3 pm

Prayer for all who have been affected by abortion and talks about the healing, mercy and forgiveness God longs to offer. There will be a short presentation on the aftermath of abortion and God's peace and healing offered through the Catholic Church's Project Rachel Ministry. There will be opportunities for reflection and confession along with Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel. **FOR MORE INFO: respect-life@vermontcatholic.org, 802-658-6110 x1131**



10|15 & 10|16
Fall youth rallies
Christ the King Parish, Burlington
Sat. 4 pm to 8:30 pm, Sun. 10 am to 4:30 pm

Cooper Ray will be featured at the Diocese of Burlington's fall "Mercy Lives-Live Mercy" youth rallies. The high school rally on Oct. 15 will include Sunday Vigil Mass, inspiring talks and games. The middle school rally is Oct. 16, the day will include Sunday Mass, inspiring

talks and games. The cost is \$15 per person.

FOR MORE INFO: 658-6110 ext. 1240



10|15
VT Christian Rock-Toberfest
North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington
7 pm

Featuring 3-time Dove Award winner Chris August who has a new single, "Roots." Also performing favorites like "Starry Night," "7x70" and "The Maker." Jonny Diaz is well known for his previous #1 single, "More Beautiful You" and his current radio hit single "Breathe." A new and upcoming young artist from Wyoming, Skylar Kaylyn, will join these artists. **FOR MORE INFO: VTChristianMusic.com**



10|16
Jubilee for the Sick
St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington
3 pm

The Year of Mercy celebration in the Diocese of Burlington continues with a Jubilee for the Sick (healing service).



10|20
Domestic Violence Workshop
Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction
10:30 am

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Diocese of Burlington is hosting a free workshop titled, "Responding to Domestic Violence in Our Communities". The event is directed to priests, parish secretaries, parish staff, directors of religious education, youth ministers, lay people and the wider counseling and medical community. Lunch will be included. **FOR MORE INFO: call 802-658-6110 x1453**

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

09|18
Rev. Michael Onyekwere, SDV

09|25
Rev. Msgr. Roland Rivard

09|19
Rev. Antony Pittapilly, SDV

09|26
Rev. Joseph Romano

09|20
Rev. Francis Prive

09|27
Priestly and Religious Vocations

09|21
Rev. Gerald Ragis

09|28
Priests Who Are Having Difficulty

09|22
Rev. Soosai Raj

09|23
Rev. Charles Ranges, SSE

09|29
All Deceased Priests

09|24
Rev. Donald Ravey

09|30
All Our Seminarians



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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