

# The Inland See

NEWS FROM

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FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Quite naturally, when we think of Advent — Christmas isn't far behind in our minds. I'd like to propose another way of thinking about Advent, and it is simply this: at the center of Advent is the theme of time.

Advent is indeed a time of preparation for Christmas, giving us an opportunity to look back in time — at the coming of God in the flesh into the world. Much of Advent, however, gives us the opportunity to look forward in time — to the glorious coming of Christ at the end of time. And all of Advent gives us the opportunity to look at the present moment in time — how God is at work in the world today.

Through all this, Advent calls us to take the time to look at the past . . . the present . . . and the future. Do we take the time to thank God for the gift of Himself in the child Jesus? Do we take the time to continually acknowledge the presence of God in our lives today? Do we take the time to prepare ourselves for the second coming or, more personally, do we take the time to prepare to meet Christ at the end of our own earthly existence? If we take the time to enter into the opportunity Advent gives us to look at time — past, present, and future — then we will be ready to receive Christ into our lives, not only at Christmas time, but all the time.

— *Josh Perry, Director of Liturgy and Worship for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington*

Josh will offer a presentation called “Taking the Time for Advent” at 7:30 pm on December 5 in the Holy Family/St. Lawrence Parish Center.

## TAKING TIME FOR *Advent*



## 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE



An anonymous donor has blessed the Vermont Catholic Church with a \$17,000 challenge grant to match dollar for dollar any gifts that are received by the end of December to help us reach our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal. We are 96% of the way there. A gift of any size will make a big difference and support many important ministries and services that impact every parish, school and Catholic charitable program around the state. Will you rise to the challenge and help us reach our goal?

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**or by phone:** (802) 658-6110x1102.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



12|03

## First Day of Advent

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.



12|03

## Christmas Concert

*St. Michael's College, Colchester • 3 pm*

The 16-voice Schola is in residence at St.

Michael's College. Since its founding in 2000, the Schola has sung more than 125 concerts, liturgies and synagogue presentations. The concert is free and open to the public, but a free-will offering will be accepted.



12|03

## Healing Service

*St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington • 3pm*

Service includes Divine Mercy Chaplet,

Eucharistic Adoration and Charismatic laying-on of hands for physical, spiritual and psychological healing.



12|04

## Transforming Parishes and Making Missionary Disciples

*Christ the King, Rutland • 1 - 2:30 pm*

*Diocesan Offices, Burlington • 6:30 - 8 pm*

A new movement of parish revitalization is seeking to implement "The Joy of the Gospel" in parishes and dioceses around the world. The NorthEast Parish Revitalization Conference, diocesan peer learning networks, and trainings are available to focus on a "game plan" for parish revitalization and making missionary disciples. What does this look like in a diocese and a parish? What tools and experiences are available?

**FOR MORE INFO:** Dcn. Phil Lawson [plawson@vermont-catholic.org](mailto:plawson@vermont-catholic.org)



12|05

## Mass of Thanksgiving

*St. Anthony, Bethel • 6 pm*

Fr. Harlow will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination.



12|05

## Take the time for Advent

*Holy Family-St. Lawrence, Essex Junction*

*7:30 - 8:30 pm*

"Quite naturally, when we think of Advent-Christmas isn't far behind in our minds. I'd like to propose another way of thinking about Advent, and it is simply this: at the center of Advent is the theme of time." — Josh Perry, Director of Liturgy and Worship. Come join for reflection and refreshment on the theme of Advent.



12|07

## Theology on Tap

*Wildflower Inn, Lyndonville • 7 - 8:15 pm*

Join fellow Catholic young adults, aged

21-35, to learn about our faith at Theology on Tap in the Northeast Kingdom. This month, Fr. David Cray, SSE, will be speaking on the Church's commitment to racial justice and his experiences of ministry in the South.



12|08

## Lessons and Carols

*St. Michael's College, Colchester*

*7:30 pm*

Held in the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel. The St. Michael's College Chorale will be joined by local professional vocal ensemble Counterpoint for a celebration of music and scriptural readings. Admission is free. A festive reception will follow in the Alliot Student Center lobby.

**FOR MORE INFO:** (802) 654-2284



12|09

## Men's Spiritual Development Workshop

*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Williston*

*7:45 - 10:15 am*

All men are invited to participate in a special Advent Spiritual Development Workshop entitled, "Where on Earth is the Kingdom of Heaven?" with Fr. Matt Rensch. This is a FREE program and will include a complimentary continental breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**FOR MORE INFO:** Bill Rensch (802) 872-8063, or [goodrensch.vt@gmail.com](mailto:goodrensch.vt@gmail.com)



12|09

## Padre Pio Prayer Group

*Holy Family, Essex Junction*

*8 - 10 am*

Rosary and Confessions at 8 am and Mass at 8:30 am followed by prayers of intercession and presentation of his life.



12|09

## Holiday Craft Fair

*St. Jude, Hinesburg*

*9 am - 3 pm*



12|10

## Christmas Party for People with Developmental Disabilities

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington*

*1 - 3 pm*

This Christmas party is designed for people with intellectual challenges or developmental disabilities. All ages are encouraged to attend. The party will consist of a Holiday Safe Foods Buffet, live music by the Gravelin Brothers Band and even a visit from Santa! Each partygoer will receive, while supplies last, a gift to take home. This event is free and open to all area special needs people. Reservations are a must!

**FOR MORE INFO:** (802) 777-8181, [sbknights7525@gmail.com](mailto:sbknights7525@gmail.com)



12|10

## Festival of Lessons & Carols

*All Saints, Richford*

*3 - 4 pm*

Service of Scripture and song recounting the Fall, the Promise of the Messiah, the Incarnation and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. All are welcome to join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Reception at Dorion Hall following. Please bring a dessert or snack to share. Drinks are furnished.



12|11

## St. Paul School Christmas Concert

*St. Paul, Barton • 6 pm*

Join us for this concert by St. Paul School students.



12|12

## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn

Catholics throughout the world pray for intercession on behalf of the unborn to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**FOR MORE INFO:** [respectlife@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:respectlife@vermontcatholic.org)



12|12

## Mass of Thanksgiving

*St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury*

*5:15 pm*

Fr. Harlow will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination. Everyone is invited.



12|15

## March for Life Trip — Registration Deadline

*Washington DC*

The Diocese is sponsoring a bus for adults or children travelling with their families to the March for Life, leaving on the evening of Thursday, January 18, arriving in time for the March activities January 19, and returning to Vermont by the morning of January 20. Cost: \$75. *\*this bus is not for minors unaccompanied by adults. A separate bus for youth is being organized by the office of youth ministry*

**FOR MORE INFO:** and to register <https://goo.gl/v2dbAm>



12|17

## Service of Lessons and Carols

*Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington*

*5 pm*

The parish choir of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church will present an annual Service of Lessons and Carols for Gaudete Sunday. The service will include Old Testament Scripture, sacred choral masterpieces of the Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque periods and the music of the church's magnificent pipe organ.



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