The Diocese of Burlington again will sponsor a youth pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. This second annual “Life is Precious” trip will take place Jan. 17-20, 2019.

The Life is Precious trip is a comprehensive experience that reflects upon the dignity and worth of all human life. We will not only focus on the unborn but also the elderly, immigrants and the poor as well as upon racial justice, Anti-Semitism and other important issues in our world today.

Participants will attend the large and dynamic Youth Rally for Life with thousands of other teens from throughout the country, participate in the March for Life and enjoy fellowship with other youth groups. We will visit the largest Catholic Church in North America, the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

Other highlights will include visits to the Lincoln Memorial and the new Shrine of St. John Paul II.

We are again planning on visiting a nursing home and perform some form of outreach to the homeless and needy.

Last year a man who was formerly homeless gave a witness talk to the participants, sharing with them what it is like to live on the street and some of the poor choices he made that led him to homelessness. The teens came to see how the homeless are people with stories and a history, leading to a great compassion.

A participant from last year said, “It was an incredible experience. I made many friends from the trip who shared the same beliefs as I do. We were united in a common cause. It was also great seeing so many from the around the country — particularly young people — who share the same concern for human life. The trip was incredible to say the least!”

The Life is Precious trip is open to all high school teens and young adults. Please consider joining us.

— Bill Gavin, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

For more information, go to vermontcatholic.org/event/life-is-precious-trip.
11/29 Thursday
An Advent Presentation — Taking the Time For Advent
Holy Family, Essex Junction - 7 - 8 pm
Join Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington, for a presentation and conversation on different ways we can “take the time” for Advent.

11/30 Friday
Saint Albans Youth Night
Saint Mary Parish Center, St. Albans - 7:30 - 9:30 pm
All teens in grades 7 – 12 are welcome to join us! A night of fun, fellowship and faith. Most nights begin with a good amount of fun, large group games/activities, reflection/talk, small group discussion and prayer. Join a great group of teens from the Franklin County area! All are welcome!

11/30 Friday
Vermont Philharmonic Messiah Concert
St. Augustine, Montpelier - 7:30 - 9:30 pm
The Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus will perform its annual Handel’s Messiah Concert. Conductor Lisa Jablow with soloists Sarah Collins (soprano), Wendy Hoffman (mezzo-soprano), Adam Hall (tenor) and Erik Kroncke (bass). Tickets $20 adults, $15 seniors and $5 students, available at the door or online at www.vermontphilharmonic.com.

12/02, 09, 16, 23 Sundays
Community Sing-a-Long of Christmas and Seasonal Carols
Dr. William Tortolano, professor emeritus of fine arts and music at St. Michael’s College, is the organist and music director. Concerts will be held at:
- St. Michael’s College, Colchester, Dec. 2, at 3 pm
- Blessed Sacrament, Stowe, Dec. 9 at 4:30 pm
- St. Luke, Fairfax, Dec. 16 at 4 pm
- St. Peter, Vergennes, Dec. 23 at 3 pm

12/03 Monday
Our Lady of the Lake Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony
St. Anmaeues, Alburgh - 6:30 pm
Outdoor tree lighting and caroling at 6:30 pm, followed by a candlelight ceremony in the church and refreshments at the rectory. Help us light up the nights of Advent by honoring your loved ones living and deceased. Free and open to persons of all faiths. Lights are $5/person or family commemorated.
FOR MORE INFO: (802) 796-3481 or stamadeus@fairpoint.net

12/08 Saturday
Blood Drive
St. Isidore, Montgomery - 9 am - 2 pm
Hosted by St. Isidore Parish and sponsored by Montgomery Emergency Services. Local raffles with prizes. New donors are needed. Please consider giving the gift of life. Walk-ins are welcome!
FOR MORE INFO: or to schedule an appointment, www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED CROSS.

12/08 & 15 Saturdays
CYO Basketball Clinics
Rice Memorial High School, S. Burlington - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Attention all 5 – 8 graders! Come on out to Rice Memorial High School for these basketball clinics. Learn skills, play and have fun with other youth from around Burlington! Open to both boys and girls! Clinics also ran on Nov. 3 & 10.

12/08 Saturday
K of C Bingo
All Saints Dorion Hall, Richford - 1 - 4:30 pm
Doors open at 11:30am and the games begin at 1pm. Homemade lunch, desserts & beverages are offered. Pull tickets will also be available. Proudly sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #2610.

12/01
Christmas Bazaar, St. Bridget, West Rutland - 9 am to 2 pm
INFO: (802) 438-5771
Christmas Sale, All Saints, Richford, 9 am to 2 pm, INFO: (802) 848-7741
Christmas Bazaar, St. Rose of Lima, South Hero, 9 am to 3 pm, INFO: (802) 372-4092
Christmas Bazaar, St. Patrick, Wallingford, 9 am to 2 pm
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