

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 8–14, 2018

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



## 2018 Advent Appeal

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior into our world, we ask you to join Vermont Catholic Charities Inc. in answering the call to show our love and compassion for Vermonters in need of emergency assistance by making a gift to the annual Advent Appeal.

The “Season of Giving” has no bounds for people in need. At Christmastime and throughout the year, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. This Advent Season, please help people in crisis, especially the most vulnerable among us — children, struggling parents, the elderly and the sick.

*Help people like Grace and John keep the electricity and heat on. Grace, John and their three children were struggling to keep the utilities on as John’s hours at work had been reduced and they faced unexpected medical bills. We helped them avoid the disconnection of their utilities and provided food cards for the family.*

*Help people like Sharon avoid homelessness. Sharon is a mom of a 4-year-old girl and recently left an abusive relationship. Due to this turmoil, she had fallen behind*

*on rent and faced an eviction notice. We assisted her with her rent so she and daughter could remain in their home.*

These are real people, and with your support we can assist people just like them, our neighbors in need. Your gift helps us to continue to show God’s love in concrete ways like this.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, we provided assistance to more than 1,600 adults and 1,400 children through the Advent Appeal and Emergency Aid Program.

We ask for your prayerful consideration of a donation to this year’s Appeal; every gift — whatever the size — makes a difference. Please support this worthy effort by sending a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or giving online at [vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal](http://vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal).

On behalf of Vermont Catholic Charities and all the Vermonters you will help this year, thank you.

May you have blessed Advent and Christmas seasons.

— Mary Beth Pinard, Executive Director  
of Vermont Catholic Charities



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 12|09 SUNDAY Festival of Lessons & Carols

All Saints, Richford  
3 - 4 pm

Join us as we get into the Christmas Spirit with an Advent celebration of Lessons and Carols. Hear the whole blessed story of Christmas proclaimed in the word and song. Leaders from area congregations will participate in this presentation. The festival dates back to the late 19th century. Following the celebration in the church, there will be a reception in the Dorion Hall. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Refreshments will be provided.



## 12|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. Sing-a-longs will be held at:

**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|10 MONDAY Evangelization: A Mission to Share the Good News

St. Jude, Hinesburg  
6:30 - 8:45 pm

All are invited to a special Advent seminar which will explore contemporary challenges in parish life and strategies to re-energize faith and fellowship within our community. Light refreshments provided.

FOR MORE INFO: [Chris Poirier, \(802\) 734-8887](mailto:Chris.Poirier@vermontcatholic.org)



## 12|10, 11, 12 MON, TUE, WED St. Luke Parish Mission

St. Luke, Fairfax  
7-9 pm

"Why Stay Catholic?" Come and be renewed in your devotion to our Holy Church. Saint Luke Parish is hosting a 3 day mission with adoration, confession Monday and Tuesday, and Holy Mass on Wednesday. Learn about St. Padre Pio, Blessed Solanus Casey and others. Receive a plenary indulgence for attending all three days. Come and prepare your hearts for this Christmas season.



## 12|13 THURSDAY Advent Retreat

St. Anthony, Bethel  
5:30 - 8 pm

Retreat begins with Mass at 5:30, followed by community pot luck supper at 6. Deacon Phil Lawson will give a talk on evangelization from 7 to 8pm.



## 12|13 THURSDAY Theology on Tap

Church Street Tavern, Burlington  
6:30 - 8 pm

Theology on Tap is a program of the Burlington Catholic Young Adults that reaches out to young adults who want to

explore the role of faith in their daily lives. Theology on Tap is open to all young adults, ages 18 to 35, singles and couples, regardless of religious affiliation.

FOR MORE INFO: [burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com) or [Burlington Catholic Young Adult on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BurlingtonCatholicYoungAdult).



## 12|14 FRIDAY Saint Albans Youth Night

St. Mary Parish Center, St. Albans  
7:30 - 9:30 pm

All teens in 7th - 12th grade 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!



## 12|15 SATURDAY 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! This is the last of 4 sessions.



## 12|15 SATURDAY Aim4Haiti Nonprofit Fair Trade Basket and Coffee sales

Holy Family, Essex Junction  
5:30 - 6 pm

Holy Family parishioner, Gillian Compo will be selling beautiful handmade Haitian fair trade Sweetgrass baskets and coffee after Masses during Advent. All proceeds go directly to help support Haitian micro-enterprises and help feed families in need. If you are not celebrating a Mass where the baskets are for sale, please contact Gillian directly via email at: [aim4haiti@gmail.com](mailto:aim4haiti@gmail.com) or call her at: 802 857 8120.



## 12|16 SUNDAY Service of Lessons and Carols

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington  
5 pm

The parish choir will offer a Service of Lessons and Carols for Gaudete Sunday. Everyone is warmly invited to join the choir in anticipation of the Savior's birth with song and scripture.



## 12|16 SUNDAY Messe en Français

St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington • 6 - 7 pm  
Mass and homily in French. Perfect

extra-curricular or extra credit activity for French students to develop their understanding skills and attend a Sunday evening Mass at the same time.



## 12|21 FRIDAY Advent Retreat

Our Lady of the Valley, Bethel  
7 - 8:30 pm

An evening of singing Advent songs and praying the Joyful Mysteries together, ending with fellowship.



## 01|08 TUESDAY Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 7 - 8 pm

Often called "the Church's Best Kept Secret," Catholic social teaching is a good and useful guide in living the Christian life and truly being a Light to the World. Join our discussions on how these ideals can help bring us more into a Christ-centered life. Theme # 3 is "The Option for the Poor and Vulnerable: St. Teresa of Calcutta and Serving the Suffering Christ." Throughout her life and ministry, St. Teresa of Calcutta never lost sight of the fact that, in serving the poorest of the poor she was actually serving Christ Himself. In this light we look at the Church's Preferential Option for the Poor.



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## 01|15 TUESDAY Youth Ministry Training — Contemporary Moral Issues

Christ the King, Rutland  
6:30 - 8:30

This Youth Ministry training workshop will include 'hot topic' issues in the world today, including abortion, euthanasia and same sex marriage and how to effectively transmit the Church's teachings on these subjects. Presented by Father Matthew Rensch, parochial vicar at Christ the King in Rutland. This presentation is part of ongoing Youth Ministry training happening throughout Vermont this year — part of the Deeper Waters program.

FOR MORE INFO: or RSVP, [wgavin@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:wgavin@vermontcatholic.org)

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