World Marriage Day takes place every February as a time to honor and celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. The Diocese of Burlington will celebrate World Marriage Day 2019, with Bishop Christopher Coyne, on Sunday, Feb. 3, at the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington.

In Vermont, those celebrating milestone anniversaries each year (for example: 5, 10, 15...55 or more years) are invited to this special Mass with their families. A reception will follow in the parish hall after Mass.

In addition, parishes are encouraged to honor and celebrate marriage anniversaries on the following Sunday, Feb. 10, with their parish priest in their own communities.

These marriages are inspirational examples for our Vermont communities and reflect the commitment of God’s divine love, demonstrating the beauty of husbands’ and wives’ faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. As Pope Francis writes, “they make a selfless commitment, proclaiming to those present that they will trust one another and never abandon the other when troubles brew” (“Amoris Lactitia,” 132).

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are taught that Christ is the source of this grace. Christ dwells with them, giving them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow Him, rising again after they have fallen, forgiving one another, sharing one another’s burdens and to “be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ,” in other words, to love one another with supernatural, tender and fruitful love (CCC 1642).

The marriages honored this year are a response to God’s call to grow together, where they bring love to maturity, and celebrate this earthly grace. We can be encouraged by witnessing the common joys of their love, their patience, their kindness and the forgiveness they ask and share with each other in their daily lives.

Congratulations to those celebrating milestone anniversaries. Let their love bear witness to God’s faithful love and a little bit of heaven on Earth through their marriage covenant.

— Terri McCormack, diocesan coordinator of Marriage and Family Life, tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org

A World Marriage Day Prayer

Father, as we prepare for World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more one in heart, mind and body. Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the Church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and brother. Amen.

— Father Bill Dilgen, SMM, Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Love one another as I have loved you. — Jn 15:12

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UPCOMING EVENTS

02|03 SUNDAY
World Marriage Day Celebration Mass
St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington • 10 am
Join us as we celebrate World Marriage Day by honoring in a special way those celebrating 5, 10, 15, etc... years of Marriage! The celebrations will take place in two ways: Sunday, February 3 – Mass with Bishop Christopher Coyne Sat./Sun., February 9 & 10 – Parish recognitions.
For more info: Lori Daudelin, 802-658-6110 x1131, ldaudelin@vermontcatholic.org

02|04 MONDAY
Mass in Spanish
St. Michael’s College, Colchester
7:30 - 8 pm
Tengo gusto en enviarles el anuncio avisándoles de las misas en español este semestre, las cuales tendrán lugar el primer lunes de los meses siguientes, 4 de febrero, 4 de marzo, y 1 de abril, 2019. Office: (802) 654-2333.

02|05 TUESDAY
Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 7 - 8 pm
Theme # 4 is “Call to Family, Community, and Participation: Dorothy Day and Loving Those You Don’t Like.” Dorothy Day’s life as a Catholic was, more than anything, informed by her understanding of the Church as the united Body of Christ, and of the spiritual obligation to one another which that entails. Through her writings we will look at the struggles and the rewards of living in Christian Community.

02|06 WEDNESDAY
Mater Christi School Winter Open House
Mater Christi School, Burlington • 8:30 - 11 am
A Mater Christi education transforms our students’ futures and prepares them to transform our world. Please register to attend our Open House and learn more about our school. You may also call 802-658-3992 to schedule a personal tour or “shadow day” for your child(ren).

02|07 THURSDAY
Christ the King School Open House
Christ the King, Burlington • 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Teachers will be present and classrooms will be open with student work displayed. Guests will have the opportunity to explore the school, ask questions, and get a feel for some of the great activities and learning opportunities that make CKS such a special place.
For More Info: RSVP or schedule a tour call (802) 862-6696 or email admissions@cksvt.org

02|09 SATURDAY
Padre Pio Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am
The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the second Saturday of each month. Rosary starts at 8am followed by Mass, special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio, and then learning about Padre Pio’s life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the parish hall after Mass.

02|09 SATURDAY
Hearts4Haiti
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction
2 - 4 pm
You are invited to a Valentine art event, led by art teacher of the year, Tina Logan. Stop by and make original Valentines for some special loved ones. Enjoy some afternoon tea and sweet treats while helping raise funds and awareness for Aim4Haiti charity. All proceeds will go directly to Haiti. Suggested donation $10-$15.

02|10 SUNDAY
Winter Rally 2019
St. John, St. Johnsbury, 10:30 am
St. Monica, Barre, 4 pm
Attention all teens and parents! Join us for our Winter Rally at 2 locations again this February. We will be joined by national speaker and musician Taylor Schroll, Father Jon Schnobrich and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Come grow in faith, love and discover your mission in God’s plan of love!

02|16 SATURDAY
Youth Ministry Training — YM 101
Christ the King, Rutland • 9 - 11 am
This foundation in Youth Ministry workshop will include an overview of the USCCB document “Renewing the Vision”, as well as basic concepts in Youth Ministry. Presented by Father Dwight Baker, chaplain at the University of Vermont. Open to anyone seeking to improve their skills and understanding of Youth Ministry and reaching today’s youth with the Gospel. Please RSVP to wgunin@vermontcatholic.org.

02|16 SATURDAY
February Dance
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jet
7 - 10 pm
Music by Digital DJ, $15 per person or $25 for two, includes food and beverages. Call the parish office for reservations: (802) 878-5331.

03|02 SATURDAY
Silent Day-Retreat
Our Lady of Life, Quebec
Join us for a silent day-retreat at Our Lady of Life (Quebec), one hour and 40 minutes from the Burlington area. Teaching (in French with simultaneous translation into English) given by a Carmelite friar on “The Visitation: Mystery of Encounter” Time for prayer, reading, walking and resting in the Lord, with Mass and Reconciliation. Lunch is in silence; dinner is joyful fellowship. (Passport or enhanced travel document needed.)
For More Info: and to register, contact Teresa at email@ourladyoflifeinstitute.org

03|02 SATURDAY
Marriage Preparation Retreat
Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 10:30 am - 5 pm
Come take a break from wedding preparation and spend time in prayer, sharing and fellowship with your fiance and other engaged couples. Lunch and materials will be provided – there is no cost for this retreat. Prior Registration is required: vermontcatholic.org/event/ marriage-preparation-retreat-stowe/

Permanent Diaconate Formation classes to begin in August.
Learn how to apply at: vermontcatholic.org/vermont/permanent-diaconate-formation-classes-to-begin
Deadline for applications is March 1.

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Diocese: Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Administrative Assistant
St. Joseph Residential Care Home, Burlington: LPN
For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers

Catholic Town Meeting
with Bishop Coyne
Rescheduled from January 23:
St. Theresa, 44 East Street, Orleans
Monday, February 4 • 6 – 7:30 p.m.