James Kennedy is “just a kid” from Brooklyn, New York. He loves Brooklyn where he grew up with his older sister and brother. James attended St. John’s University in Brooklyn for his undergraduate and law degrees. He still loves to go into Brooklyn with his brother and visit the street where he grew up, the street where he played punch ball and football. He loves looking at the trees that are still there from his childhood and remembering punching the ball into them, which was an automatic home run.

James is one of the residents of St. Joseph Residential Care Home in Burlington that is operated by Vermont Catholic Charities Inc. He moved into St. Joseph’s last year.

“St. Joseph’s is a beautiful place,” he said. “The people have impressed me from day one, and I sleep like a baby every night.”

He enjoys the food, talking with other residents and listening to the harpist and trumpeter when they come to play. Recently, he was encouraged to participate in “bowling in the hall” by the activities manager. With a chuckle, James explained that he is left handed but bowled right handed that day. He missed all the pins, but had a great time doing it!

James is a retired tax lawyer. He worked for the federal government with stints in St. Louis and Chicago. He settled in Connecticut for 40 years and then moved to Vermont to be near his family. Prior to moving, he remembers traveling to Vermont for visits, and as soon as he passed into Vermont, he turned the radio off to absorb the beauty of the Green Mountain State.

Vermont Catholic Charities is proud to be able to serve people like James at its four residential care homes in Burlington, Derby Line and Rutland. Their mission is to provide residents with safe, caring and homelike environments where every person can enjoy a pleasant living experience rooted in Christian dignity.

What makes the homes special are the residents and dedicated, caring staff. “I have had a passion for caring for the elderly for as long as I can remember. It’s very fulfilling to know that I have the privilege to help shape a person’s final years into a meaningful, happy and dignified experience,” said Anne Steinberg, administrator of Michaud Memorial Manor in Derby Line. “The staff and residents at Michaud Manor are one big, happy family. It is important for me to work for an organization that makes the residents the top priority. As a non-profit organization with a faith-based focus, we always put the residents first, and it shows in the care that we provide.”

Andrea Van Woert, director of nursing at Michaud Manor, said, “I strive to be a positive leader to the nursing team, the organization and my community. This requires providing high quality education and support to staff, residents and family members. I aspire to have a positive impact on someone’s life every day.”

The homes provide private rooms and suites to individuals who require mild to moderate supervision and oversight with daily activities. Services include 24/7 nursing oversight, individualized medication management, onsite meals, housekeeping, laundry services and social activities.

Keeping with the Catholic mission to serve others, Vermont Catholic Charities accepts residents who are on Medicaid upon admission.

If you or a loved one is interested in learning more about the homes, contact Vermont Catholic Charities at 802-658-6111.

—Mary Beth Pinard is executive director of Vermont Catholic Charities Inc.
Lenten Soup Supper for Haiti
St. John Vianney
6 - 7 pm
The Haitian Partnership is sponsoring Friday Soup Suppers during Lent. Come have some meatless soup, enjoy some fellowship, and learn about our parish-twinning efforts with the rural community of Boc-Banic, Haiti. We will also be collecting school supplies, clothing, soccer balls, and other goods for the parish schoolchildren. No charge, but free-will donations are gratefully accepted.

04/19 FRIDAY
Good Friday Service with Bishop Coyne
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm

04/19 SATURDAY
Easter Vigil with Bishop Coyne
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 8 pm

04/18 THURSDAY
Easter Sunday Mass with Bishop Coyne
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

04/23 WEDNESDAY
VCP Networking Breakfast
Pomerleau Center, Saint Michael's College
8 - 9:30 am
Free event featuring networking and refreshments, and a talk by Lisa Ventris, President & CEO of Vermont Business Roundtable. To register or for more information: vermontcatholic.org/vcp

UPCOMING EVENTS

04/09 TUESDAY
Bishop Barron’s ‘The Mass’
St. Pius X, Essex Center
7 - 8 pm
We will view one episode each week in this six-part series. There is no cost to attend this event and all are welcome. Refreshments and materials provided by the Knights of Columbus. This week will be part 6 of the series.
RSVP: call St. Pius X office (802) 878-5997 or email John Ludden vtluddens@gmail.com

04/11 THURSDAY
Bishop Robert Barron’s Catholicism Series
Holy Family, Essex Jct.
9:30 - 10:30 am
Join us for Episode 6 – A Body both Suffering and Glorious. We will play one episode each week, ending on May 16. Series began on March 7.

04/12 FRIDAY
IHM Rutland Lenten Fish Dinner
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rutland
5 - 6:30 pm
Menu includes baked fresh haddock, mac and cheese, scalloped potatoes/rice, coleslaw, chowder/soup, salads, and beverages. $10 per person and Free for children under 5 years old. Please join us after dinner for Stations of the Cross at 6:30.

04/12 FRIDAY
St. Ambrose Lenten Fish Frys
St. Ambrose, Bristol
5 - 7 pm
Meal includes fried or baked haddock, french fries, coleslaw, beverage & dessert. Adults: $12.50, children 9 and under: $6, immediate family of 5: $37.
FOR MORE INFO: call St. Ambrose (802) 453-2488

04/12 FRIDAY
Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry
St. Andrew, Waterbury
5 – 7 pm
Hand battered fried fish, French fries, coleslaw, dessert, beverage. Adults $12, 8 and under $6, family of 4+: $35. Calamari available for an extra $7/person. Take-outs available: Call (802)244-5825 after 3:30 pm; pick-ups after 5 pm. Event held at St. Leo Hall, behind the church.

04/16 TUESDAY
Chrim Mass
St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington
11 am - 12:30 pm
Join Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne and the priests of the Diocese of Burlington for the annual Chrism Mass at which priests will renew the promises they made at their ordination and the holy oils used throughout the year in the sacramental life of the Church will be blessed. A reception follows in the church hall.

04/16 TUESDAY
Holy Week Taize Service
Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales, Bennington
7 pm
Join us for the annual Holy Week Service of Silent Prayer, Song and Adoration of the Cross in the tradition of Taize. Music of the late Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), who composed for the Taize community, will be sung. Throughout the Adoration of the Cross, Samuel Barber’s celebrated composition, Adagio for Strings, will be performed at the church organ. Those who wish to do so may submit prayer intentions to be sung by a cantor during the service. People of all faiths are warmly invited to attend.

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