Precautionary notice from Bishop Christopher J. Coyne regarding novel coronavirus

As a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of viruses, such as the novel coronavirus and flu, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne released a notice to all parishes within the Diocese effective Wednesday, March 4, 2020, to temporarily suspend communion from the cup until further notice.

Additionally, until further notice, the Sign of Peace at Mass is not to include any physical contact. The practice of holding hands during the Lord’s Prayer should cease as well.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations to limit potential exposure to viruses, pastors have been asked to regularly communicate to their parishioners that if one is sick, he or she should stay home and not attend Mass. The obligation to attend Mass in such cases is lifted. Priests, lay ministers, and all present for liturgy should be mindful of and practice good hygiene measures.

It is important to note that many of the precautions that help prevent other respiratory diseases, like colds and the flu, can also help keep an illness like novel coronavirus from spreading:

✦ Frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
✦ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
✦ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
✦ Stay home (and keep your children home) when sick.
✦ Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
✦ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For additional information regarding the novel coronavirus and preventative measures, please visit the CDC’s website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
 Join us for a modest Lenten meal, with a variety of meatless soups and lots of good fellowship. A free will donation is requested (but not required) and will go to support soup and lots of good fellowship. A free will donation is requested (but not required) and will go to support

UPCOMING EVENTS

03|24 TUESDAY
Pastoral Ministries Conference Webinar
Online - 7 - 8 pm
This webinar is for everyone who attended the Pastoral Ministries Conference in September and for those interested in parish leadership and ministry in our diocese. Deacon Phil Lawson and Michael Hagan will host this discussion. We will also be joined by parish leaders from: Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington, All Saints, Richford, St. Luke & Ascension Parishes, Fairfax & Georgia. This is an online event and registration is FREE. Simply register using this link and you’ll be able to watch our speakers (live) and interact with questions or comments — all from the comfort of your own home!
FOR MORE INFO: https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/pastoral-ministries-conference-webinar/

03|25 WEDNESDAY
St. Francis Xavier School
Open House
St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski
8:30 - 1:30 pm
St. Francis Xavier offers strong academics, a vibrant community, and a supportive, faith-filled environment for our students. Walk-ins are welcome, but we also encourage RSVPs by calling (802) 655-2600 or e-mailing info@sfxvt.org. St. Francis Xavier School serves students from Pre-School (age 3) to grade 8. Visit our website at www.sfxvt.org.

03|25 WEDNESDAY
Lenten Mission: “Insight into The Gospels”
Saint Sylvester, Granvilleville • 6 - 7 pm
Inspirational, educational, and insightful reflections on The Gospels, presented by Rev. Father John Milanese. Saint Mark on March 4, Saint Matthew on March 11, Saint Luke on March 18, and Saint John on March 25. If desired, bring your Bible and a notepad. Lent isn’t just about what you give up; it is about who you become.

03|27, 04|03 FRIDAYS
Stations and Soup
St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5:30 - 6:30 pm
On Fridays during Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross, followed by soup prepared by various parish groups, served at St. Bridget’s Kitchen.

03|27, 04|03 FRIDAYS
Lenten Soup Supper for Haiti
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington
6 - 7 pm
Join us for a modest Lenten meal, with a variety of meatless soups and lots of good fellowship. A free will donation is requested (but not required) and will go to support education and community development at our sister parish in Boc-Banic, Haiti. We will also accept donations of school supplies, which will be collected throughout Lent and shipped to Haiti later in the spring. After the meal, all are invited to stay for Stations of the Cross in the church upstairs.

03|28 SATURDAY
Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference
St. Anthony, White River Jct. • 9 am - 3:15 pm
Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference featuring Guy Gruters

03|29 SATURDAY
Ascension Church
Maple Ham Dinner
Georgia Elementary and Middle School, Georgia • 12 - 2 pm
Single seating at noon. Cost is $15/person, $11/seniors, $7/children 5-12, children under 5 free, $35/family.

04|03 FRIDAY
St. Ambrose Lenten Fish Fry
St. Ambrose, Bristol • 5 - 7 pm
Join us for all-you-can-eat fish fry. Meal includes fried or baked haddock, French fries, coleslaw, fresh baked dinner roll, beverage and dessert. Adults $13.50, children 9 and under $6.50, immediate family of 5 $38.

04|04 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
First Saturday of every month, rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 am and Mass at 8:30.

04|04 SATURDAY
Lenten Day of Recollection
St. Mark, Burlington • 8:45 am - 2 pm
Juventutem Burlington is hosting a “mini-retreat” for young adults from age 18 to 35 led by Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. We will start with Mass at 9am, followed by talks given by Fr., and Exposition and Benediction with time in between for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and confessions. We will have some light refreshments available after Mass (coffee, bagels, fruit, etc.)

04|04 SATURDAY
Blood Drive
St. Isidore, Montgomery Ct. • 9 am - 1:30 pm

04|04 SATURDAY
K of C Bingo
Dorian Hall, Richmond • 11 am - 5 pm
Doors opening at 11 am and games starting at 1 pm. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

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Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator
The Loretto Home, Rutland: Director of Nursing — $3,000 Sign-on Bonus!
Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales School, Bennington: Administrator
St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LPN or Med Tech — $1000 Sign-On Bonus
St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LPN or Med Tech
St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LNA or Caregiver — $500 Sign-On Bonus
St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LNA or Caregiver
Vermont Catholic Charities: Counselor Full-Time
For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers