It has been a full year of praying the rosary online and Valerie Parzyck is even more energized to connect with others through prayer.

What began as a daily livestream during the Covid-19 pandemic has turned into a prosperous ministry that has united people from throughout the state and beyond. Parzyck has recorded more than 470 rosary videos with parishioners, deacons and priests from throughout the Diocese which are then shared on Facebook and the diocesan website. The videos are also in multiple languages including French, Latin, Spanish, American Sign Language and Swahili.

People often ask her if she gets bored praying the rosary, but she never does.

“No, I don’t feel tired. I don’t feel frustrated. The more rosaries I do the more I feel relaxed,” said Parzyck who records up to four videos a day. “You feel refreshed after. Like you took a 25-minute nap.”

Before recording begins, the first hour is usually spent chatting with her guest that day and discussing any special intentions they should pray for. “I have received much feedback from people who have asked for intentions during rosaries, and we’ve been praying for these intentions and this week it seems daily issues have been resolved, people healed. It’s just really wonderful to hear that the prayers we’re saying are helping people,” she said.

Additionally, the Diocese will be participating in the global Worldpriest Annual Rosary Relay on June 11. Worldpriest was established for the evangelization and strengthening of the Catholic faith with the main goal of uniting priests and laity to come together into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

“During that 24-hour period, every 15 minutes someone is going to be taking this spiritual baton in the relay and start praying the rosary,” Parzyck said. By midnight the entire world will have been praying for priests and the Catholic faith.

Join Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne in praying the rosary in person at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington or virtually on Facebook or at vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass

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Upcoming Events

05|24, 31 MONDAY
May with Mary
Cathedral of St. Joseph • 7 pm
Holy Hour with the Litany of Loreto and spiritual reflections on Mary by Brandon Schneider, seminarian. Confessions will be available during adoration.

06|05 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
Beginning with Rosary at 8 am, Confessions, and followed by Mass at 8:30 am.

06|11 FRIDAY
Worldpriest Annual Rosary Relay
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington and Livestream • 2 pm
In 2002 Pope John Paul II announced the Annual World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests to be held on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Worldpriest was first established for the evangelization and strengthening of the Catholic faith with the main goal of uniting priests and laity to come together into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. On June 11, 2021, there will be livestream prayer locations from all over the globe praying the Rosary. Bishop Coyne will lead us in praying the Rosary virtually at 2 pm. You may also pray with the bishop in-person at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

06|12 SATURDAY
Padre Pio Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass and an opportunity to learn more about Padre Pio.

06|19 SATURDAY
Ordination Mass
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am
The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to Holy Orders. Deacon Robert Murphy will be ordained to the priesthood and Mr. Gregory Caldwell will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Christopher J. Coyne. Due to the seating capacity restrictions, attendance at the Mass will be by invitation only. The Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website.

06|20-25 SUNDAY–FRIDAY
Saint Anne’s Shrine
5 Day Directed Retreat
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
The Society of St. Edmund will be conducting a 5-Day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants are invited to contemplate scripture passages in a silent environment, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. FOR MORE INFO: saintannesshrine.org/upcoming-retreats

07|11 SUNDAY
Family Mass with Bishop Coyne
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12 pm
More information will be shared soon!

MAY 23 – 29, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

The fruits of the Holy Spirit can be found in Galatians 5:22-23, “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”. Which of these gifts do you see in your spouse? Share with each other what their gift is and give specific examples.

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