

# The Inland See

NEWS FROM

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

November 20–26, 2021

*My friends, I offer this prayer of gratitude that comes from my own reflections on reasons to be thankful this holiday. May God bless you all with his mercy and love.*

— Bishop Christopher Coyne

## A Thanksgiving Prayer of Gratitude

I thank you, Lord God, for the gift of creation, “for the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,” for the abundance that we have which over and around us lies.

I thank you, Lord God, for the gift of life — my life, the lives of all whom I treasure as family and friends, and the lives of all humanity who I know as my brothers and sisters.

I thank you, Lord God, for the salvation you offer me and all my brothers and sisters through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the glorious communion of our Church.

I thank you, Lord God, for the talents and the strength to serve you as a bishop in your Church, I thank you for all of our clergy — priests and deacons — for our seminarians, for the dedicated lay men and women who serve the Church as ministers and employees, and for all of the dedicated volunteers in our Diocese and parishes who do so much to your praise and glory.

I thank you for the presence and support of all the Catholics in this Diocese who gather every week in our parishes, who give so generously of their time, treasure, and talents, and who serve as faithful witnesses to others as disciples of Christ.

I thank you for the gift of your Holy Word and for the Sacraments I and my brothers and sisters are so privileged to celebrate and receive, especially in the Holy Mass.

I thank you, Lord God, for this great country in which we live, for the freedoms we know, especially the freedom of religion, for the safety we know, for the rights we exercise, for the government “of the people, by the people and for the people.”

And as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day I thank you for the food, the fellowship, and fun that I will share around this table today with my family and friends. May I always remember that every day is day of thanksgiving for those who believe in you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and may I move from that thankfulness into the mission “to feed the hungry, to give water to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive, and to bury the dead.” [The Corporal Works of Mercy]

**Amen.**



# Upcoming Events



11|21 SUNDAY  
**Organ Recital in Bennington**  
*Sacred Heart-St. Francis de Sales, Bennington*  
 3 pm

In celebration of the Feast of Christ the King and in thanksgiving for the many blessings bestowed upon the parish families of Sacred Heart-St. Francis de Sales and St. John the Baptist parishes, in Bennington and North Bennington, respectively, Donald McMahon will perform a recital at the magnificent organ of Sacred Heart-St. Francis de Sales. A musical feast for the soul is promised, including music of Johann Sebastian Bach and other great composers. The program will include a heart-felt rendition of the beautiful American hymn, "There is a Happy Land, Far, Far Away!" and conclude with an intense and fiery performance of French composer Jean Langlais' "Christ Vindicator." Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



11|23 TUESDAY  
**Rice Memorial High School Stunt Nite**  
*Flynn Center, Burlington • 3 pm & 8 pm*

Four unique musical comedies featuring the incredible talents of Rice Memorial High School students. Tickets are on sale at the Flynn box office.



11|30 TUESDAY  
**Saints & Sinners**  
*Online • 7 pm*

Join us online in November when Bishop Christopher Coyne presents on St. Peter.  
**For more info:** [vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners](http://vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners).



12|01 WEDNESDAY  
**Living Joy Discussion Group: Jesus Is the Journey**  
*Online • 7 – 8 pm*

Join Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day. This is the last of eleven sessions that began in July. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact [pturnley@aol.com](mailto:pturnley@aol.com) for more information.



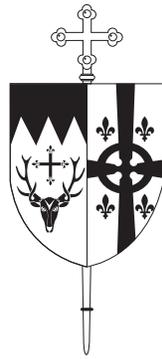
12|03, 04 FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
**St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar**  
*Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Fair Haven •*  
 Join us for our annual Christmas Bazaar.

There will be a basket raffle (do not need to be present to win), 50/50 raffle, our huge white elephant sale, food table, vendors and stay for supper/ lunch from our kitchen. Hours are 2 to 6 on Friday and 10 to 2 on Saturday.  
**FOR MORE INFO:** Claudia (802) 265-8049.

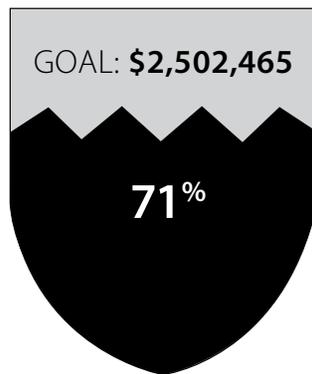


12|04, 04, 04 FRI, SAT, SUN  
**Christmas Bazaar**  
*Our Lady of Angels, Randolph*

More than 20 vendors will offer a wonderful variety of merchandise: jewelry, cosmetics, toys, wreaths and centerpieces, candy, candles, needlework, quilts, arts & crafts, knitted items, collectable & vintage treasures, antiques — many terrific Christmas presents.



BISHOP'S  
 ANNUAL APPEAL  
**2021**  
 UPDATE



As of Nov. 10, 2021: **\$1,784,411**  
 To learn more or make a gift visit:  
[vermontcatholic.org/giveonline](http://vermontcatholic.org/giveonline)



12|05, 12, 19 SUNDAYS  
**Sing We Now Noel**  
*St. Albans, Colchester & Stowe • 2 pm*

A celebration of Christmas and seasonal music will be presented at three different locations with Dr. William Tortolano as organist. The 92-year-old St. Michael's College Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts and Music continues to avoid retirement. The acoustic and tonal resources of the different Vermont spaces will bring a wide variety of organ music and vocal soloists. The audience will have an opportunity to sing favorite carols from many countries. Organ solos are by J.S. Bach, Pachelbel, Brahms, Yon and Rowley.

**Dec. 5, St. Mary's Church in St. Albans:** soloists Jake Barickman and John Schreindorfer

**Dec. 12, St. Michael's College chapel in Colchester:** soloist Jerry Proulx

**Dec. 19, Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe:** soloist Elisabeth Ortiz.

The concerts are free and open to the public. An optional free will offering will be available.



12|13 MONDAY  
**A Charlie Brown Christmas, America's Passion Play**  
*Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Jct. • 7 pm*

Come learn the inside story and multi-faith origins—Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant—of America's most spiritual piece of pop culture. Presented by Dr. Damian Costello, Director of Postgraduate Studies at NAIITS: An Indigenous Learning Community and author of "How 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' became America's passion play."

## DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

*Christ the King School, Burlington:*  
 Afterschool and Summer Camp Director

*Diocesan Central Offices, South Burlington:*

Human Resources Generalist

Diocesan Catechetical Leader

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister

*St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:*  
 LNA / Caregiver — \$500 Sign-On Bonus!

*St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:*  
 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) — \$1,000 Sign-On Bonus

*St. Mark Parish, Burlington:*  
 Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

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### CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

The Advent season begins as we wait for the birth of our Savior. One way you can prepare and show your gratitude to God is to spend time this week making a list of how you could help others. Choose to set a budget on the gifts given this year, where half of what you gave last year can be donated to others.

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