My brothers and sisters,

I am sure that you share my horror at the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and the deaths and injuries of innocent Ukrainians and the destruction taking place within their country. I know there are people of Ukrainian descent here in our state who have relatives and friends who are now in harm’s way, and I offer the prayers and the support of the Catholic community to them as they desire.

I ask all Catholics to pray and fast with a particular intercession for peace in that country and the withdrawal of troops back across the Russian and Belarus borders.

Mary, Queen of Peace, please preserve the world from the madness of war.
Reunite families torn apart.
Comfort frightened children.
Console the sick and elderly who suffer alone.
Shield the men and women defending their homes.
Change the hearts of leaders to seek peaceful solutions.
Bring harmony to our broken world.
We ask all this through your help and intercession,
Most Blessed Mother, as you lead and direct us each day into greater love for and obedience to your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington


PRAYER INTENTIONS

Day 1 — Monday, March 14
Today we pray for an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference.

Day 2 — Tuesday, March 15
Today we pray our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace.

Day 3 — Wednesday, March 16
Today we pray for healing and justice for all those who have experienced violence and racism.

Day 4 — Thursday, March 17
Today we pray for the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture.

Day 5 — Friday, March 18
Today we pray for our faith community, that we may respond boldly to the Holy Spirit’s call to act together to end violence and racism.

Day 6 — Saturday, March 19
Today we pray for the protection of all first responders and members of the military who risk their lives daily to ensure our safety.

Day 7 — Sunday, March 20
Today we pray for leaders around world, that they might find ways to bring an end to war and violence, and promote peace and development for all nations.

Day 8 — Monday, March 21
Today we pray for solidarity in our global human family, that we may work together to protect those who are most vulnerable and most in need.

Day 9 — Tuesday, March 22
Today we pray that the Lord grants us peace, teaches us peace; and guides our steps in the way of peace.
CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

MARCH 13–19, 2022

APATHY

Imagine Jesus being apathetic or disinterested in those who came to him. The apathy we encounter affects our emotional, physical, and spiritual life making us more dead than alive. Consider how you express your love and desire with your spouse this week.

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LIVE IN THE HERE AND NOW

Make the commitment to share the journey with each other rather than assuming someone else will take care of the details. Parents: Continue to improve your prayer life daily and ask your family for support. Speak to God and ask for His help to strengthen you. Family: Share what you are grateful for every day. Openly bring God into the conversation, and share what you are hopeful for.

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Diocesan Central Offices, South Burlington:
- Diocesan Catechetical Leader
- Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister
- Respect Life Coordinator
- Superintendent of Schools

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- Principal
- Director of Donor Engagement and Major Gifts

St. Monica-St. Michael School, Barre: Principal

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Upcoming Events

03|17, 24, 31, 04|07 THURS
Deep Dive Into The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph
5:30 pm
Join us for this 5-part series led by Fr. Scott Gratton. Each evening will begin with Stations of the Cross, followed by dinner and a one hour talk on the Mass. This event is free.

03|19, 26 SATURDAYS
SoulCore
Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 3 - 4 pm
SoulCore is an invitation to nourish body, mind and soul through prayer and functional movement. Workout can be modified to suit ability and comfort level; the prayers are the main focus. Freewill donation. Suggested items: mat, water, weights (optional, 1-3 lbs popular).

03|17, 24, 31, 04|07 THURS
Vermont Catholic Women’s Group Lent 2022
via Zoom • 7:30 - 9 pm
Join the Vermont Catholic Women’s Group on Zoom as we go through Restore: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation by Sr. Miniam James Heidland. We will have weekly edifying discussions. Join us for one or all meetings. Women of all ages are welcomed. Sign up for our mailing list at www.stlukevt.org and contact Carolina for more details.

03|19 SATURDAY
Annual Men’s Conference
Our Lady of Angels, Randolph
9 am - 2:15 pm
Join with other Catholic Men for a day of fellowship. This year’s theme is ‘Band of Brothers’ and the keynote speaker will be Fr. Scott Gratton, serving as chaplain for the VT Air National Guard, recently deployed to Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate Mass. Please contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or call (802) 658-6110, ext. 1131 for the link to register. Registration deadline is March 4, 2022. Lunch is included in the $30 fee.

03|20 SUNDAY
Pancake Breakfast
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
9:30 - 11:30 am
Join us for an old fashioned all you care to eat pancake breakfast featuring all of your favorites: bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes and French toast, coffee, juice, butter and real Vermont maple syrup. To go plates available. Admission is by donation with a suggested gift of $8 for adults and $6 for seniors and children. Presented by the Knights of Columbus DeGosbriand Council # 279.

03|25 FRIDAY
The Challenge Club for Catholic Girls
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 6 - 8 pm
Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship and their Catholic faith. FOR MORE INFO: Mary Niekrewicz, mary.of.vt@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko, audreyegsvt@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.

03|29 TUESDAY
Saints and Sinners
Vermont Catholic
Online • 7 pm
Join us in February when Fr. Tim Naples presents on Saint Anthony of Padua. There will be time for prayer, small group and large group discussion. For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.

03|31 THURSDAY
Lenten Presentation
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 pm

04|20 WEDNESDAY
Practicing the Presence of God
via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm
Diocesan wide zoom exploration of this spiritual classic by Brother Lawrence. For information, mercygrace@protonmail.com. Be sure to Include “Book Discussion” in the Subject heading. The workshop will meet: April 20, May 4, 18, June 1, 15 & 29.

07|25, 26, 27 MON, TUES, WED
Quebec Pilgrimage
Join the Knights of Columbus Council #297 in St. Albans for a pilgrimage to Quebec. Stops include Sainte-Anne-de Beaupré Shrine, Our Lady of the Cape Shrine in Trois-Rivières, St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal and St. Anne’s Shrine in Isle La Motte, Vermont. The cost includes all lodging, transportation and meals. Contact Bill Greenwood at 802-527-0496 for more information.