Two men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington on May 21. Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne is to ordain the two transitional deacons, Deacon Gregory Caldwell and Deacon Brandon Schneider, at a special Mass at 10 a.m.

Numerous priests of the Diocese and visiting clergy will be in attendance as well as the faithful from throughout Vermont.

Deacon Caldwell, a graduate of Essex High School Class of 2008, earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Michigan and worked as a software engineer before entering the seminary. A convert to Catholicism, he was received into the Church at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 2013.

He is interested in construction, woodworking design and golf.

Deacon Schneider, a 1996 graduate of U-32 Middle and High School in Montpelier, was a member of St. Augustine Parish there. He received a bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University in history and Russian in 2000 and a master's degree from Georgetown University in Russian History in 2002. He worked in the Admissions Office at Georgetown University School of Medicine where he was assistant dean for admissions for almost five years before entering the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). After leaving the Dominicans, he worked at Northwestern University before entering formation for the Diocese of Burlington in 2020.

He enjoys reading about trains and railroads, military history (especially World War I and World War II), Russia and U.S. history.

Men discerning a call to the priesthood are encouraged to pray, seek spiritual direction, make room for silence in their life and learn about the different state-of-life vocations (marriage, priesthood and consecrated life).

For more information, contact Father James Dodson, director of vocations for the Diocese of Burlington, at 802-658-6110 ext. 1175.

There is a lot of enthusiasm in “progressive” Vermont for the “Reproductive Liberty Amendment” (Article 22/Proposal 5). How can one respond when people ask “How can you be against a woman’s reproductive liberty?” One short, direct answer: “I believe that life is precious.” It’s hard to disagree with that, and who knows, maybe it will allow for a conversation.
Upcoming Events

05/21, 28, 06/04, 11, 18, 25 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).

05/15 SUNDAY
Meat Lasagna Takeout Dinner
St. Thomas, Underhill • 4:30 - 5:30 pm
All meals are $15 and will consist of Meat Lasagna (with Lucy & Gloria’s famous pasta sauce!), salad, bread, and dessert. Call/email ahead to reserve tickets: 802-899-4632, office@stthomasvt.com or purchase after weekend Masses. Tickets also available at Wells Corner Market in Underhill Center or Snowflake Chocolates in Jericho.

05/18, 06/15, 29 WEDNESDAYS
Practicing the Presence of God
via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm
Practicing the Presence of God…a 6 week Diocesan wide zoom exploration of this spiritual classic by Brother Lawrence. More info: mercygrace@protonmail.com.

05/21 SUNDAY
Walk to Mary
St. Joseph to St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte • 9 am - 2 pm
Please come celebrate our Blessed Mother on a journey of faith and fellowship! Beginning at 9 am we will walk 2.3 miles from St. Joseph, Isle La Motte, to St. Anne’s Shrine, praying the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet while we walk. Mass will be offered at 11 am, followed by lunch. Please bring a light lunch of your own as the dining hall will not be open yet. At 1 pm we will walk/pray the Stations of the Cross for Life. FOR MORE INFO: Janice (802) 848-3834, janicegodin@myfairpoint.net or Renee (802) 370-2231, rjpatterson1962@gmail.com.

05/21 SATURDAY
Ordination Mass
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am
The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to Holy Orders as Deacons Brandon Schneider and Gregory Caldwell are ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ by Bishop Christopher Coyne. All are invited to join us in the Cathedral for this solemn liturgy of Ordination. Both men will offer their first blessings in the church following Mass.

05/22, 23 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
Spring Concert by Les Chanteurs de Lorraine
05/22 • 6 pm - Blessed Sacrament, Stowe
05/23 • 4 pm - Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
Les Chanteurs de Lorraine present “Et si on chantait”, a spring choral concert in Stowe and in Burlington. Sandra Penner, Choir Director / Ariane Benoit Bastien, Pianist. Free admission, free-will offering collected for Joseph’s House.

05/24 TUESDAY
Grief & Loss Support Group for Widows/Widowers
St. Mark, Burlington • 9:45 - 11:15 am
Please join us every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the rectory parlor, to explore supportive ways grief and loss can be the entry point of God’s healing in your life.

05/24 TUESDAYS
Seminar: The Creed Professed
via Zoom • 7 - 8:00 pm
Seminar based on Part 1 of the U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, as part of the diocesan’s “Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life.” Sessions are bi-weekly by zoom from May 10 through November 8. Offered and coordinated by Deacon Gesualdo Schneider and Paul Tunley. REGISTER: studythecreed@gmail.com

05/28, 06/11, 25 SATURDAYS
Scripture Deep Dive — Acts of the Apostles
via Zoom • 7 - 9:30 am
Come explore the beginnings of the early church movement as studied through the Acts of the Apostles. Join us every Saturday of May and June at 8 am, in the parish library to dive deep into God’s word. Begin your weekend with scripture and you will not regret it!

05/29 SUNDAY
DeGoesbriand Council #279
Vocation Pancake Breakfast
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9-11:30 am
Join us for an old-fashioned all you care to eat pancake breakfast. Benefits seminarians or religious aspirants. Admission is by donation with a suggested gift of $8. Take-out containers are available. Hope to see you there!

06/19 – 24 SUNDAY – FRIDAY
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. Trained Spiritual Directors will serve as companions and co-discerners of the Spirit during the retreat. The cost is $550 per person and includes private room and all meals. FOR MORE INFO: Nancy Dulude, (802) 928-3362 or ndulude@sss.org or online at saintanneshrine.org/upcoming-retreats

07/25, 26, 27 MON, TUES, WED
Quebec Pilgrimage
via Bus, roundtrip Vermont – Quebec
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.
FOR MORE INFO: Bill Greenwood at (802) 527-0496.

DO YOU EVER LOSE YOUR PATIENCE?
Emotional stress can lead to actions we’d rather not share with others and yet this happens. How each of us engage with our family can have positive or negative outcomes; once again our actions speak louder than words. Taking time to ask for forgiveness and reflecting openly on how to better handle these emotional stressors with your loved ones will help restore. Reflect on how God is always waiting to make restitution with us, His beloved children.

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CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

MAY 15–21, 2022

“1 ENJOY BEING WITH YOU.”
Each of you share a pleasant memory of when you worked together on a project or an adventure you shared. What made this enjoyable for you? How did this make you feel closer to your husband or wife? Listen attentively to the other as they share. Plan something together that will be enjoyable for each other, such as watching a movie, going for a walk, making dinner, or gardening. Share quality time together and laugh.

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