This year we celebrate communion — communion in creed, communion in worship and communion in life. It is a time to consider how we are united in the doctrine and dogma of the Church and united in our worship, most especially in the celebration of the Mass. It is at Mass that we are privileged to hear the Word of God, celebrate the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion; we are united in the call to live that communion with God and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Now is the time when the doors of churches are opening wide again as we make our way out of the Covid malaise to the new spring of the Church and our community.

Our schools and churches that were thriving pre-Covid are coming back in significant ways. More people are gathering for baptisms, the celebration of the sacraments, weddings and all those things that are part of our parish life. Many of our statewide ministries are thriving, including our men’s and women’s retreats with record numbers and the largest number of candidates for full membership in the Church at the Rite of Election at St. Joseph Cathedral in seven years.

We have much to celebrate but we need your support. Next week is the in-pew appeal where I will be directly asking you to support the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, an annual drive for the entire Catholic community to help us sustain our statewide ministries like Catholic schools, vocations, religious education programs and emergency aid to households in financial crisis. I ask you to please come to Mass next weekend with an open heart and listen to why your gift is so important. You may also watch my video prior to the in-pew appeal at: bishopsappealvt.org

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington
Complete list of dates and locations:
June 19 – 24 • Bennington and Waterbury
June 26 – July 1 • St. Albans and Barre
July 10 – 15 • S. Brattleboro and Stowe
July 17 – 22 • S. Burlington and Vergennes
July 24 – 29 • Newport and Rutland
July 31 – August 5 • St. Johnsbury and Georgia

St. John Vianney parish in South Burlington’s summer book series will meet in-person on Wednesdays for four weeks. You can sign up for the morning sessions at 9 am or the evening sessions at 6:30 pm. For MORE INFO: Connie McDonald at sjvgoodnews@gmail.com or (802) 864-4166 x204.

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Worldpriest Rosary Relay
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 4 pm
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06|04
SATURDAY
Grief Support Group
Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 8 - 10 am
Calling all Widows and Widowers… you are invited to join us for a support group, run by Catherine “Kate” King, UVM Mental Health Clinician (LCMH) on the first Saturday of the month. Kate has been a group therapist in the community for over 20 years and is a widow herself. Join us for prayer, discussion and peer support for working through grief.

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. Workouts 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).

06|08, 15, 22, 29 WEDNESDAYS
Stumbling Into Grace Book Group
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 9 am/6:30 pm
In “Stumbling into Grace,” Mary Pezzullo shows how the works of mercy have become her anchor in turbulence and calm, overcoming despair and bringing enduring hope. She also shares ways to live the works of mercy in your own life.

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Totus Tuus
Vermont’s largest catholic summer program for kids returns, with 12 locations. For more information and to download registration forms, visit vermontcatholic.org/totustuus.

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U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
7:30 - 9:30 am
Confessions, followed by Mass at 8, then devotional prayers.

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07|10
SUNDAY
Family Mass & Picnic
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12:15 - 3 pm
Save the date for the Annual Family Mass and Picnic at St. Anne’s Shrine! Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate Mass at 12:15 p.m. followed by a cookout.

Does your parish offer special Marian devotion? Post it to the diocesan calendar and we will list it in The Inland See: vermontcatholic.org/events/community/add