In this Year of “Communion: Creed, Worship & Life,” we celebrate our unity in faith as one Catholic community. Our doors are once again wide open, and we are gathering together in prayer, song and worship. With great joy we celebrate baptisms, First Communions, confirmations and weddings. In sadness and hope, we are able to mourn the death of our loved ones at funerals and Memorial Masses. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick are being renewed as Covid protocols are relaxed. And we Catholics continue to do what we do so well as we feed the hungry, visit the sick and the elderly, support our families and shepherd our children in the faith. This past Easter, our churches were filled once again with many friends and parishioners whom we have missed over the past two years. It is a “renaissance,” a rebirth. God is good.

We have much to celebrate — at the Rite of Election at the beginning of Lent we had the largest number of candidates in more than seven years — men and women who entered the Church at the Easter Vigil. We have seven candidates preparing to be ordained to the permanent diaconate this fall. I have ordained two men to the priesthood in May. In the January cold of Montpelier, we had the largest “Rally for Life” in years. We are seeing a steady increase in Catholic school enrollment.

But here’s the challenge. We need your financial support to keep the momentum going. The pastoral and financial stress of the last two years has had a significant impact on the Bishop’s Annual Appeal which supports all these ministries, including emergency aid to the rising number of families in crisis. While care will be taken to stay within our means, we want to do so in a way that does not impact the important work that we are doing.

This is where we need your help. Please prayerfully consider a gift this year, so our Catholic Church can continue to thrive.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

To make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org
Upcoming Events

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 Pezzulo 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. 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.

06|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|19 Sunday
St. Mary’s Father’s Day Brunch
St. Mary, Franklin • 9 am - 12:30 pm
Adults $12; children 7-12 $8; 6 & under are free All you can eat! Take-outs are available.

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 saintannesshrine.org/upcoming-retreats

06|23 Thursday
Catholic Movie Night
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 6 - 9 pm
Potluck dinner, free popcorn, pro-Catholic movie, and a brief talk on its Catholic themes by Fr. Scott Gratton. Come join Our Lady of the Angels and Our Lady of the Valley parishioners for a fun night, where we celebrate our Catholic faith through film, food, and fraternity. This month’s film will be: “The Sound of Music.”

06|24 Friday
Worldpriest Rosary Relay
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 4 pm
The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will again take place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This will be its thirteenth year, having grown from 24 single prayer locations in June 2003 its first year to 2,600 in 2020. Bishop Coyne will be leading the Rosary in Vermont. All are invited to attend either in person or via live-stream. Learn more or access livestream at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/worldpriest-rosary-relay/

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.

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La Salette Shrine
410 US Route 4A Enfield, NH
June 11, 2022

7:30 to 10:00 am
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
7:30 am to 4:00 pm
SILENT AUCTION with Ukrainian items
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
BAKE SALE
Sweets & Varenyky
9:30 to 10:30 am
INTERFAITH SERVICE & Discussion
10:00 am to 4:30 pm
UKRAINE CRAFTS, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
SOUP & BREAD
4:00 to 5:30 pm
BARBECUE DINNER
Hamburgers & Hotdogs
6:00 pm
CATHOLIC MASS
Co-celebrated with Ukrainian Priest

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Diocesan Central Offices, South Burlington: Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister
Holy Family Parish (St. Mary), Springfield: Parish Administrative Assistant
vermontcatholic.org/careers

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Article 22 intentionally leaves “reproductive autonomy” undefined.

Article 22 is dangerously open-ended.

Amendments to the Constitution are virtually irreversible.