Each January, pro-life Vermonters gather for the Mass and Rally for Life, often in frigid temperatures, to mark the tragic anniversary of the January 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

This year, the Mass and Rally for Life will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28, in Montpelier.

Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate the Mass for Life at St. Augustine Church at 9:30 a.m. Mass will be preceded by a Rosary for Life at 9, led by deacons of the Diocese.

Following Mass, participants are invited to join the Rally for Life sponsored by the Vermont Right to Life Committee. As in previous years, the rally will begin at 10:45 a.m. in the City Hall parking lot behind St. Augustine Church. Participants then peacefully will march together to the Statehouse. There on the steps, there will be a brief ceremony, commemorating the lives of more than 63 million unborn babies lost to abortion since the Roe v. Wade decision.

Following the ceremony will be a deli-sandwich buffet luncheon at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, where the featured speaker will be Savannah Craven, the Northeast field operations coordinator for Students for Life. The cost for the buffet is $20 (scholarships are available for students and young people). Reservations are required for the luncheon. Please call VRLC at 802-229-4885 or email vrlc@vrlc.net for reservations.

Vermont Right to Life is strongly encouraging students and young people to attend the rally. Craven is a dynamic speaker, and her work at Students for Life includes beginning new pro-life groups at high school and college campuses, reviving existing groups and encouraging students to become strong, pro-life leaders. You can find her bio at studentsforlife.org/people/savannah-craven.

This event is the largest annual gathering of those committed to the sanctity of life, especially the unborn. As we mark the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and the 63 million unborn babies lost to abortion in its wake, respond to the tragic passing of Article 22 and prayerfully move forward, all are invited to join us as we strive to continue “encouraging, supporting and forming a greater culture of life.”

— Eileen Haupt is the respect life coordinator for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington

“Yet we Catholics and others who share our love for all human life will continue to do what we have been doing: encouraging, supporting and forming a greater culture of life.”

— Bishop Christopher Coyne

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Featured speaker

Savannah Craven
Northeast field operations coordinator for Students for Life

Students for Life of America

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington
Upcoming Events

01/25, 02/01, 08, 15
WEDNESDAYS
Good News Bootcamp
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:45 - 8:30 pm
Has the Holy Spirit been nudge you lately to reignite your joy and dig a little deeper into our Catholic faith? Please join us in discussing how we as Catholics can bring healing, transformation, virtue, and enthusiasm to our world. Check out our website at stjohnvianneyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp to discover what each week's topics will be. Join us for the sessions that interest you or join us for all of them! Questions? Contact Connie at SVGoodNews@gmail.com.

01/26, 02/02, 09, 16, 23
THURSDAYS
“Surviving Divorce” Group
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6 - 7 pm
For the newly separated and divorced, as well as for those still struggling with issues many years later, we invite you to join us for Surviving Divorce. Together we will help each other answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing from the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The twelve-week program will begin Thursday, January 12. A $25 materials fee is requested to help with the cost. Accommodations are possible if the fee is a hardship at the time of registration. FOR MORE INFO: Dcn. Josh McDonald at jmcdonald@vermontcatholic.org.

01/26, 02/02, 09
SUN
Saint Francis Xavier School Calcutta
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm
The Franklin Deanery will host a Holy Hour, St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 6 pm
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Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate the Mass for Life at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier. Before Mass a Rosary for Life will be led by Deacons of the Diocese, at 9 am. The Rally for Life at the Vermont Statehouse will follow the Mass for Life at 10:45 am.

02/07, 09 TUES & THURS
Walking With Families
via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm
This series of discussions will share the beauty of the Catholic Church’s teachings on Theology of the Body as well as offer practical tips and suggestions from local professionals, clergy, religious and lay persons about how to talk about the gift of our sexuality, respond to gender identity issues, and more with our youth, our parents, our family, and friends.
Presenters for February 7 & 9 are Daniel Lacourrège, Diocesan Catechetical Leader; Sister Paul Mary Dreger, FSE, Campus Ministry; and Marie Antunes, Administrative Secretary Waterbury, Moretown, Waitsfield.
FOR MORE INFO: https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/walking-with-families-3/

02/10 FRIDAY
Saint Francis Xavier School Calcutta
Hampton Inn, Colchester • 6 - 10 pm
Tickets for this fundraising event to benefit St. Francis Xavier School are $100 each and include dinner for two and one Calcutta ball. The event also features a Super Bowl pool, a grab grab as well as live and silent auctions.

02/11 SATURDAY
St. Peter’s Cemetery Committee — Bingo
St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 - 9 pm
Doors open at 5 PM, Bingo starts at 6 PM. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Peter’s Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.

02/12 SUNDAY
Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet
St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am
$10/adults, $6 children 8-12, $32 immediate family maximum. Come join us!

02/15 WEDNESDAY
Franklin Deanery Holy Hour
St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 6 pm
The Franklin Deanery will host a Holy Hour, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

02/16 THURSDAY
Married Life – The First 10 Years
via Zoom • 7 pm
Navigating the first ten years of marriage can be a challenge — no matter how long you’ve known each other. Join with other couples to build healthy relationships that foster the plan God has for your marriage. Enhance your relationship, meet other couples, and grow your marital relationship. You only need to register once to join. We meet virtually, once a month. Registration link can be found at: vermontcatholic.org/event/married-life-the-first-5-years

02/18 SATURDAY
Mardi Gras Dinner and Entertainment
Barton • 5:30 - 9 pm
Featuring the return of Wing-It, as well as other entertainers. Ham dinner and all the fixings, $13 for advance tickets, $15 at the door. Tickets are limited to 100. Location: Barton Municipal Building, downtown Barton. Sponsored by Most Holy Trinity Parish. For reservations call Linda at (802) 525-3137. Truly a night to be enjoyed!

02/19 SUNDAY
Knights of Columbus
St. Stephen’s Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast
St. Francis School Gym, Winooski • 8 am - 12 pm
Cost is $10, includes pancakes — plain and blueberry — scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, coffee & juice.

02/26 SUNDAY
Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm
The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Bishop Coyne on the First Sunday of Lent at St. Joseph’s Cathedral. Friends and family of those participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and all the faithful from around the diocese are invited to celebrate with us. A small reception follows the liturgy.

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