

NEWS FROM The Inland See

February 11–17, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Trying to figure out who's who is a common human activity. We like to know who we are sharing our time with and what relationship they have to us. So it is with the Church that gathers on Sunday for Mass.

Many of the faces are as familiar as our own, but as with any healthy group, new faces are to be expected and welcomed. Some of those new faces may be responding to a call to find out more about Christ and His Church. The Church opens its arms to these seekers with the wisdom and rituals of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (the OCIA, known formerly as the RCIA).

People who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith and its mission fall into two main groups: catechumens and candidates. A catechumen is someone who has never been baptized, while candidates are those having already been baptized in another Christian denomination and desire to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

Catechumens and candidates undergo a period of formation involving a number of steps and phases. After this formation, they receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist — usually at the Easter Vigil or in the Easter Season.

For these catechumens and candidates, Lent is a period of intensified spiritual preparation. At the beginning of Lent, the Diocese of Burlington celebrates a special ritual, the “Rite of Election” for the catechumens and the “Call to Continuing Conversion” for the candidates. Based on the testimony given by the sponsors and catechists, Bishop Christopher Coyne will declare the catechumens to be “Elect,” chosen by God for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the upcoming Easter Vigil. The bishop also will recognize the desire of the already-baptized candidates for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist within our Catholic community.

All members of the faithful throughout the Diocese are encouraged to pray for and with the catechumens and candidates this Lent, especially for the new faces you may see in your own parishes.

All are encouraged to join us for the Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion that will be celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington at 3 p.m.

— *Josh Perry is the director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington.*



“The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of my life and faith. ... In the Eucharist, I receive a foretaste of Heaven and receive the strength necessary to, by the Grace of God, get there!”

— *Deacon Phil Lawson, executive director of pastoral ministries for the Diocese of Burlington*

Submit your Eucharistic Testimonial to: revival@vermontcatholic.org

Upcoming Events



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|15, 03|01, 08, 15 WEDNESDAYS

Good News Bootcamp

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:45 - 8:30 pm

Has the Holy Spirit been nudging 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 SJVGoodNews@gmail.com.



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|19 SUNDAY

Community Family Breakfast

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Troy • 8 - 11 am

Knights of Columbus Father Meany-Father St. Onge Council #7943 hosts an "all you can eat" community family breakfast every third Sunday.



02|19 SUNDAY

Blessing of the Snowmobiles

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Troy • 8 - 10:30 am

Riders, you and your organization's members are cordially invited to attend a Catholic Blessing of your snowmobiles by Rev. Mr. Francis "Ward" Nolan.



02|19 SUNDAYS

Bible Study

Fr. Lively Center, St. Johnsbury • 1 - 2:30 pm

Dcn. Tom will lead a Bible study on the Parables of Matthew. This study began on Sunday, Feb. 5. On Feb. 12 we will study the parables of mercy and justice in chapters 18 and 20 and on Feb. 19 we will study the parables on being ready for Christ's return in chapters 21 and 24.



02|19 SUNDAY

Mardi Gras Celebration

St. Francis of Assisi, Windsor • 2 - 4 pm

Come join us at our "Fat Tuesday" celebration.

Music is provided by the East Bay Jazz Quintet under the direction of Gerry Grimo. Traditional (as well as some novel), New Orleans Jazz selections, fitting the Mardi Gras pageantry, will surely lift your soul these last days before Lent. The festivities include a "Kings Cake" competition. To enter, simply bake and decorate your best Kings Cake recipe and bring it to the celebration for judging. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person to benefit the St. Francis Fuel Fund.



02|23, 03|02, 09, 16, 23, 30 THURS

Apostle's Creed Series

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 6 - 7 pm

The Apostle's Creed is the oldest of the official creeds of the Church and is still used today as our baptismal creed. During Lent, as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, what does the Apostle's Creed actually say? How is it important for us today? How does it affect how we live? Join Fr. Greg Caldwell in the Youth Center Thursdays in Lent, starting February 23, for a series of reflections on the Apostle's Creed.



02|24, 03|10, 24 FRIDAYS

St. Peter's Take Out Fish Dinners

St. Peter's Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 - 6:30 pm

Take out fish dinners—serving 5:00-6:30pm (take out). \$13/adults \$7/children 6-12. For reservations, please call (802) 877-2367.



02|24 FRIDAY

Organ Recital

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church, Bennington • 7 pm

This performance by organist Don McMahon — in celebration of his 60th birthday — will be presented in person and streamed live on the parish's website.



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.



02|27, 28, 03|01 MON, TUES, WED

A Lenten Retreat with Monsignor Richard Lavalley

Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 8:30 am - 12 pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 am Mass with a reflection by Monsignor Lavalley. Monsignor will be available for Confession and Spiritual Direction every morning after Mass until noon.

Tuesday, February 28 at 7 pm: Monsignor will pray the

Stations of the Cross with meditations at every Station.

For more information or to schedule a time to meet with Monsignor, please call 802-878-5331. Everyone is welcome!



03|01, 08, 15, 22, 29 WEDNESDAYS

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

via Zoom • 7 - 8:30 pm

Join Christ Our Savior Parish for this weekly Lenten seminar. For information and to register: presenceosp@gmail.com.



03|02, 09, 23 THURSDAYS

Lenten Series

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Randolph • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Come join Fr. Gratton as we learn about Eucharistic miracles, marian apparitions, and inspiring saints throughout Lent. We begin with Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm, followed by a free meal provided by the KofC Council #14351 (please bring potluck sides), and this inspiring series. Come ignite your faith during this Lenten Season!



03|05 SUNDAY

Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury

3 - 4 pm

Benediction and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm on the first Sunday of every month with Fr. Lance Harlow.

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