

NEWS FROM The Inland See

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FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Christopher Braves is fixing the graves

Christopher and Delana Braves of Richmond recently established two funds in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation to honor the legacy of their parents and grandparents.

“You always respect and honor those that passed before you,” Delana said. “When we go into a cemetery we pray for the dead. Our prayers are an intercession on behalf of the dead to be in heaven. We are also asking the dead to pray and intercede on our behalf for our journey to heaven.”

Last year, the couple established the Edward A. and Ann M. O’Neill Mobbs Memorial Holy Rosary Cemetery and St. Mary Cemetery Reserve Fund at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish in Richmond. One of the primary purposes of the fund is to fix broken and overturned headstones. The fund honors Delana’s parents, for whom the fund is named.

“My parents had a special mission to care for the cemeteries where their relatives were buried,” Delana said. “It was important for us to carry on their legacy.”

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in hope and faith of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit.”

“These cemeteries were established in the 1800s and need a lot of repairs,” Christopher said. He began his ministry repairing headstones nine years ago when he noticed one that had fallen over on his morning run. “Every morning I would run down Cochran Road and say the rosary. On one run, I noticed a grave stone had fallen over,” he said. A few years ago, he rebuilt his garage to include a workshop above it where he spends many hours preparing materials for repairing headstones. He calls his workshop “The St. Joseph’s Workshop.”

He grew up in Rutland with many family ties to the community, especially Mount St. Joseph Academy, a school his mother and her siblings attended. Both of his grandmothers played a significant role in his life, especially in his faith.

Last fall, Christopher and Delana established the Thomas F. and Florence E. Chapleau Dunn Family and Christos D. and Catherine T. Lines Braves Family Memorial Mount St. Joseph Academy Fund in honor of his family to support operations of the school. As an educator and coach working with children his entire life, he wanted to do something that honored his family and his faith.

“Today, because of people like Mr. and Mrs. Braves, we can continue our mission to educate the whole person in mind,



Above: Christopher and Delana Braves pose for a photo in Christopher’s workshop, along with a headstone he is currently repairing.

Left: Christopher Braves points out restoration work being done at St. Mary Cemetery in Richmond.

— Alayna Masker photos

body, and spirit and remain accessible to all who desire a challenging Catholic educational experience,” said MSJ Principal Michael Alexander.

The Vermont Catholic Community Foundation was established more than seven years ago as a way for the faithful to leave a legacy of faith for the next generation and to honor those who came before them. Most funds are endowed and intended to provide stable income annually to a specific ministry in perpetuity. This is vital for the future operation of schools, parishes, and cemeteries.

To learn more about how to donate to a fund, how to establish a fund, or join the legacy society visit: vtcatholicfoundation.org or contact Ellen Kane at ekane@vermontcatholic.org.

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Upcoming Events



08|23 – 08|30 WEDNESDAYS Wednesday Reflection Series

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:15 am

Join us for Mass at 11:15 am followed by the presentation. Lunch is available in the cafeteria after the presentation, or you can bring your own picnic lunch.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 928.3362 or sas@sse.org.

08|23 Fr. David Theroux, SSE

180 Years of Edmundite Ministry Since 1843

08|30 Fr. Richard Myhalyk, SSE

The Life of St. Edmund of Canterbury



08|23, 30 WEDNESDAYS St. Michael Church Summer Lecture Series

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5 - 7 pm

A program on the saints pictured in the stained glass windows will be presented in the church by a number of visiting priests, artisans and teachers starting on Wednesday, June 28. The program begins at 5 pm with evening prayer followed by the presentation.

8/23 Father Greg Caldwell, Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael Church in Brattleboro will discuss Saint Paul

8/30 Helen Schultz, Teacher at Saint Michael School in Brattleboro will discuss Saint Raphael



08|26 SATURDAY Ascension Church Furnace FUNdraiser Live Auction & Raffle

Ascension, Georgia • 11 am - 3 pm

Light lunch items, raffle & silent auction available throughout the day. Preview the live auction items from 11 am to 1 pm. The live auction will be held from 1–3 pm, by auctioneer Mike LaChance. FOR MORE INFO: Call Jean (802) 782-6491 or Alice (802) 524-3330.



08|27 SUNDAY Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage Mass at St. Anne's Shrine

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12:15-2:30 pm

Mass followed by the ceremony for the Installation of State

Officers for the 2023-2024 fraternal year and an end-of-summer cookout. Please RSVP for the lunch by going to the K. of C. State Chaplain's Blog: ubipetrustv.com/shrine2023.



09|03, 11|01 SUNDAYS Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 pm

Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Sunday of every month with Fr. Harlow.



09|06 – 10|27 WEDNESDAYS or FRIDAYS Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph

Wednesdays: 6:30 - 8 pm

Fridays: 9:45 am - 11:15 am

This eight-session study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of The Bible Timeline.



09|07 THURSDAY Fall Concert and Reflection by Paul Koleske

St. Lawrence, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm

Contemporary Christian singer, songwriter and recording artist, Paul Koleske, will be offering his concert of personally composed sacred music. This is a very spiritually uplifting event, and you are invited to bring family and friends. His recorded music will be available for purchase. The concert will be on a free will offering basis. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



09|10, 11|08 SUNDAYS Monthly COSP Knights of Columbus Fund Raising Breakfast

Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm

Supporting Parish and Community outreach programs.



09|14, 10|19 THURSDAYS Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm

Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P., Campus Minister at Dartmouth College, will be offering Spanish Mass at 7 pm.



09|14 THURSDAY Meal & Sacrifice: Scriptural Basis for the Eucharist

Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 7 - 8 pm

Fr. Michael Carter, SSE will give a presentation that traces some of the scriptural foundations for the Eucharist, from Genesis to the Gospels.



09|16, 10|21 SATURDAYS The Chosen — Movie Night and Potluck

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 - 6:45 pm

Come join us for a movie night and potluck dinner every third Saturday of the month. We will watch an episode of *The Chosen* together and have food and fellowship!



09|29 – 10|02 FRI, SAT, SUN, MON Light of the World Retreat

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction

Parishioners from all parishes are welcome.

Information and registration available at Essex Catholic Light of the World Retreat or email questions to ecc.engage@gmail.com. There is no registration fee.



10|08 SUNDAY Fourth Annual St. John Henry Newman Night

Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 4 - 8 pm

This event features solemn sung vespers, dinner and dessert catered by the Knights of Columbus, and two presentations on the life and works of St. John Henry Newman. RSVP required: vermontnewman@gmail.com.



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