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Then it hit me. I do drink the wine He changes from water. I do listen to Him preach I am in a crowd that sees Him. I do attend the Last Supper...every day that I attend Mass, listen to the priest and receive the Holy Eucharist.

How lucky am I!”

— Philomena J. Funari, St. Anthony Parish, White River Junction, VT
**Upcoming Events**

08|30 WEDNESDAY  
**Wednesday Reflection Series**  
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:15 am  
Join us for Mass at 11:15 am followed by a presentation by Fr. Richard Myhalé, SSE entitled The Life of St. Edmund of Canterbury. This is the last session for 2023.

08|30 WEDNESDAY  
**St. Michael Church Summer Lecture Series**  
St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5 - 7 pm  
This week Helen Schultz, a teacher at Saint Michael School in Brattleboro will discuss Saint Raphael. The program begins at 5 pm with evening prayer followed by the presentation.

09|09 SATURDAY  
**St. Peter’s Cemetery Committee — Bingo**  
St. Peter, Vergennes • 5:00 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.

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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  
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you get the “big picture” by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it. This eight-session study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of The Bible Timeline Chart.

09|07 THURSDAY  
**Fall Concert and Reflection by Paul Koleske**  
St. Lawrence, Essex Jct. • 7 - 8:30 pm  
Contemporary Christian singer, songwriter and recording artist, Paul Koleske, will be offering his concert of personally composed sacred music. He will integrate faith witness and testimony with his music to show how it applies to you and your life. His recorded music will be available for purchase. The concert will be on a free will offering basis.

09|09 SATURDAY  
**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**  
All Saints Cemetery, Richford • 9 - 10 am  
Prayer service with hymns and recitation of the Holy Rosary in remembrance of all aborted children. Event lasts about an hour. All are welcome. Please bring a chair if desired.

09|09 SATURDAY  
**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**  
St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 10 - 11 am  
We will be meeting at the Memorial for the Unborn next to the Rectory. Please bring a chair. If it rains, service will be held in the church.

09|14, 10|19 THURSDAYS  
**Spanish Mass**  
St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm  
Fr. Timothy Daraher, O.P., Campus Minister at Dartmouth College, will be offering Spanish Mass at 7 pm.

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  
An Evening in Honor of St. John Henry Newman, featuring solemn sung vespers, a first class dinner and dessert catered by Bill Rensch and the Knights of Columbus, and two presentations on the life and works of St. John Henry Newman. RSVP required: vermontnewman@gmail.com.

**DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS**

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- Executive Director of Human Resources  
- Marriage and Family Life Coordinator

**Rice Memorial High School, South Burlington**  
- Full-Time Bookkeeper  
- School Nurse  
- Part-time Digital Photographer Teacher

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**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**Progress: 69% to goal**

Raised: **$1,737,968**  
as of Aug. 16  
Goal: **$2,503,354**  
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