

May we hallow your name

Intentionality: We should be praying with intentionality, with our mind on what we are doing and saying. But do we? Weekly we routinely repeat, "In the name of the Father," "Hallowed be Your Name." When we come into church and bless ourselves with holy water, is it with attention? When the priest summons us, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," is our "Amen" truly our affirmation and response to our baptismal call? When we come to the Our Father, do we truly hallow His name? We talk the talk, but do we walk the walk? In other words, do we reverence God when we call upon his very name?

'I AM'

God Himself knows His name is important. In the Old Testament, when God revealed His name to Moses, YHWH, "I AM," no one ever heard it except Moses. It was so sacred that no Jew ever dared to try to pronounce it.

When Jesus came, "YHWH" had not been spoken on earth for 1,500 years. When He reclaimed it as his own — "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM' (see John 8:31-59) — the Jews picked up stones and tried to stone Him for blasphemy.

But Jesus repeated that He is "YHWH;" He is the "I AM." Again and again He states, "I AM" the bread of life, the light of the world, the door of the sheepfold, the good shepherd, the way, the truth, and the life, and the true vine and, most importantly, "the resurrection and the life." 1

When asked by the Apostles how to pray, by His very wording, "hallowed be your name;" He requires us to take His and His Father's Name as seriously as do the Jews.

The Trinitarian version

But Jesus didn't stop there. He gave us the full Trinitarian version of God's name in the Great Commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name

of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" [Matthew 28:19]. This triune expansion of "YHWH" unveiled the inner mystery of God, three persons in one God, Relationship, Love's eternal dynamic, an overwhelmingly momentous gift.

This was our baptismal call. We begin all our prayer with this same hallowed triple declaration: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." By the grace of God, we are called upon to live each moment of our lives in His name, to know that He is with us and that we are to do His will.

Let Us Hallow His Name

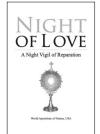
Yet, although we have incorporated this revelation into our liturgical and daily prayer, we often do not give it the attention, the reverence, the hallowing, the intentionality God Himself has shown us is important. He tried to get our attention when He revealed it to Moses, when He included it as the Second Commandment, when Jesus bids us to hallow His Name in His prayer. He calls us to be intentional in our reference to His name in all we think, do and say. But are we?

As His adopted children, let us return to that initial fervor. May we learn to hallow His name not only in our prayers but in all our actions. Let us remind ourselves that when we promise to act "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," we are ultimately saying, desiring, committing ourselves to do all things from our first breath as a newborn to our last breath before we meet Him face to face as He wills and in His name.

Let us begin: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

1 6:35, 48, 51/8:12; 9:5/10:7, 9/10:11, 14/11:25/14:6/15:1 respectively.

— Paul Turnley served on the Diocesan Worship Commission and has written on the topic of reverence in the liturgy and at prayer during the Eucharistic Revival.



First Event for the **Night of Love** in Vermont

St. Francis Xavier, Winooski — Friday, March 1 — Saturday, March 2

The **Night of Love** service will be held at St. Francis Xavier in Winooski on the evening of March 1, beginning with First Friday Mass at 5:30 pm, and concluding with First Saturday Mass at midnight on March 2. In addition to the two Masses, the evening will include Msgr. Lavalley's reflection on the Way of the Cross, Eucharistic Procession and Adoration, time to share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, praying all four Mysteries of the Rosary, and quiet time for prayer and reflection.

Learn more about the Night of Love program at: bluearmy.com/night-of-love.

Upcoming Events



02|25 SUNDAY

Music Festival: a cappella liturgical music

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 4:30 - 8:30 pm
Organized by Father Matthew Rensch and Sharon Trani, in
collaboration with Holy Family parish and Matthew Santos
and a schola group from Thomas Aquinas College. Our goal is
to warm our hearts and souls with some great music. Schedule
for the evening: 4:30 – small group sharing, 5:30 – dinner,
6:30 – whole group together, 7:30 – sing at Mass, for those
willing and able. RSVP and questions: Sharon Trani, sltrani@
verizon.net.



02|27, 03|05, 12, 19 TUESDAYS

Weekly Lenten Taize Prayer

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington 5:30 pm

Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



02|29, 03|07, 14 THURSDAYS

Lenten Lecture Series: Eucharistic Miracles, Marian Apparitions & Interesting Saints

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 6 - 8 pm

A potluck dinner and an interesting lecture highlighting, each evening, one Eucharistic Miracle, one Marian apparition, and one interesting Saint.



03|01, 02 FRIDAY & SATURDAY

First Event for the Night of Love in Vermont

St. Francis Xavier, Winooski 5:30 pm – 12 am

The World Apostolate of Fatima's Night of Love service will begin with First Friday Mass at 5:30 pm, and conclude with First Saturday Mass at midnight, March 2. In addition to the two Masses, the evening will include Msgr. Lavalley's reflection on the Way of the Cross, Eucharistic Procession and Adoration, time to share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, praying all four Mysteries of the Rosary, and quiet time for prayer and reflection. Learn more about the Night of Love program at: bluearmy.com/night-of-love.



03|02 SATURDAY

Free Community Dinner

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 - 6:30 pm
Please join us for a free community dinner

open to all on the first Saturday of the month.



03|05, 04|02 TUESDAYS

Our Lady's Kitchen Luncheon

St. Anthony, Bethel • 11 am
Free meal! Come one, come all!



03 07 THURSDAY

Mount St. Joseph Academy Open House

Mount St. Joseph Academy, Rutland • 5 - 7 pm Come and meet teachers, staff coaches, administration, and students. Guided tours and light refreshments will be provided.



03|08, 04|12 FRIDAYS

Essex Community Dinners

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm Essex Community Dinners are intended to

feed the hungry, lonely and needy amongst us. These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available.



03l09 THURSDAY

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9 am
The Padre Pio group meets the second

Saturday of each month. We begin with the Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass at 8:30 am. Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Duquette at (802) 557–1593.



03|10 SUNDAY

K of C Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am Cost is \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 8 to

12yrs., \$38 immediate family maximum.



03|14 THURSDAY

Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm
Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P., Campus Minister at

Dartmouth will be offering the monthly Spanish Mass.



03 16 SATURDAY

Annual Vermont Catholic Men's Conference

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph 9 am - 2:15 pm

Keynote speaker Deacon R J Dourney. Includes lunch. Registration: adults \$30, college students \$15, 18 and under are free with a paid accompanying adult. Register online at vermontcatholic.org/men.



03|17 SUNDAY

St. Patrick's Day Sing Along

St. Andrew, Waterbury • 3 - 5 pm
Join us for an Irish music sing along with Fr.

Matthew Rensch and Sergio Torres. There will be Irish stews, corned beef and all the fixings, door prizes, cash raffle drawings to be held. \$10 per person with family discounts.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 244 7734 or www.rccwwm.org.



03|21 THURSDAY

BINGO

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington 6:30 - 9:30 pm

The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus have restarted a monthly bingo at the St. John Vianney Parish Center. The bingo is held on the third Thursday of each month with a chance of winning a \$1000 jackpot. Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the "winner take all" game. All food items are donated to the local Food Shelf.



03|25 MONDAY

Chrism Mass

Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Burlington • 11 am
The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by

Archbishop Coyne. The Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass. Parish representatives may pick up holy oils for their parish after the Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Carpooling is highly encouraged. PLEASE NOTE: The Chrism Mass is celebrated on Monday this year.



03|26 TUESDAY

Lord, Let Me Walk That Lonely Road With You: Scripture and Song for Holy Week

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church, Bennington • 7 pm Join us for a special service of scripture and song. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



04l06 SATURDAY

Annual Spring Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat 2024

Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Springfield • 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Keynote Speaker is Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE. The Theme of the Retreat is The Eucharistic Life: Bread of Life & Bread for Others. Registration Fee: \$30, lunch included.



04|14 SUNDAY

Organ Concert

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church in Bennington • 3 pm

Organist Donald McMahon will perform a special concert to commemorate his 30 years of service to the parish as organist and music director. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

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