

NEWS FROM The Inland See

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FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

St. Augustine Soup Kitchen



1. Charles and Kathy Pelletier help Deb McCormick (right) with a St. Augustine Soup Kitchen Friday lunch at Christ Church Episcopal in Montpelier. 2. Macaroni and cheese is set out as volunteers prepare for guests to arrive for the free prepared meals. — Cori Fugere Urban

Neither pandemic nor flood could shut down the St. Augustine Soup Kitchen in Montpelier, though flooding in the church basement — where the operation had been located — has caused it to be relocated temporarily.

Weekly meals have been served at the Christ Church Episcopal hall on Fridays, as parishioners of St. Augustine's continue to provide hot meals to eat in or take out.

Adapting to circumstances beyond their control, they are currently teaming up with Feed Every Need, a non-profit organization helping to supply prepared meals to people in need.

Lisa Burr, one of the founders of the non-profit, said free prepared meals are an integral part of fighting hunger. "We have a problem in Vermont with food

insecurity. A prepared food option is vital."

With a donation of cheese from Cabot Cheese, donations from parishioners, and a good price from Woods Lodge in Northfield (that makes the mac and cheese with the donated cheese), the meals are continuing.

And a \$3,000 grant from the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation helps keep the meals available.

The St. Augustine Soup Kitchen operation serves 60 meals a week at the Episcopal church; any left overs go to group homes, street outreach, or shelters.

"The people are thrilled to get the food," said Deb McCormick, co-coordinator with Bonnie Giuliani.

During the disastrous flooding in the capital city earlier this year, St. Augustine volunteers handed out the

meals outdoors. "People have really pulled together through everything," McCormick said.

Parishioner Charles Pelletier began volunteering at the soup kitchen one Lent as a charity, and just stayed on. His wife, Kathy, volunteers because she likes helping people.

As the houses of worship that had been running meal programs determine how they will proceed in the future when post-flood decisions are put into place, there is a consideration for there to be a central kitchen for all to use for their programs, McCormick reported. But she plans that her group will return to serving meals at the Catholic church once renovations are complete.

"God keeps providing," McCormick said.

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Upcoming Events



03|11, 18, 25 MONDAYS

SJV Book Group: "Mercy In The City"

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington
9 am OR 6 pm

This Lent, the St. John Vianney parish Book Group will read "Mercy In The City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep Your Day Job," by Kerry Weber.



03|12, 19 TUESDAYS

Weekly Lenten Taize Prayer

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

Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



03|14, 21 THURSDAYS

Eucharistic Presentations

St. Ann, Milton • 6 - 7:30 pm

March 14 — Fr. Michael Carter, SSE presents

"Meal & Sacrifice: Scriptural Basis for the Eucharist."

March 21 — Patty Lawson presents "How can I repay the Lord for all the great good he has done for me? The Eucharist as Thanksgiving."



03|14 THURSDAY

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

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

Join us for a potluck dinner and an interesting lecture highlighting, each evening, one Eucharistic Miracle, one Marian apparition, and one interesting Saint.



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|15, 22 FRIDAYS

Stations & Soup Supper

St. Anthony, White River Junction • 5 - 6:30 pm

Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross followed by a supper of soup and bread.



03|15, 22 FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross

St. Isidore, Montgomery Center • 5 pm

We will be offering the Stations of the Cross

for all interested parties.



03|15, 22 FRIDAYS

St. Paul's Catholic School Fish Fry

Barton Memorial Building, Barton • 5-6 pm

Proceeds to benefit St. Paul's Catholic School in

Barton. Adults: \$15, Kids: \$10.



03|15, 16, 17 FRI, SAT, SUN

Rice Memorial High School's Performance of Into the Woods

Christ the King School, Burlington

Friday 7 pm, Saturday 7 pm, Sunday 2 pm

Come watch Rice's students perform the musical, *Into the Woods*. It's an epic fairytale about wishes, family, and the choices we make. Ticket prices: Adult \$15, Seniors \$10, Students \$5, Children under 11 free.



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|16 SATURDAY

St. Peter's Cemetery Committee Bingo

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 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. Proceeds to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



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 orrccwvm.org.**



03|21 THURSDAY

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

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

The celebration begins at 6 pm, immediately after the Stations of the Cross. Dinner of corned beef & cabbage will be provided by the KofC & the parish. Fr. Gratton & friends (aka "The Close Enoughs") will provide the music. Just bring your appetites and enthusiasm!



03|23 SATURDAY

Italian Easter Pie Class

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Join us as we learn how to make this culinary masterpiece, then wow your friends and family at this year's Easter feast. \$10/person suggested, will be gladly accepted by March 22 in the parish office. For more information or to sign up, contact Connie (802) 864-4166 x204.



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. A reception will follow in the parish hall. **The Chrism Mass is celebrated on Monday this year.**



03|26 TUESDAY

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.



04|12 FRIDAY

Essex Community Dinners

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm

These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available.

Universal Synod Update



All Parishioners are invited to join a Virtual Synod Meeting Wednesday, March 12 at 6 pm (via Zoom)

Registration Required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89260053809>

This is an opportunity for parishioners to share their thoughts regarding the following two questions:

- ♦ Where have I seen or experienced successes — and distresses — within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- ♦ How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?