

NEWS FROM The Inland See

March 16–22, 2024

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



On MONDAY, March 25, at 11 a.m., priests from throughout the Diocese of Burlington will join Archbishop Christopher Coyne, coadjutor Archbishop of Hartford and former bishop of Burlington, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington for the celebration of the Chrism Mass.

This annual Mass traditionally is celebrated on the morning of Holy Thursday but (as is done in most dioceses in the United States) can be moved to another time around Easter. The Chrism Mass brings the diocesan community together as the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises, and the holy oils that will be used in the sacramental life of the Church in the coming year are blessed and distributed to parishes.

During the liturgy, the priests of the diocese will stand before the archbishop and renew the promises they made at their own ordination. They resolve to be “faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist” and “discharge the sacred office of teaching ... not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls.” The archbishop also exhorts everyone to pray for the priests and finally to pray for him so that he “may be made day by day a living and more perfect image of Christ, the Priest, the Good Shepherd, the Teacher, and the Servant of all.”

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the sacred oils are blessed. Containers holding the three oils — Oil of the Sick, Oil of the Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism — as well as the perfume that is mixed into the Sacred Chrism to give it its

rich aroma — are presented by deacons serving in the diocese. The Oil of the Sick is blessed for the healing of body, mind, and spirit. The Oil of Catechumens is blessed for the anointing of those preparing for baptism. Through this anointing, they are strengthened by Christ to resist the power of evil in all its forms. The Holy Chrism is consecrated by the archbishop and priests of the diocese to anoint infants after baptism, those who are to be confirmed, and bishops and priests at their ordination. It is also used to anoint altars and churches at the time of their dedication. After the Mass, the oils are distributed and brought back to all the churches in the diocese.

All are invited to attend this special liturgy to pray especially for our priests and for all who will be anointed by these oils in the coming year. As the archbishop will pray at the Chrism Mass: “May the Lord keep us all in his charity and lead all of us, shepherds and flock, to eternal life.”

The Mass will be live-streamed on the diocesan website. Following the Chrism Mass, a reception will take place in the parish hall, and priests or parish representatives designated by their pastors may come down to the lower chapel to pick up the holy oils for their respective church(es).

**Please note: The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on a MONDAY this year to accommodate the archbishop’s schedule.*

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

Upcoming Events



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 orrrccwvm.org.**



03|19 TUESDAY Weekly Lenten Taize Prayer

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

Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



03|21 THURSDAY Eucharistic Presentations

St. Ann, Milton • 6 - 7:30 pm

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



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|22 FRIDAY Stations & Soup Supper

St. Anthony, White River Junction • 5 - 6:30 pm
Stations followed by a supper of soup and bread.



03|22 FRIDAY Stations of the Cross

St. Isidore, Montgomery Center • 5 pm

Stations of the Cross for all interested parties.



03|22 FRIDAY St. Paul's Catholic School Fish Fry

Barton Memorial Building, Barton • 5-6 pm

Proceeds to benefit St. Paul's Catholic School.



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|01 MONDAY Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm

Fr. Marcel Rainville to celebrate Mass in Spanish.



04|02 TUESDAY Our Lady's Kitchen Luncheon

St. Anthony, Bethel • 11 am

Free meal! Come one, come all!



04|06 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. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/womens-retreat



04|06 SATURDAY New/Potential Volunteer Social

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 10 am - 12 pm

Tour the Shrine and see if you would like to share your time and talents this summer. For more info or to RSVP, email Abbi at astumpf@sse.org.



04|06 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 who would like a Hot Meal.



04|07 SUNDAY Divine Mercy Celebration

St. Theresa, Orleans • 3 pm

The Holy Hour will feature Eucharistic Adoration, the Divine Chaplet in song with Confessions available. A reception will follow in the parish hall next door.



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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte

HOUSEKEEPER

for the retreat cabins

30-40 hours per week

Full-time benefits include: health/dental insurance, PTO, 403(b) w/ match

Contact Abbi

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Universal Synod Update



Following the Synod Assembly of Bishops in October 2023, each diocese around the world has been asked to continue the conversation by reflecting upon the synthesis report. The US Synod Team is asking each diocese to hold 2-3 listening sessions during Lent to reflect upon two guiding questions. A 3-5 page document synthesizing what was heard at the diocesan listening sessions will be incorporated into a summary from the USCCB to the Secretariat due in April 2024. Synod Zoom meetings for parish delegates and parishioners have been scheduled bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. Meetings are planned for May 14, July 16, Sept. 10, and Nov. 12.

Registration required: vermontcatholic.org/universalsynod.