

NEWS FROM The Inland See

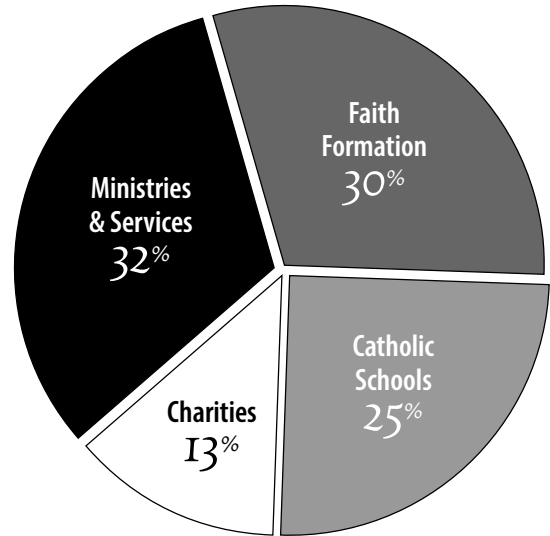
December 7-13, 2024

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



Your Gift at Work

Gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal are restricted and allocated as follows:



A Prayer for Peace

O blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in You.
Let Your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me,
O King of Gentleness, King of Peace. Then,
in Your grace, send me forth as an instrument
of Your peace to my family, to my community,
and to the world so that all I encounter may come
to know the peace that only You can give. Amen.

- Over 500 young people participated in Totus Tuus across 12 parishes
- 24 catechumens and 25 candidates recognized at the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion in Feb. 2024
- 80 men participated in the 2024 Annual Men's Conference
- Over 100 women participated in one of two Annual Women's Retreats
- 35 young adults participated in the Young Adult Retreat
- Five seminarians studying for the priesthood in 2024
- Vermont Catholic Charities Emergency Aid assisted 1,268 households (1,919 adults and 1,342 children in 2023)
- Over 2,000 Catholic schools students
- 17 students in the current Lay Formation Leadership Program Class
- 13 participants in the new Spiritual Direction Program



Progress

GOAL: \$2,503,354

87% as of Nov. 26

\$2,170,091

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Bishop's Annual Appeal
55 Joy Drive
South Burlington, VT 05403

Upcoming Events



12|09 MONDAY
Bereavement Support Group

Nativity of the BVM, Swanton • 6 - 8 pm

An opportunity to pray and share with others who have lost a loved one. Open to anyone who is grieving.



12|10, 17 TUESDAYS
Encountering Emmanuel

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington
Offered at 9 am AND 6:30 pm*

Join SJV Women's Ministry for prayer and reflection this Advent. Together we will spend some time with the book *Encountering Emmanuel: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation* by Heather Khym. Journals are \$8/each. Register at: stjohnvianneyvt.org/encountering-emmanuel



12|11 WEDNESDAY
Grief Ministry and Support

*All Saints, Richford • 6 - 7 pm
With Deacon Armand Auclair.*



12|12, 19 THURSDAYS
Advent with the Catholic Women's Group

via Zoom • 7:30 - 9 pm

The Vermont Catholic Women's group will dig deeper into Advent. Zoom: www.us06web.zoom.us/j/5815141097



12|13 FRIDAY
Alpha Film Series

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. All are invited, no matter their background or beliefs. This series runs November 8 through February 7.



12|14 SATURDAY
St. John Henry Newman Series of Sermon Seminars

via Zoom • 10 am

The sermon will be read at the meeting; no need to prepare beforehand. Additional sessions scheduled for February, May and August. The sessions will be between an hour and a half to two hours. Hope to see you there!

For the December session, Dr. Mark Clark will present on Parochial and Plain Sermons, Volume IV, Sermon 15, "Moral Effects of Communion with God." Zoom: us06web.zoom.us/j/94528155091 <https://tinyurl.com/NewmanSermonSeries>



12|14 SATURDAY
Presence, An Advent Retreat

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston
12 - 5 pm*

Join us as we journey through the Augustine Institute's Series Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist and explore this topic that is central to our faith. Refreshments will be available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/IHMAdvent2024>.



12|15 SUNDAY
Bereavement Ministry

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 1 pm
An opportunity to pray and share with others

who have lost a loved one, in comfortable setting. We meet on the third Sunday of every month for about an hour.



12|19 THURSDAY
2nd Annual Christmas Caroling and Potluck

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6 - 8 pm

Don some festive attire and plan to join us at Gazebo Senior Living on Williston Rd 6 pm; music will be provided. Followed by holiday potluck in the parish hall.



12|21 SATURDAY
Men's "Cor" Formation

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 am

Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! Coffee and donuts.



12|21 SATURDAY
STP Historic Preservation Committee BINGO

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 8 pm

Doors open at 5pm and games start at 6pm. Family friendly.



01|04 SATURDAY
First Saturday Mass

Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven • 7:30 am
Rosary at 7:30 am followed by Mass at 8 am.



01|04 SATURDAY
First Saturday Mass

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Every first Saturday starting with Confessions and the Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass at 8:30 am.



01|04 SATURDAY
Cemetery Committee Bingo

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 8 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.



01|05 SUNDAY
Eucharistic Healing Service

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

Join us for a Eucharistic Healing Service, with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and praying over by Father Lance Harlow.



Pilgrimage to Rome

April 28 – May 8, 2025

Consider joining Fr. Matthew Rensch on a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Orvieto, Cascia, and Norcia, among other sites. The pilgrimage will visit the Eucharistic Miracles and three incorrupt saints. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group. Private bus transportation, four-star hotels, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast are all included in the price.

www.prometours.com/fr-matthew-reusch/

Masses with Bishop McDermott

Sunday, December 15

St. Augustine, Montpelier • 9:15 am

St. Monica, Barre • 10:45 am

Sunday, December 22

St. Francis Xavier, Winooski • 7:30 am

St. Anthony, Burlington • 9:30 am
(*Latin Mass*)



Quebec Pilgrimage

June 16-18, 2025

Fr. Schneider will be leading a three-day pilgrimage to St. Anne-de-Beupré and other shrines around Quebec City.

Contact Fr. Schneider for more info: (802) 388-2943 or bschneider@vermontcatholic.org.

Deposit due in March.