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# *Communications update*

In July of 2009 *Vermont Catholic* magazine was established by Bishop Salvatore Matano. At that time, it replaced the *Vermont Catholic Tribune* weekly newspaper which had it's beginning in 1956 and served five Vermont bishops and the faithful of Vermont for 53 years. *Vermont Catholic* ran monthly from 2009 through 2016 and then changed to a quarterly magazine in 2017 under Bishop Christopher Coyne. Starting with the Fall 2025 issue, *Vermont Catholic* will once again be redesigned.

The magazine will remain a quarterly publication, with issues released in September, December, March, and June. However, beginning this fall, the September and March issues will have 68 pages, while the December and June issues will be more specialized, containing 32 pages. These changes are necessary to conserve financial resources so that the valuable work *Vermont Catholic* does to share the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the state can continue.

*Vermont Catholic* accepts sponsorships at the eighth, quarter, half, and full-page levels. We are currently seeking sponsorship commitments by October 31, 2025 to help offset the cost and increase the December issue from 32 pages to 68. If you or your business may be interested in sponsorship, please visit vermontcatholic.org/sponsorship to learn more.

You will also notice different design elements starting with the Fall issue. Our goal is to preserve the familiar layout and flow of *Vermont Catholic*, its trusted contributors, recurring elements, and meaningful stories, while embracing a fresh design that reflects this new chapter. Due to printed page limitations, some columnists you may expect to see will not be included in the magazine. However, all columnists will continue to write; featured columnists will be rotated; and all remaining articles will be published online at vermontcatholic.org/vtc.

Another necessary change is that the price of a yearly subscription will be increased from a donation of $24 a year to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to $40 a year. This will take effect on September 1, 2025. All donations of $24 or more to the Bishop's Annual Appeal made before September 1, 2025, will be honored, but any donation made after that date will require a minimum of $40 to receive the magazine mailed to your home for a year. A limited number of magazines will continue to be sent to each parish for parishioners who do not receive home delivery. All issues, including the issue archive dating back to 2009, can be viewed at any time online at vermontcatholic.org/vtc.

*Vermont Catholic* and the Diocese of Burlington do not take these changes lightly. We strive to produce the best magazine possible, one that will engage, inform, and inspire our readers to live out the fullness of their lives in Christ. We are a small, dedicated team, with our own editor, art director, staff writer, and diocesan contributors; the Diocese of Burlington fully produces this magazine on our own, something that is a rarity in this field.

While these changes reflect the financial realities of our time, they do not diminish our commitment to delivering a high-quality, inspiring publication rooted in our Catholic faith. We are grateful for your continued support and prayers, and it is our hope that you will continue to enjoy, engage with, and learn from every issue of *Vermont Catholic*.

***— Holly Thayer is the director of development and communications for the Diocese of Burlington.***

# *Upcoming Events*

09|02 TUESDAY
**Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist**
*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 9 pm*
The Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council presents a free showing of the documentary "Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist" featuring leading Catholic apologists such as Dr. Scott Hahn, Chris Stefanick, and more. The film takes you around the world visiting the sites of many Eucharistic miracles that have occurred over the centuries, including some that are quite recent. Why not bring a friend or family member who has been away from Mass for awhile?

09|03 - 11|19 WEDNESDAYS
**Surviving Divorce Support Ministry**
*Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Richmond • 7 pm*
Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. Contact Deacon Josh McDonald at jmcdonald@vermontcatholic.org.

09|06 SATURDAY
**2025 St. Paul's School Golf Tournament**
*Barton Golf Club • 8 am*
Registration is at 8 am with a Shotgun start at 9 am. $50 per person, $15 for golf carts. Learn more at: vermontcatholic.org/event/2025-st-pauls-school-golf-tournament.

09|06, 10|04 SATURDAYS
**Knights of Columbus Bingo**
*All Saints, Richford • 11:30 am - 3 pm*
Parish Hall. Doors open at 11:30 am and the games will begin at 1 pm. Homemade lunch, desserts & beverages will be offered. Pull tickets will be available! Proudly sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #2610.

09|06 SATURDAY
**St. Peter Cemetery Association Bingo**
*St. Peter, Rutland • 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. This event is sponsored by St. Peter Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.

09|07, 10|05 SUNDAYS
**Eucharistic Healing Service**
*St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 pm*
Father Lance Harlow will conduct a Eucharistic Healing Service, with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and praying over by Father Harlow.

09|09 - 10|28 TUESDAYS
**The Chosen, Season 5**
*St. Pius X, Essex • 6 - 8 pm*
Similar to past season discussion groups, we will show each week's episode at approximately 6 pm (depending on the length of each week's episode) followed by our group discussion at 7 pm. Come for both or just the discussion group!

09|12, 10|10 FRIDAYS
**Essex Community Dinner**
*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 5:30 - 7 pm*
Intended to feed the lonely and needy among us, these meals are free to all but donations are appreciated to cover parish expenses. Take-out dinners available at 6 pm.

09|13 SATURDAY
**National Remembrance for Aborted Babies**
*All Saints Cemetery, Richford • 9 - 10 am*
Please join us for a prayer service as we pray to remember all aborted babies, bring healing to their parents, and hopefully bring an end to abortion. Rain or shine. Please bring your rosary beads and a chair if desired. Event sponsor is All Saints Parish, Richford. The event will last about an hour.

09|13 – 12|20 SATURDAYS
**SoulCore**
*St. Andrew parish hall, Waterbury • 9 am*
Activate your mind, body and soul: stretch, strengthen and pray. SoulCore is an integrated faith and fitness class to the prayers of the rosary with a self-paced workout. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed. No class on Nov. 1. Please bring a mat and water bottle. The cost is by freewill donation, suggested $10 (after expenses, proceeds go to local charity).

09|14 SUNDAY
**Seven Sorrows Stations**
*Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 10:30 am*
Come join Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and the Blue Army on the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows at the Seven Stations by the Grotto adjacent to the Church. For those not attending the 10:30 Mass at IHM, but would still like to attend, please plan to meet at the Grotto by 11:15 am.

09|17 WEDNESDAY
**Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast**
*Chancery Office, S. Burlington • 8:30 am*
The presentation will begin at 9 am and the speaker will be Lisa Gaujac, owner of the Old Lantern Inn in Charlotte. Light breakfast foods and beverages will be provided. Please register at: vermontcatholic.org/vcp

09|19 - 011|07 FRIDAYS
**Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Belssed Mother by Edward Sri**
*St. Anthony, Bethel • 9:45 am*
This is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. Classes will meet for eight consecutive weeks on Fridays, September 19 through November 7, in the parish hall.

09|20 SATURDAY
**St. Peter's Church Preservation Committee BINGO**
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 8 pm*
Doors open at 5 pm and games start at 6 pm. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by the St. Peter's Historic Preservation Committee to benefit the on-going restoration efforts for the bell tower & the Church. Please join us!

09|22, 10|18 MONDAYS
**Cor Formation**
*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 pm*
Cor Formation for men is held on every third Saturday in the church basement. This is an opportunity for men to grow closer to Jesus' through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Coffee and donuts are provided.

09|24 WEDNESDAY
**Chris Stefanick & Reboot!**
*St. Francis Xavier, Winooski • 7 - 9 pm*
This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker Chris Stefanick will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for. buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1663037

10|12 SUNDAY
**Sensory-Friendly Mass Welcoming Individuals with Disabilities**
*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am*
This Mass will have several sensory-friendly adaptations, such as softer lighting and calm music, and communal prayers recited at a slightly slower pace. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John McDermott. We invite all individuals with intellectual or physical disabilities and their families and caregivers to attend Mass, which will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. This Respect Life Month Mass is open to all.

10|12 SUNDAY
**Sixth Annual Newman Night**
*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 3 - 7 pm*
Featuring scholars and aficionados of St. John Henry Newman, this night is one you don't want to miss. We are especially delighted with the recent news that Newman will be declared a Doctor of the Church. Deo gratias! The schedule is as follows: vespers, dinner, two presentations with time for questions, and coffee and dessert. Please RSVP by September 28 to vermontnewman@gmail.com to secure your spot. This event is open to all. Payment of $15 person, $50 family max is made upon arrival.

10|25 SATURDAY
**Echoes of Grace**
*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 5:45 - 8:45 pm*
Step into Resurrection Park and sacred silence for a one-of-a-kind evening of grace and reflection. As you walk quietly through the cemetery, you'll hear firsthand from beloved saints as they impart their words of wisdom to guide you in your life today. After the walk, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession are available in the church, and light refreshments are availble in the parish hall. Please meet first in the parish hall to be assigned to a tour group.