

The Inland See



News from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington

November 8–14, 2025

Archangel St. Raphael Holy Healing Service to be offered in Burlington



The Archangel St. Raphael Holy Healing Ministry will be offering a healing service at Christ the King parish in Burlington on the Feast of Christ the King, November 23, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. The service will begin with a rosary led by the Blue Army, followed by the Divine Mercy chaplet, exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the hearing of confessions. Father Michael Carter, SSE will be celebrating with Deacon Bob Begley assisting and Father Justin Baker hearing confessions.

The Holy Healing Ministry was founded by one Father Joseph Whalen, a man who came to the priesthood relatively late in life at the age of 66, in 1989. Father Whalen, a former Navy seaman and steamship crewman, had battled alcoholism for some 40 years and attributed his ultimate recovery to the prayer and constancy of a Catholic priest and the rediscovery of his faith. Though Father Whalen passed away in 2016, his healing ministry carries on, with his rubric for healing services and the ministry's healing oils in widespread demand across the country and, indeed, the world.

The healing ministry describes its mission as one of praying for those suffering from illness and addiction. The principal activity of their ministry is sending their blessed oils to all who request it; currently, they ship on average between 36,000 and 48,000 bottles annually to every US state and over a hundred countries worldwide.

While the St. Raphael ministry's model of healing services is a fairly recent development, the idea of healing services is an ancient practice in the Church, tracing its roots to the days of Christ Himself. In Church history, among the first to offer specific healing services was Saint Gregory the Wonderworker, a third-century bishop to whom many healing miracles are attributed. Throughout the ensuing centuries, numerous examples can be found of the efficacy of prayer in healing physical, mental, and spiritual ailments.

Though the healing ministry welcomes those with any kind of illness to encounter the healing graces of the Church through their healing services, in a particular way the ministry prays for those struggling with addiction, as their founder Father Whalen once did. In a world where those suffering from illness and addiction are so often overlooked and forgotten, the ministry emphasizes the importance of continuing to pray for their healing, conversion, and acceptance back into the wider community. To that end, they invite one and all to join them this November at their healing service in Burlington.

Those interested in learning more about the healing ministry are encouraged to visit straphaeloil.com.

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11|11, 18, 25, 12|02 TUESDAYS
What is the Catholic Worker?
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 6 - 7 pm
 A Catholic Worker House of Hospitality is an intentional community built upon the principles of Micah 6:8. "You have been told what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." We're working to bring the Catholic Worker to Vermont. Come join one of our meetings to learn more and see if it's something you'd want to be involved in!



11|11 TUESDAY
Veterans' Day Mass
St. Pius X, Essex • 6 pm
 Fr. Charles Ranges S.S. E. will be the celebrant, and Lt. Col. Matthew Wignall of the Vermont National Guard will be the post communion speaker. The Knights of Columbus will serve refreshments afterwards in the Fr. Murray Room. If you know a veteran please invite him/her to join us.



11|14 FRIDAY
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.



11|15 - 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. Bring a mat and water. Suggested \$10.



11|15 SATURDAY
Christmas Crafts and Bake Sale
St. Anthony, White River Jct. • 9 am - 1:30 pm
 Enjoy Holiday shopping at our 39th annual Christmas crafts and bake sale in the parish hall. Features a wonderful assortment of beautiful handmade Christmas Crafts, baked goods, jams, pickles, light breakfast and lunch of soup & sandwiches provided by K of C, themed baskets for sale and Spin to Win wheel.



11|15 SATURDAY
Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer
Our Lady of Ephesus House, Jamaica
 10:30 am - 3 pm
 Sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Charlotte. There will be Mass, a presentation, Adoration, and opportunities to do a walking rosary or Stations of the Cross. Please bring your own lunch. Light refreshments provided. Registration required as space is limited. Email Tricia Sulva at psmajac@gmail.com for registration link. Donations accepted that day. There are opportunities to carpool.



11|16 SUNDAY
White Mass
St. Monica, Barre • 4:15 pm
 Join us for a special Mass for physicians and health care professionals, also known as a "White Mass". Anyone in the health care profession who is able to wear their white coat would be appreciated. All are welcome to attend, whether healthcare professionals or not. Following the Mass there will be a discussion titled, "What is Death — does the criteria we're using work?" by Fr. Gregory Caldwell. Snacks will be provided.



11|16 SUNDAY
Life Teen Life Night
Fr. Lively Center, St. Johnsbury • 5 - 7 pm
 All teens in grades 6-12 are invited to gather for dinner, games, teachings, and prayer.



11|22 SATURDAY
St. John/St. Anthony Annual Bake Sale/Bazaar
St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls
 9 am - 3 pm
 Purchase freshly made baked goods for your Holiday celebration! Raffle for a homemade queen-sized quilt, turkey, gift cards for gas, Hannafords, and Walmart, \$2 each or 3/\$5. All proceeds help to heat our parishes this winter!



11|22 SATURDAY
St. Francis Xavier 18th Annual Holiday Craft Fair
St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski
 9 am - 3 pm
 Enjoy a festive day of holiday shopping with talented local crafters and artisans offering unique gifts and handcrafted treasures. Browse our raffle tables, savor delicious treats at our famous bake sale, and stay for a warm lunch.



12|06 SATURDAY
Annual Christmas Bazaar
St. Patrick, Wallingford • 9 am - 2 pm
 There will be crafts and baked goods, take out will be available for soups, macaroni and cheese, chili, and baked beans. Silent auction, themed baskets, over 50 items, once-loved room, and raffles. Returning this year is the lunch in!



Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Event

Wednesday, November 19
5:30 PM (presentation at 6 PM)

Diocese of Burlington Offices
 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington

Speaker
 Will Cahill

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Topic
 Social media and our Catholic faith

Registration
vermontcatholic.org/vcp

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

CATHOLIC VARIETY SHOW



Thursday, November 20 • 7 p.m.

McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester
 Tickets \$20 each

VTchallengers.org

All proceeds to benefit Vermont Catholic Charities.



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