

ST. MONICA PARISH

September 29, 2024

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"Whoever is not against us if for us "



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 10:45 AM and 4:15 PM

Weekday Mass Schedule

(See Mass Intentions—Page 2)

Adoration: Wednesdays 9:00AM—10:30AM

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact the Rectory. One preparation meeting with the parents is required.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Rectory at least one year in advance of the proposed wedding date. A program of marriage preparation is required.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00PM to 3:30PM

Sunday: 3:15PM to 3:45PM

Or call the Rectory for an appointment

Home Visits

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Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Rectory

New Parishioners - Welcome!

Please contact the rectory to register.

Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, September 28, St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**

4:00 pm - Laurent Lessard **(Vigil)**

**SUNDAY, September 29, The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday**

7:30 am - David Nichols
10:45 am - Deacon Dan 39th anniversary of ordination
Sally and Henry Bilodeau wedding anniversary
Fr. John Feltz' retirement
4:15 pm - All Parishioners

**MONDAY, September 30, St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the
Church**

7:00 am - Watker and Hartly Families

**TUESDAY, October 1, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church**

5:00 pm - Jane Doucet

WEDNESDAY, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

8:15 am - John and Yvonne Couture and Family

THURSDAY, October 3

5:00 pm - Archelas Dumas

FRIDAY, October 4, St. Francis of Assisi

7:00 am - Dan, Danny & Rubalcaba Family
Richard Plant & Brunell Family

**SATURDAY, October 5, Sts. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; B1.
Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**

4:00 pm - Robert Brault, Joe Willette **(Vigil)**
In Honor of Yvette Zampieri's 100th birthday.

**SUNDAY, October 6, The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday**

7:30 am - All Parishioners
10:45 am - Rinaldo & Lorraine Conti
4:15 pm - Doris Fournier
Edward and Julianne Gagne
Gerard and Jacqueline Otis Family

The week aheadSunday, September 29

Religious Ed class from 5:15 to 6:30pm for
K-1, @ SM/SM school.
Grades 3-5 in the parish hall
Grade 2 Parent and Student meeting @
5:30 pm in the church after the 4:15 pm Mass

Tuesday, October 1

CDA meeting @ 6:00pm in the parish hall

Wednesday, October 2

Adoration in the church from
9:00am to 10:30am

Thursday, October 3

Bible Study from 3:15 - 4:30 pm in the parish hall

Saturday October 5

Blessing of the animals @ St. Augustine @ 10 am

**Readings for this weekend on page 449
in the black hymnal**

Diaper Drive

There is a particular need for newborn diapers
and wet wipes. In lieu of diapers and wipes, a
cash donation can be made payable to St. Monica
Church and write in memo "diaper drive".

Thanks for your help in advance!



**The offering for a Mass is \$10, please call
the Rectory
@ 802-479-3253 between
8am to noon Tuesday- Friday
with your request, and please note that
scheduling is Tuesday - Friday Not on
Monday please
Thank you for your help .**



**Please note we have several
candles available for family and friend.
Call or stop by the Rectory to schedule a
candle with your
request on Tuesday - Friday
Not on Monday please
Offering is \$4.00 per candle.**



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers those who have passed away.

Deceased Members of St. Monica Parish

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Add Your Prayer #PrayWithUs

Please pray for our sick and home bound.

People in our families, our friends and members of our parish who are ill, facing surgery, hospitalized, or experiencing difficult times have asked for our prayers. During the course of the week, please take a few moments to offer a prayer of healing and strength for:

Laurie Alzaga Lind, Karl Boisvert, Garrett Peace, Jimmy Morgan, Daniel Duggan, Lorraine Olson, Scott Leslie, Tim Longchamp, Audry Dargon, Terry McNamara, Theresa Olson, Bernadette Wass, Gage Pelletier, Lynn Lajeunesse, Paul Gingras, Dick Polonski, Jason Fewer, Leo, Marcus, Norman (Tony) Brunner, James Brown Jr., Andrew Swan, Anita Lucero, Carleen, Mike Ziter, Claire Ladd, Wayne Pelkey, Marlene Moulton, Hector Isabelle, Abigail Henry, Yvette Zampieri, Roland Pepin, Paul O'Grady, Kathy DeCoteau, Gary Adamski, Danielle Dion, Jackie Caughlan, Paul Demers, Paul White, Catherine Pelkey, Spencer Barber, Kevin Fisher, Mary D'Agostino, John Trepanier, Barbara Goyette, Patrick Gosselin

Responsorial Psalm for September 28 - 29, 2024

19:8,10, 12-13, 14

“The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.”

Readings for week September 29

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

This week on Formed

Who are the Angels? - Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angles. What is an angel? What are the choirs o angles? How do we engage with our guardian angles?

St. Frances - Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of St. Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking. Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and 3 yr. old Barbara make something they like to call “trash can soup”. Find this episode's feature recipes & more about liturgical living in the home of Catholics all yr. <https://catholicallyear.com/at home/>

The Feast of St. Therese - In celebrating of the feast day of St. Therese, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

Echoes of Grace: Heavenly Lessons from the Saints

Step into Resurrection Park and sacred silence for an evening of grace and reflection that is perfect for preparing for the feasts of All Saints and All Souls! As you walk quietly through the cemetery, you'll hear firsthand from figures like St. Augustine, St. Joan of Arc, and other beloved saints as they impart their words of wisdom to guide you in your life today. Each moment will inspire and renew you with their faith-filled messages of love, hope, and perseverance. After the walk, you can continue your experience by finding solace and peace in Eucharistic Adoration or the Sacrament of Confession. Let the saints lead you through an unforgettable evening of reflection and spiritual renewal! Don't miss this profound opportunity to hear their heavenly echoes.

Join us at Saint John Vianney Parish Center, 160 Hinesburg Road, South Burlington, at 6:45 PM on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

For more information email Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org

Saint Monica Candle
September 29 - October 5, 2024

Tabernacle Candle - Eric Hutchins

Left Tabernacle Angel - Special Intention

**Right Tabernacle Angel - Deacon Dan 39th anniversary
of ordination**

St. Joseph Candle - Bernie Juskiewicz

Blessed Mother Candle - World Peace

St. Monica Icon Candle - Bernard Roy

Pius X, St. Peter & St. Patrick - Jeff Hickey

St. Monica, St. Paul Apostle, St. Anne - Laurent Lessard

St. Therese of Lisieux - Sr. Mary Laporno

Sacred Heart of Jesus - IMO Eva Beede

St. Anthony - Mary D.

*If you would like to light a candle for a special intention,
please call the rectory at 802-479-3253*

The offering is \$4.00 for each candle for a week.



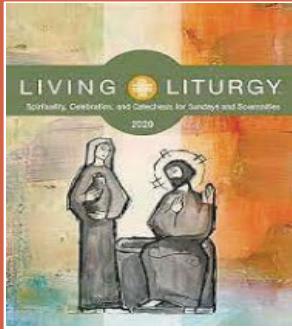
**Offertory Collection
for the week of
09-15-24**

Parish - \$6293.00

Fuel - \$225.00

Vt. Tribune - \$576.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

"If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off," Jesus says. It's easy to gasp in horror at the thought of going through life deprived of a limb. But our horror should be even greater at the thought of going through life deprived of God's grace



Men of all ages -- are you comfortable sharing your Faith?

Come be our guest. We share, learn and pray together.

We strive to incorporate the virtues of St. Joseph in our lives.

**Join the Men of St. Joseph, St. Monica Parish.
We currently meet 9 times a year on the
3rd Saturday of the month @ 8am in the
parish hall.**

We sponsor faith-related programs, help with parish projects and pray.

All men are welcome!

For more information contact:

Deacon Dan @ 479-3253 or

Gary @ 476-6097

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Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name of priest), speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (...) Amen

Sept. 29 - All Our Seminarians
 Sept. 30 - All Deceased Priests
 Oct. 01 - Pope Francis
 Oct. 02 - Bishop John McDermott
 Oct. 03 - Fr. Gregory Caldwell
 Oct. 04 - Fr. Michael Carter, S.S.E.
 Oct. 05 - Fr. Kevin Chalifoux

Please Pray for our Deacons

Lord Jesus Christ, Servant of all, send your Spirit upon our deacons and their wives as they serve your Church. Give them eyes to see the needs of your people. Give them a discerning mind to know your truth, Amen.

Sept. 29 - All Deceased Deacons
 Sept. 30 - All Aspirants and their Wives
 Oct. 01 - Deacon Dam Pudvah
 Oct 02 - Deacon Jon Ramey
 Oct 03 - Deacon Jim Rock
 Oct. 04 - Deacon Gesualdo Schneider
 Oct. 05 - Deacon Gerry Scilla



With the overwhelming increase of guests at the food shelf, they are in need of pasta and pasta sauce, cereal, canned meats, jello cups, canned fruits and canned vegetables. Thank you so much for your continued help!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Monica No. 1181



Come join one of the largest international organizations of Catholic women in the world!

We have the largest Court in the State of Vermont with over 100 members.

Why join? Benefits include spiritual enhancement, community (seriously, a great group of women), and opportunities to give of your talent and dedication to benefit our parish and community! Our Motto: **Unity & Charity** Meetings are held on the first

Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. Come to a meeting to discover who we are and what we do!

Contact catholicdaughters1181@gmail.com

St. John Henry Cardinal Newman, Dinner and Talk



Consider yourself invited to the fifth annual Newman Night, which takes place this year on **Sunday, October 6th at Holy Family Church in Essex Junction**, from 3 - 7 pm. The evening includes Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two lectures on the life and thought of John Henry Newman by Dr. Mark Clark and Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. \$15.00 per person, \$50 family rate. Inquire or

RSVP by September 29th to VermontNewman@gmail.com.

Pre-Advent Parish Mission: Save the Dates!

There will be a parish mission for both St. Monica and St. Augustine parishes offered by Chris Padgett, November 17-20. He is an author, speaker, comedian, musician, and professor, who was here some three years ago. The main mission presentations will be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, with some daytime offerings yet to be determined. Please put the dates in your calendar!

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Communal Anointing of the Sick

A special mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 6 at 1:00PM** at **St. Augustine Church**, for all those in need of the Sacrament of the Sick. Family members are welcome to join them for mass, which fulfills the Sunday obligation. The Church intends the sacrament for the elderly or ill who have a physical, spiritual or emotional condition which affects their daily life.

It helps us prepare if we know how many people will join us, so registering at either parish office is requested.

For those who are already an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion the Diocese is offering additional training if you would like to bring Communion to the Sick and Home bound

Training sessions will take place twice at each location for the convenience of ministers.

Ministers only need to attend one session: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **or** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

The Central Vermont Session will take place at St. Monica on Tuesday, December 3

To register for these sessions, please visit the Diocesan Liturgy website at www.vermontcatholic.org/worship and click on OCIA Formation. You may also register by contacting me at jperry@vermontcatholic.org or **802-448-3515**.

I look forward to seeing you this fall!

Young Adult Ministry

On Wednesday, October 9, Bishop McDermott will meet with Young Adults from 7:00PM to 9:00PM—at Good Water Brewery in Williston. To join the Diocesan Young Adult Group, please contact Isaac Desranleau at idesranleau@vermontcatholic.org

Medical Decisions Near the End of Life—November 7

What happens if one is unable to make decisions in the hospital? How aggressively must we treat illness near the end of life? When is it ok to turn down burdensome treatment? Is turning down treatment killing? Or merely letting nature take its course? How do we consider the sanctity of all human life, but also our eternal home in heaven when we make medical decisions? As all come at some point to the end of life, how do we approach it well, with particular focus on the modern medical environment?

Fr. Greg Caldwell will offer a presentation on Thursday, November 7 at 6:30PM at St. Monica, to consider these issues. The practical and legal realities, including advanced directives, will be considered as well as moral and spiritual considerations in light of our faith, knowing everything we decide is towards The Greater Glory of God, the Salvation of Souls. All are welcome to attend. (Funeral Planning will be held at St. Augustine Church on November 14)

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

All Saints Day, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. The mass schedule for **St. Monica** is:

Thursday, October 31, is the Vigil Mass at 5:00PM. On November 1, 8:15am (School Mass), and 6:00pm.

St. Augustine Church, there are two masses: 7:00am and 12:10pm.

All Souls Day: Is not a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be **one mass only** at St. Monica on Saturday, November 2 at 9:00am.

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner: Save the Date!

Our annual parish Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors and those who will be alone on Thanksgiving Day will be held on Sunday, November 10, in the school cafeteria beginning at noon. We will be asking for donations of pumpkin pies and cranberry sauce, and baking potatoes. We will keep this information in the next several bulletins.

Choir Rehearsals for Christmas

Choir rehearsals for Christmas, will begin on October 2 at 6:20pm in the Church around the piano. For more information, contact Rosie Badeau at 802-272-4657.



St. Monica – St. Michael School Notes & News

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SMSM Cross Country

The SMSM Cross Country Team competed in their first race on Saturday, Sept. 21st at Danville.



Parent/Grandparent Lunch

On Tuesday, September 17th, SMSM held its first monthly Parent/Grandparent lunch. These lunches are a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to come to school and enjoy lunch while spending quality time with their children/grandchildren.



St. Monica – St. Michael School's mission is to nurture the spiritual, intellectual, and physical growth of our students. We share an active appreciation for learning, and a love and respect for God, self, and others. Our Catholic school is where faith, friendship, and knowledge grow!



Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday, September 29th

- Class for Grades K, 1, 3-6
- Gr. 2 Parent/Student Meeting

Sunday, October 6th

- Class for Grades K-6 @ 5:15

Sunday, October 13th

- Class for Grades K-6 @ 5:15

Sunday, October 20th

- Class for Grades K-5
- SM/SA CYG Session

Sunday, October 27th

- All Saints Party @ 5:15

Sunday, November 3rd

- Class for Grades K-6 @ 5:15
- SM/SA CYG Session

Sunday, November 10th

- Class for Grade 2 @ 5:15
- Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 17th-19th

- Parish Mission (No Class)

Sunday, November 24th

- **No Class**

Sunday, December 1st

- **No Class**
- SM/SA CYG Session

Saturday, December 7th

- **FIRST RECONCILIATION 11am @ ST. MONICA**

Sunday, December 8th

- Christmas Pageant Practice

Sunday, December 15th

- **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!!**

Sunday, December 5th

- **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!!**

Religious Education

Meeting for all Catholic Second Graders THIS SUNDAY!!!

All parents of Catholic 2nd grade students who are planning to have their child receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are required to attend two meetings throughout the year. The first meeting for parents and students is September 29th, 2024 and will take place in St. Monica Parish at 5:15pm. The second meeting will be at the same place and time on January 5th. Please mark your calendars for these meeting dates! More info will be sent out soon via email to all Catholic second graders.

Class for Grades K-1, 3-5 this Sunday.

Meeting for Grade 2!



St. Jerome

Feast Day: September 30th

Patron Saint of: Biblical scholars, librarians, students

Life: 342AD - 420AD

Fun Fact: He spent his entire life translating the scriptures from Hebrew and Old Latin.

Religious Ed

During the first Religious Ed classes of the year, Cassie Aja teachers her first graders. They showed great interest in coloring a picture of St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon!



SM/SA Catholic Youth Group!

SM/SA Youth Group had a wonderful time bowling last week! Fr. Greg was happy to meet some of the Parish's youth.



Become a Volunteer!

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with Religious Education and/or Catholic Youth Group. If you have a special skill and you would like to offer your time and talents to the Religious Ed program at St. Monica Parish, please reach out to Abigail Beach or Carolyn Raycraft by phone @ (802-476-4020) or by email (stmonicalift@gmail.com)!

NEWS FROM The Inland See September 28—October 4, 2024

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Respect Life Update

As part of Respect Life Month this October, the Diocese is seeking to increase awareness of the various healing ministries available for those who have suffered loss, especially of children, as well as highlighting the dignity of every person of any ability. The Diocese desires to walk with and welcome all to encounter our Lord Jesus Christ.

Toward that end, Bishop John McDermott will be celebrating two special Diocesan Masses during the month of October.

Remembering Our Precious Little Ones, a Memorial Mass and Prayer Service for those who have experienced the loss of a child before or after birth, will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 5, at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Vianney Church in South Burlington**. Mass will be followed by a Prayer Service in the adjacent Resurrection Park Cemetery. Afterward, a light lunch reception will be held in the parish hall for those who would like to attend. Please see contact information below to RSVP for lunch.

This Mass and Prayer Service will not only affirm the dignity of babies lost in miscarriage, infants, and children of any age, but also serve as a consolation to the mothers and fathers who grieve the deaths of their precious children.

The second special Mass is a **Sensory-Friendly Mass Welcoming Individuals with Disabilities** that will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington**. This regularly scheduled Sunday Mass will have several sensory-friendly adaptations, including dimmer lighting, softer music, and an ASL interpreter. (At the time of this writing, we are attempting to secure an interpreter). The Mass will be followed by a reception downstairs in the parish hall, no RSVP necessary.

We invite those with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, and their parents or caregivers, to join us in worship at this special Sunday Mass. This Mass will affirm the dignity of persons with disabilities, as well as raise awareness about how parishes can implement adaptations to welcome Catholics of all abilities.

Both Masses are open to all. For more information, please contact Respect Life Coordinator, Eileen Haupt at ehaupt@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110, x1201.

Resources for Miscarriage and Child Loss

Red Bird Ministries: redbird.love

Present in the Pain Retreats: eileentully.com

The Emmaus Ministry: emfgp.org

Elizabeth Ministry International: elizabethministry.org

Catholic Miscarriage Support: catholicmiscarriagesupport.com

Mommy to a Little Saint — Catholic Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support (Facebook) facebook.com/groups/378453748952136

Miscarriage and Infant Loss Resources: mycatholicdoctor.com/our-services/miscarriage-and-infant-loss-support/miscarriage-and-infant-loss-resources

Resources for Catholic Disability Advocacy

National Catholic Partnership on Disability: ncpd.org

Word on Fire Fellowship for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: wordonfire.org/fellowship-for-persons-with-intellectual-development-disabilities

Inclusive Participation Assessment Tool (for parishes): ncpd.org/files/resources-toolkits/LAMB_Assessment_Key_English.pdf

Details of Events:

Remembering Our Precious Little Ones

Memorial Mass and Prayer Service for those who have experienced the loss of a child before or after birth

Saturday, October 5, 10:00 a.m.

St. John Vianney Church

160 Hinesburg Road, South Burlington

Sensory-Friendly Mass Welcoming Individuals with Disabilities

Sunday, October 27, 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Joseph

29 Allen Street, Burlington

— *Eileen Haupt is the respect life coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington.*

Upcoming Events



10/04, 11 FRIDAYS
Explore Alpha

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:15 - 8:30 pm

Explore Alpha is an opportunity to experience an authentic Alpha session, learn more about how the program works, and engage in discussions about building a welcoming culture of invitation. As Jesus says, "Come and see!" John 1:39. Alpha is an open and welcoming program designed to engage people in conversations about faith. Its primary focus is on those who have not yet found a church home, those who are searching for meaning, those who have questions about life. It also offers a pathway to parish rejuvenation and to welcoming home Catholics who've been away.



10/05 SATURDAY
Remembering Our Precious Little Ones

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 am

A Memorial Mass & Prayer Service for those who have experienced the loss of a child before or after birth. Bishop John McDermott will celebrate Mass, followed by a short prayer service at adjacent Resurrection Park Cemetery. A lunch reception will then take place in the Parish Hall. For those planning to attend the luncheon, please RSVP to Eileen Haupt, Respect Life Coordinator, ehaupt@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110, ext. 1201. This Respect Life Month event is open to all.



10/05 SATURDAY
Free Community Dinner

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 - 6:30 pm

Please join us for a Free Meal. Open to anyone who would like a Hot Meal. Offered first Saturday of the month.



10/05 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. Benefits the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



10/05 SATURDAY
St. Raphael Dinner Dance

St. Raphael, Poultney • 5 - 8 pm

An evening of music, food, and fun to benefit the church repair fund. Pork and chicken kabob dinner with all the trimmings, dancing to ENERJAZZ Big Band. Tickets \$25 per person. Call (802) 265-3808 or (802) 671-8139 for tickets.



10/06 SUNDAY
Orleans County Annual LIFE CHAIN

100 Main Street, Newport • 2 - 3 pm

Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes and praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. More than 2,000 cities across North America are expected to participate for this 37th annual prayer witness. Life Chain applies a Code of Conduct and is entirely prayerful and peaceful. For more information, contact Jeannine at lifechain4Newport@gmtmom.com or phone (802) 586-2899.



10/06 SUNDAY
Fifth Annual Celebration of St. John Henry Cardinal Newman

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction 3 - 7 pm

The evening includes Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two lectures on the life and thought of John Henry Newman by Dr. Mark Clark and Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. \$15.00 per person, \$50 family rate. Inquire or RSVP by September 29 to VermontNewman@gmail.com.



10/06 SUNDAY
Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 - 4:30 pm

Father Lance Harlow will conduct a Eucharistic Healing Service, with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament along with praying over Father Harlow.



10/07 MONDAY
Spanish Mass

St. Michael's College, Colchester • 7:30 pm

Mass in Spanish will be offered in the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel at 7:30 pm.



10/08 TUESDAY
Our Lady's Kitchen Luncheon

St. Anthony, Bethel • 11 am - 1 pm

A free, hot luncheon for anyone in the community. Takeaways available!



10/09 WEDNESDAY
Faith Ascending

Goodwater Brewery, Williston • 6:30 pm

Join us for the next installment of Faith Ascending. Faith Ascending is a chance for young adults to share in good news and good brews! Bishop John McDermott will be the speaker. **FOR MORE INFO: visit vermontcatholic.org/event/faith-ascending-2/**



10/11 FRIDAY
Essex Community Dinners

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 5:30 - 7 pm

Come Join Us for Dinner! Essex Community Dinners are provided in order to grow/promote our community! They are intended to feed the hungry, lonely and needy amongst us. These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out also available.

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

The Blessed Mother Our Guide and Companion



Learn more or register:
vermontcatholic.org/event/2024-vt-fall-womens-retreat/



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