

#### Weekend & Daily Liturgies

Saturday: Sunday: SL 4:00pm SPX 4:30pm SL 8:00am SPX 9:30am HF 11:00am HF 7:30pm

**Daily mass** HF 8:30am SPX 6:30pm Wednesday

Live Stream Mass go to

essexcatholic.vermontcatholic.org

#### SACRAMENTS Baptism:

Parents should call the Parish Office Marriage:

Must be scheduled at least six months in advance to allow for the required pre-marriage course. Please call Fr. Ranges, S.S.E. 878-5331 **Reconciliation:** 

• St. Lowronce 2:15

Saturday: St. Lawrence 3:15 to 3:45 pm St. Pius X 3:30 to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Please call Fr. Ranges, S.S.E. 878-5331

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact Fr. Ranges

Visits to the Home Bound:

Please notify the parish office of anyone unable to attend church because of illness, age or handicap

#### **Sacramental Preparation**

**Children (Grades 1-2)** ~ The preparation process for the sacraments of First Reconciliation & Eucharist involves participating in our parish's first and second grade religious education classes. Both sacraments are celebrated during the second grade year.

#### **Confirmation Program**

As we implement the Diocesan Confirmation Plan, 6th & 7th grade candidates will be preparing for confirmation in the 2021-2022 school year.

**Follow the Essex Catholic Community on Social Media!** You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter where we post details about activities, inspiration, prayer requests, share pictures and more. Find us @essex\_catholic

#### ESSEX CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Pastor ~ Rev. Charles Ranges, S.S.E. 4 Prospect Street Essex Junction, Vermont 05452 802-878-5331 ext. 204 ~ holyfamily2@comcast.net **Parishes of:** 

### HOLY FAMILY/ST. LAWRENCE

36 Lincoln Street / 158 West Street Essex Junction, Vermont 05452 www.hfslvt.org ~ holyfamilysecretary@comcast.net Parish Office / Holy Family Cemetery ~ 802-878-5331 Parish Hall Rental ~ 802-878-5331 ext. 203 or events@essexcatholic.org

#### **Parish Staff**

Administrative Assistant ~ Josh McDonald Accountant ~ Margaret Judge Faith Formation Director & Confirmation Coordinator ~ John McMahon Parish Hall Coordinator ~ Michael Dowling Parish Council Coordinator ~ Dave Robideau Finance Council Chair ~ Bernard Couture

ST. PIUS X

20 Jericho Road Essex, Vermont 05452 www.saintpiusx.net ~ saintpiusx@comcast.net Parish Office 802-878-5997

#### Parish Staff

Deacon ~ Deacon Gerry Scilla Office Manager/Accountant ~ Margaret Judge Religious Education Coordinator ~ Emma Goff Confirmation Coordinator ~ John McMahon Administrative Assistant ~ Christina Moore Parish Council Coordinator ~ Gary Diminick Finance Council Chair ~ Jim Rose Music Director ~ Dave Riley







Thank you to all who are involved in our Christmas celebrations. With three churches I was not able to get involved with decorating, but everything is very

beautiful and I appreciate the effort of all who made them so. I know that it is an act of faith as we make beautiful the sacred space. Thanks also to our music ministers, altar servers, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers and all others who were involved to make things go well.

A special thanks to Fathers Carter, Berube and Eneji, who are celebrating Masses on Christmas and throughout the year. And of course, the parish staff who are working quietly behind the scenes making sure that all goes as planned.

We especially miss Deacon Gerry Scilla this Christmas as he continues to recuperate at home after being very sick. Hopefully, the pandemic will soon come to an end and he will be back to his ministry.

Personally, I would like to thank so many of you for the cards and gifts that have been sent to me. Please know I am very grateful and I appreciate every act of kindness shown to me.

This Sunday is Holy Family Sunday and the feast day for the Holy Family church in Essex Junction. Built over 128 years ago, it is a testimony to our ancestors who sacrificed much to foster a Catholic community in what was a rural area. My home parish is Holy Family Church in New Rochelle, NY and I believe that it is providential that I serve here. The feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the importance of family in the first 30 years of the life of Christ. God is also family and where we experience God's unconditional love in our formative years. May we pray for all families, today especially taking different forms, and work to safeguard the family unit.

A Blessed and Holy New Year to all. Come join us for the holy day Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, World Day of Prayer for Peace. A blessed and happy new year to you and your families.

God Bless, Father Charles

Your prayers are requested for all those affected by COVID-19, the safety and health of our first responders, service and support personnel working as peace-keepers

and for those who are ill especially ~ Shaun McGuire, Robert Vaccaro, Taylor Blais, Donna Girard, Linda Zeno, Mack Riley, Nina Balch, Patricia Reilly, Joseph Deso, Bridget Vitale, Haley Reen, Fernando Luis Riganti, Sherry Harvey, Barbara Slattery, Klara Szell, Janet Bonneau, Quenten Fabano, Nora Thomason, Shirley Aiken, Jeff Boomhower, Sophie Fellows, Ciera Charbonneau, John W. Beatty, Sr., Kathleen Deeley, Colleen Collins, Carol & Larry Girard, Ricardo Lucero, Colleen Walker, Karen Wolback, Frank Thomas, Thomas Hibbs, Leo Campagna, Patricia Ose, Katie Rich, Dan Davis, Gabbi Roberts, Karen Dowling, Joshua Fitzgerald, Marie Sadler, baby Jack, Tom Robideau, Danielle, Clem Cardinal, David Cobler, Joyce Potenzano, Andrew Bushnell, Lynda Amorese, Jennifer Gryga, Jim Frei, Cathy Thibault, Beth, Corrine Longe, Patrick Ames, Francis Pinard, Fr. Vincent Coppola, Bob McLaughlin, Devon Dougall, Rosina Jean Heaslip, Rosemary Rhoades, Gerry & Laura Lee Donahue, Yorini Undyantara, Evangeline, John Derivan, Phil Pelkey, Peter Evans, Alicia Sansone, Karl Loughner, Robert Antonovich, Bodhi Gray, John McDonald, Lucy Stillman, Lorne Thibault, Bob Blais, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Donna Ferro and repose of the soul of Edward Poland, Sr. and Carolyn Emery.

## PMass Intentions

| HOLY FAMILY / ST. LAWRENCE |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| SATURDAY                   | DECEMBER 25 ~ Christmas                    |  |  |  |  |
| 9:30 am STL                | Warren Martin by the Norton family         |  |  |  |  |
| 4:00 pm                    | ~No Vigil Mass for Sunday~                 |  |  |  |  |
| SUNDAY                     | DECEMBER 26                                |  |  |  |  |
| 8:00 am                    | Florida Derway                             |  |  |  |  |
| 11:00 am                   | Bill Parmelee                              |  |  |  |  |
| 7:30 pm                    | Holy Family & St. Lawrence parishioners    |  |  |  |  |
| MONDAY                     | DECEMBER 27                                |  |  |  |  |
| 8:30 am                    | Mr. & Mrs. Howard McGuire by Phyllis       |  |  |  |  |
| TUESDAY                    | DECEMBER 28                                |  |  |  |  |
| 8:30 am                    | Robert Martell                             |  |  |  |  |
| WEDNESDAY                  | DECEMBER 29                                |  |  |  |  |
| 8:30 am                    | Laurence Cardinal                          |  |  |  |  |
| THURSDAY                   | DECEMBER 30                                |  |  |  |  |
| 8:30 am                    | Sue Harnish by her family                  |  |  |  |  |
| FRIDAY                     | DECEMBER 31                                |  |  |  |  |
| 8:30 am                    | deceased members of the Ranges family      |  |  |  |  |
| SATURDAY                   | JANUARY 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary              |  |  |  |  |
| 10:00 am HF                | Mike Wright <i>by Mary</i>                 |  |  |  |  |
| 4:00 pm STL                | Jean-Paul Bernard by Therese Dandurand     |  |  |  |  |
|                            | Gilbert & Theresa Lavallee                 |  |  |  |  |
|                            | by Mike & Nicole Lathey                    |  |  |  |  |
| SUNDAY                     | JANUARY 2 ~ Epiphany                       |  |  |  |  |
| 8:00 am STL                | Al Porter by Monica                        |  |  |  |  |
|                            | Arthur Derway, Sr.                         |  |  |  |  |
| 11:00 am HF                | We pray that every child born is a sign of |  |  |  |  |
|                            | trust in God by the CDA                    |  |  |  |  |
| 7:30 pm HF                 | Holy Family & St. Lawrence parishioners    |  |  |  |  |

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY ~ HOLY DAY Friday, December 31st

**St. Pius X ~ 4:30pm** 

Saturday, January 1st

St. Pius X ~ 10:00am & Hoy Family ~ 10:00am

#### ST. PIUS X

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|-----------|--|
| SATURDAY  | DECEMBER 25 ~ Christmas                  |
| 9:30 am   | Mary Blais by Frank & Roberta Pietryka   |
|           | Ray Weston by Rita Weston & family       |
| 4:30 pm   | ~No Vigil Mass for Sunday~               |
| SUNDAY    | DECEMBER 26                              |
| 9:30 am   | Ellen & Bernard McNamara by Cathy Birong |
|           | St. Pius X parishioners                  |
| WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 29                              |
| 6:30 pm   | For Peace and Joy in the World           |
| FRIDAY    | DECEMBER 31 ~ Solemnity of Mary (vigil)  |
| 4:30 PM   | Ryan Mills                               |
| SATURDAY  | JANUARY 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary            |
| 10:00 am  | John Cahill by the Judge family          |
| 4:30 pm   | Lorraine & Richard Sweeney               |
|           | by Jeff & Debbie Smail                   |
| SUNDAY    | JANUARY 2 ~ Epiphany                     |
| 9:30 am   | Carl & Elizabeth Collins                 |
|           | by Ed & Laurie Collins                   |
|           | St. Pius X parishioners                  |

More than the Magi: **Celebrating the Riches of Epiphany 2022** 

Thursday, December 30 from 7:00-8:30 at Holy Family Parish Hall. A reflection on the history, liturgy, and spirituality of a feast of feasts. Hosted by Fr. Berube. Masks Required.

#### CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN

80% (increase of 20%) of new gifts and pledges made in December will go back to the parishes to support their efforts and

20% will be split evenly between faith formation and emergency aid until the end of the campaign pledge period.

Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church is collectively, our Catholic community joining together to ensure each parish has the resources it needs to address local needs, expand emergency aid to vulnerable families throughout the state and strengthen our faith formation programs, including our Catholic schools, religious education programs and lay leadership training. To learn more about the campaign or to make a gift please visit: www.christourhopevt.org.

#### Essex K of C Bishop Rice Council #2946



Are you a practical catholic man 18 years of age or older thinking about joining the Knights of Columbus? Check out the Knights of Columbus visit our web site www.kofc.org, and if you

like what you see, you can join from the site! Contact Grand Knight Ron Rice at roakwd@aol.com or 802-879-6989 if you have any questions. The council meets Wednesdays at St. Pius X Church. Put your faith into action and "Leave No Neighbor Behind".

#### **PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS & PRIESTS**



There are many ways to support our Seminarians & Priests; remember to pray for them each day, have Masses said for them, pray for them during Eucharist Adoration, or pray the rosary for them. Remember them on their birthdays, Christmas, Easter etc.

#### PRAYER LINE

Our Essex Community Prayer Line would like you to join them. Together we pray for all those hurting in any way. If you are interested in joining our Parish Prayer Line, please contact Stan Spaulding at 878-3144. Thank You! Are you or someone you know ill, hurting, worried or need surgery? Our Parish Prayer Line can help!



On Behalf of Fr. Ranges, Fr. Berube, Deacon Gerry and the staff of the Essex Catholic Community we would like to wish you and your families a Blessed and Happy New Year!



Thank you for your generosity! 

#### Weekly Zoom Scripture Reflection Group

Monday nights at 6:30pm on Zoom! Our Scripture Reflection Group have resumed on Mondays. Come join us! Contact John for more information or to join.

#### The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

is the Church's process of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church via the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist. Next Session: Wednesday, January

5th - The Gospel

Contact John for more information.

#### High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Our next session will be on

OUH Sunday, January 16th from 5:30-7:00 PM @ St. ROUP Pius X. All high school youth are invited to join us. Contact John McMahon for more details.

#### First Communion & Confirmation Candidates

Please remember to keep our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates in your prayers, as they journey to receiving these Sacraments in the Spring.

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

Father in heaven, you sent us your only Son to redeem us and to build your kingdom on earth. Please give us the wisdom and strength we need to follow His call. Grant to the faithful a spirit of generosity, that Church vocations may flourish. Bless our priests with holiness and courage, that they may lead your people to Christ. Help all sisters and brothers to fulfill their sacred promises and so be effective signs of your kingdom. Lord, invite more men and women to your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Meal Train Ministry



Is in particular for families who are welcoming a new child into their family! This is in combination with Baptismal Preparation programs to welcome new parishioners, allow for families to

have some prepared meals during the first couple weeks of their newest addition and maybe even meet some new friends! We would love for you to participate in helping out families by either making a homemade meal, dropping off food from a local restaurant, or gifting a gift card! If you are interested please contact emma.goff@essexcatholic.org. If you or someone you know is welcoming a new family member this year, please reach out as we would love to support you!

#### HOLY FAMILY ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family



Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!" Simply an incredible experience. The Eucharist is: Jesus truly present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity! Come to Holy Family Church on Friday after the

**8:30am Mass until 10:00am**, even if you only have a few minutes. You will be blessed, and you will bless our Eucharistic Lord. The change was made because many of our seniors requested that Adoration take place during daylight.



The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is a beautiful prayer composed by our Lord Himself to help foster devotion to His **Divine Mercy**! I Consider praying this devotion after the 8:30am Mass on Thursday at Holy Family or at home for the health and safety of all

, ithose affected by COVID-19.

#### HOLY FAMILY CEMETERY COMMISSION



Fr. Ranges and the Holy Family Cemetery Commission are looking for a few more members. The **Cemetery Commission** is responsible for the day-to-

day operation of Holy Family Cemetery. Responsibilities include maintenance, improvements, burials, and lot sales. The Commission is also responsible for long term planning, policy making, budgeting, and setting fees. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Fr. Ranges at 802-878-5331 or Mike Dowling 802-355-3739.

#### 2021 / 2022 MASS INTENTIONS

Please schedule your Mass intention dates, by stopping in, emailing or calling any day but Monday.

HFSL: holyfamilysecretary@comcast.net ~ 878-5331

#### Church Support

| December 05, 2021                       |    |          |  |  |
|---|----|----------|--|--|
| Offertory                               | \$ | 6,303.50 |  |  |
| Christmas Flowers                       | \$ | 1,203.42 |  |  |
| Buildings & Grounds/Fuel                | \$ | 416.00   |  |  |
| Donations/Stipends/Hall Rental          | \$ | 398.00   |  |  |
| December 08, 2021                       |    |          |  |  |
| Immaculate Conception                   | \$ | 438.00   |  |  |
| December 12, 2021                       |    |          |  |  |
| Offertory                               | \$ | 4,874.35 |  |  |
| Retirement for Religious                | \$ | 1,166.50 |  |  |
| Buildings & Grounds/Fuel                | \$ | 158.00   |  |  |
| Donations/Stipends/Hall Rental          | \$ | 927.00   |  |  |
| Thank you for your continued generosity |    |          |  |  |

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Faith Formation Office: John McMahon at 878-5331, ext. 202, or john.mcmahon@essexcatholic.org

2020-21 Religious Education Program:

#### Grades 1-8

Family Formation Program: Grades 1-5

Family Class: Sunday, January 9th 9:00am to 10:30am @ at HFSL Parish Hall

<u>Grade 2</u>: Our next 2nd Grade session January 16th 9:00am to 10:30am @ at HFSL Parish Hall

2021-2022 Confirmation Program: 6th & 7th grades

 Cohort A: next session on Sunday, January 9th will meet from 5:30 to 7:00PM @ St. Pius X

 Cohort B: next session on Sunday, January 16th will meet from 9:00 to 10:30AM @ Holy Family
Contact John for more information.

<u>8th Grade Religious Education</u>: Our next session meets on Thursday, January 13th

6:00-7:30PM @ SPX

#### Have You Tried FORMED.org yet?

Go to: <u>formed.org</u> or visit our website www.essexcatholic.vermontcatholic.org. Click on the **REGISTER** tab. Enter Parish Code **7BHFCD** and your email address. Follow the prompts to set up your own **FREE** account. Enjoy great movies, audios, e-books, audiobooks, scripture studies, and more.

#### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP



The Padre Pio group will meet on <u>Saturday, January 8th</u> <u>at Holy Family Church.</u> We will begin with the Rosary at 8:00 am followed by Mass, Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts. If you

have any questions, please contact Laura Duquette at 557-1593.

#### ONLINE GIVING ~ Help Sustain Our Parish

As we move forward there are still many uncertainties that lie ahead, and as a church we continue to adjust. Right now, the ability to support and partici-

pate online is more important than ever. That is why our parish offers Online Giving as an option to support our ongoing mission and ministries. It is time to come together as brothers and sisters in faith so that we can continue to offer hope and healing to those around us. Go to <u>www.hfslvt.org</u> to get started. Questions, please call the parish office at 878-5997.

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Following 9:30am Mass at St. Pius X until 5:00pm

Eucharistic One of the signs of a vital parish is when the parishioners have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ Sul who is present in the Sacraments of the Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will Adoration begin at the end of the 9:30 am Sunday Mass until 5:00 pm in the afternoon. For this to happen, we need parishioners to sign-up so someone is always there to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. You can sign up online at www.saintpiusx.net or by calling (802-878-5997) or emailing (saintpiusx@comcast.net) the St. Pius X office. You can sign-for a continual commitment for each Sunday or simply for one Sunday at a time. I will be praying that there is " a good response since I know the power of prayer. Please remember to pray for me and the needs of the Essex Catholic Community.

#### USHERS NEEDED For 4:30pm and 9:30am Masses

This ministry is open to all parishioners over the age of 17. Both Masses are currently in need of additional ushers to unlock the church before Mass, help with greeting parishioners, collections, clean-up pews after Mass, and lock church

doors after Mass. If you would like to volunteer for the USHER MINISTRY, please call the parish office at 878-5997 or email saintpiusx@comcast.net.

Altar

<u>Altar Servers Needed!</u> Altar Serving is a wonderful experience where you'll get to

Mass and most importantly, can grow closer to God! St Pius is currently looking to add servers. If you will be in 4<sup>th</sup> grade this fall all the way to an adult member to the Parish, please consider joining us in serving Mass. Training will be provided. If you're interested, please contact the parish office <u>saintpiusx@comcast.net</u>.

## Church Support

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|---|----|----------|--|--|
| December 05, 2021                       |    |          |  |  |
| Offertory                               | \$ | 3,672.85 |  |  |
| Christmas Flowers                       | \$ | 917.00   |  |  |
| Buildings & Grounds/Fuel                | \$ | 470.15   |  |  |
| Donations/Stipends/Hall Rental          | \$ | 3,730.00 |  |  |
| December 08, 2021                       |    |          |  |  |
| Immaculate Conception                   | \$ | 369.00   |  |  |
| December 12, 2021                       |    |          |  |  |
| Offertory                               | \$ | 3,480.10 |  |  |
| Retirement for Religious                | \$ | 1,049.50 |  |  |
| Buildings & Grounds/Fuel                | \$ | 411.15   |  |  |
| Donations/Stipends/Hall Rental          | \$ | 1,395.00 |  |  |
| Thank you for your continued generosity |    |          |  |  |

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**RE Coordinator:** Emma Goff at 878-5997 or emma.goff@essexcatholic.org

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<u>Grade 2</u>: Our next 2nd Grade session January 16th 9:00am to 10:30am @ at HFSL Parish Hall

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#### ESSEX JERICHO UNDERHILL FOOD SHELF Our next distribution is on January 15th @ 9:00am



We are especially in need of **CEREAL**. Please bring your donation of cereal to church or drop them off at Price Chopper, Hannaford and Jericho Market.

If you would like to volunteer at distribution or set-up please email or call the parish office (878-5997). To make a monetary donation please do so through Online Giving or mail it to EJU Food Shelf, PO Box 65, Jericho, VT 05465.

Thank you for all of your donations of Time, Talent and Treasure; you are why we are able to help our neighbors in need!!

A Heartfelt Thank You, to everyone who helped families in need this season!! We were able to brighten many families Christmas' this year with donations of; Holiday meal fixings, gifts for children, heat, electric and rent assistance. Thank you for coming together as a community!!

God's Hands at Work :)

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# The Brews FROM Inland See

## God first loved us

hope this last edition of *The Inland See* for 2021 finds you and your loved once healthy and growing in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

This edition leads us through the celebration of Christmas and into the new year, a year that I have designated as a year of "Communion: Creed, worship and life." As we celebrate Christmas, I see an opportunity for us to reflect upon the Incarnation as the greatest moment of communion between God and humanity. Consider if you will that God did not have to choose to be born through the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, but He did in the person of Jesus who later revealed why: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him mighnot perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3:16).

Think about that for a moment. "for God so loved the world." As such, this primary love for us, as revealed to us, calls forth a response from us to either love or not love Him in return. When we do choose to love God, we are called do so as the great commandment says, "with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our soul." St. Augustine of Hippo offered great encouragement for us when he wrote, "To fall in love with God is the greatest romanee; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement."

Now out of God's love, comes the crux of what we celebrate at Christmas, that God "gave his only Son ... so that we might have eternal life." God did so by incarnating Himself as "true God and true man" in Jesus Christ: The Incarnation was the greatest communion because it was the primal communion, it is what began the whole great plan of salvation in and through Jesus Christ. All other communion flows from that moment. Notice as well that this moment is Trinitarian: God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, became man in the person of Jesus. Subsequently, that communion becomes manifested in each of us at the moment of baptism, when we are born again and take on the new person of Christ.

During this time of Christmas and the beginning of the Year of Communion, my encouragement is for all of us to begin by praying and meditating on the fact that God first loved us and how we love I lim in terurn. As baptized members of the Church, we share in its communion as community and as ones in communion through the sacraments. I offer the words of Pope Leo the Great (c.400-461) from one of his Christmas homilies for your prayerful reflection:

"Our Saviour, dearly-beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sudness, when we keep the birthday of she Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and



brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and deash finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all. Let the saini exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon. Let the gentile take courage in that he is called to life......\*

God bless.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Chaistpha J. Cyre

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne Bishop of Burlington

## Upcoming Events



12[28,01]04, 11, 18, 25 HILSDAYS Courageous Women Bible Study Studio Wanney, S. Banington - 9 ann or 630 pm For this study we will use, "Courageous

Women: A Study on the Heroines of Riblical Fistory "by Stady Mitch, written with a female audience in mind yet it is equally approachable for men. There are 8 sessions; participants are welcome to attend as many or as few as they can. FOR MORE INFO: Connie McDonald (802) 864-4166 x 204 or SJVGoodNews@gmail.com



#### 12]30 THURSDAY More than the Magi: Celebrating the Riches of Epiphany 2022

Huly Family, Essex Junction • 7-8:36 pm A reflection on the history, liturgy, and solir tuality of a feast of feasty, with Fr. Bichard Bender, SSE.



01[05, 19, 02[02, 16, 03]02, & 15 WEDNESDAYS *Resisting Happiness* Book Club

Online • 7 pm Come explore with us Matthew Kelly's book *Revising Hoppiness* at 7-8 pm every other Wednesday for six weeks. Free book and study guice, contact, pture key@aol.com.



01|07, 21, 02|04, 18 F310AYS The Challenge Club for Catholic Girls

Immoundate Heart of Hany, Willston - 5 - 8 pm Challenge Is a club for girls to grow in virtue, frieneship and their Catholic faith. FOR MORE INFO: contact Mary Niekrewicz, mary.of.vl@gmail.cum, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko, audreycgsvt@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.



#### 01|16 SUNDAY DeGoesbriand Council 279

Burlington Pancake Breakfast Cathedral of St. Joseph. Burlington + 8:30 11:30 am

Spin sored by Knights of Columbus DeCoestriand Council 279. By conation, the suggested conation is \$8.



01 25 TUESDAY Saints & Sinners Online • 7 pm

Loin us in November when Deacon Phil Lawson presents on Saints Philip, Athanas us and Lawrence. For more info: vermunicatholic.urg/saints and sinners.



#### 02[05 SAIUR DAY Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Huly Family, Essex Function + 8 orn Rody Forniby, Essex Function + 8 orn Rosary, Confessions, and Mass at 8:30 am.



#### 0215 SATURDAY Adoration Mini-Mission with Holy Hour

St. John Vianney, 5. Burlington 10:39 am - 12:30 pm



DEC. 26, 2021 – JAN, 1, 2022

#### CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

**Feast of the Holy Family** We hear how Jesus goes "missing" this week, but in truth he is in his Father's house. The fear of Mary and Joseph was real, as was their joy. This week make time to share an experience from this year when each of you experienced fear and joy. I isten to what each family member is saying to understand the situation. End with the *Our Father* in gratitude for your family.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

Yot sure what aderation is all about? Or maybe you've not been to adoration for awhile and could use a refresher course? In anticipation of a 40 Hours of Aderation event coming this Lent, Josh Perry, the diocesan Director of Worship, will be offering a mini-mission awith instruction about adoration, followed by a holy hour.



#### 02|06 SUNDAY Marriage Anniversary Mass

Cathedral of Studeseph, Burlington - 10 am Are you and your spouse celebrating a

milestone anniversary (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2022? To register please contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@ vermontcatholic.org or (802)658-6110, ext. 1131.



02|12 SALUEDAY Padre Pio Devotions

Haiy Family, Exex Junction - 8 am Rosary, Mass and discussion about Padre Pio.



02|22 TUESDAY Saints and Sinners Online - 7 pm

Join us in February when Fr. Robery Murphy presents on Saints Therese of Lis cure. There will be time for prayer, small group and large group discussion. For more info: vermonicatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.

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