

The NEWS FROM Inland See

March 31 – April 6, 2018

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



It has been more than 2,100 years since the disciples first found the empty tomb, more than 2,100 years since they first encountered the Risen Christ in the upper room, more than 2,100 years since they saw Him ascend into heaven. It has been more than 2,000 years since those eyewitnesses to Christ's death and resurrection died. They were witnesses of what they had seen to those who followed, the second and third generations of Christians. These later generations, like us today, did not know Christ in the flesh. Yet they believed just as we believe today. Chesterton in the quote above says that, "Faith means believing the unbelievable." It is truly unbelievable that Christ rose from the dead, for no one else has since then. And yet we do believe, not simply because of the words of Scripture or any historical evidence that testify to the fact of Jesus' resurrection, but because of the witness of others and the promptings of divine grace present in each human person. For this, we are truly blessed: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (Jn 20:29).

During those 2,100 years or more, the Church has commemorated the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist on the first day of the week and in the yearly celebration of Easter morning. In His life, Jesus Christ taught us what it means to "love the unlovable." In His death on the Cross, He "pardoned the unpardonable," not just the sins of those who were crucifying Him — "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" — or were crucified with him —

"Today, you will be with me in paradise" — but the sins of all humankind.

That encounter with boundless love and forgiveness did not end when the resurrected Christ left this world. Whenever the Church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist, we truly encounter the one who loves us, the one who pardons us

"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless."

— G.K. Chesterton

and the one who wishes only to draw us to Himself. This is not a matter of faith. It is a matter of truth. Still, it takes faith to accept this truth, to believe in the unbelievable and to profess that faith. "I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!"

As it has been for more than 2,100 years, the Church has been a beacon of hope "when everything seems hopeless." Some may think that the present culture and moment of history have moved beyond the Church and its faith. But I think not. I believe that the preaching of salvation centered in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is a Gospel of joy and of Good News, is one that the world

desperately needs now more than ever. Why? Because it is a message of hope to a world that many consider hopeless.

Happy Easter.

Yours in Christ,



Christopher J. Coyne

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

UPCOMING EVENTS



04|03 TUESDAY
**Sacred Relics of the Saints:
Treasures of the Church**

St. Augustine, Montpelier • 6 pm

Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross has a special ministry of bringing sacred relics to the faithful. He will talk about relics and then invite attendees to examine and venerate the 150+ relics that will be displayed. These relics are of famous saints as well as of relatively unknown saints, some modern and some very ancient. Join us!



04|05 THURSDAY
**Through the Storm: Caribbean
Storm Relief**

*St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester, NH
5:30 - 8:30 pm*

Helping our Brothers and Sisters in the Caribbean Through the Storm is an initiative organized by Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, to support victims of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Through the Storm will be a statewide day of prayer and will culminate in a Mass and a benefit reception with Most Reverend Roberto Octavio González Nieves, O.F.M., Archbishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Most Reverend Herbert A. Bevard, Bishop of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands attending.

FOR MORE INFO: <https://www.catholicnh.org/throughthestorm/>



04|06 SATURDAY
Bring-a-Gift Bingo

St. Amadeus, Alburgh • 5 pm

Doors open at 5 pm, games begin at 6. \$5 for 18 cards and a wrapped gift of \$10 minimum. Featuring regular, quickie and special games, and snack bar.

FOR MORE INFO: stamadeus@fairpoint.net or (802) 796-3481.



04|06, 07, 08
**Rice Memorial High School
Spring Musical "Anything Goes"**

Black Box Theater, Burlington

Rice Memorial High School's Music and Theater Department will present Cole Porter's beloved musical, four show times: Friday 7 pm, Saturday at 2 pm and 7 pm, Sunday at 2 pm. \$15 General Admission; \$12 Student/Senior. Buy tickets at Rice 11-12 weekdays, or via email: lynam@rmhsvt.org.



04|07 SATURDAY
Knights of Columbus Bingo

All Saint's Parish Hall, Richford • 11:30 am

Doors will open at 11:30 am, games start at 1pm. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available.



04|07 SATURDAY
**Birthright of Burlington
Open House**

289 College Street, Burlington • 12 - 4 pm

Tour our space, meet our volunteers, learn about our mission and services to pregnant women. Light refreshments.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 865-0056 or birthrightvt.com



04|07 SATURDAY
**Mount St. Joseph Academy/
Christ the King School Auction**

Holiday Inn, Rutland • 7 pm

The emcee of the evening, Michael Coppinger, will entertain attendees through the featured silent auction and the live auction, followed by dancing to music provided by MC Sounds. Tickets are \$15 per person, available at both school offices and at the door. If you or your company would like to donate an item or service or to inquire about the Corporate Sponsorship Program, contact Mary Lou Tedesco Harvey at (802) 236-3485 or mharvey@msjvermont.org.



04|08 SUNDAY
Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

Holy Family Church, Essex Junction • 2 - 4 pm

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will begin with confession from 2-3 pm, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



04|09 MONDAY
**Rosary for Healing and
Protection on Facebook Live**

Facebook, 11:20 am - 12 pm

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. To help commemorate the month, the Diocese of Burlington is broadcasting a Rosary for Healing and Protection to Facebook Live. We will pray for healing for all who suffer from abuse or neglect, especially those who experienced abuse by a member of the clergy or Church personnel. Tune into the live feed on the diocesan Facebook page to pray alongside us. The video will remain available on the diocesan Facebook page after the conclusion of the live feed.



04|15 SUNDAY
Maple Breakfast

*St. Amadeus, Alburgh
9 am - 12 pm*

The menu will include eggs, pancakes, various meats, coffee/tea and maple dumplings. Adults \$10, 7-12 \$5, under 7 free.



04|15 SUNDAY
**Ascension Parish
Maple Ham Dinner**

Georgia Elementary School, Georgia • 12 pm

Come join us at our annual maple ham dinner featuring delicious maple desserts! Adults \$14, Seniors \$10, Children 5-12 \$7, Under 5 Free, Family \$35.



04|15 SUNDAY
**Social Impacts and Responses to
Opiate Abuse in our Community**

Mater Christi School, Burlington • 2 - 4 pm

The Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates are sponsoring a panel that will seek to address the problem of opiate abuse in Vermont. Panel: TJ Donovan, VT State Attorney; Mark Redmond, Director of Spectrum Youth and Family Services; and Dr. Stephen Leffler, UVM Chief Medical Officer. Facilitator: Dr. John Reuwer, Emergency Medical Physician and Adjunct Professor of Peace and Justice, St. Michael's College. A portion of the *Hungry Heart*, a prize winning documentary film by Bess O'Brien, will be shown.



04|18 WEDNESDAY
Mass of Thanksgiving

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 7 pm

Fr. Harlow will celebrate Mass as part of his Masses of Thanksgiving in honor of his Silver Jubilee.



PRESENTATION

**Vermont Catholic Advance
Directives — How and Why**

Bioethicist Deacon Pete Gummere will lead a discussion on the Vermont Catholic Advance Directive (VCAD) and distribute VCAD preparation packets at this presentation. The VCAD complies with Vermont's Advance Directive Law as well as with Church teaching. respectlife@vermontcatholic.org

St. Monica Parish Hall Barre, Vermont
Thursday, April 19, 2018 • 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm

St. Edward Parish Hall, Derby Line
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 • 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm



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