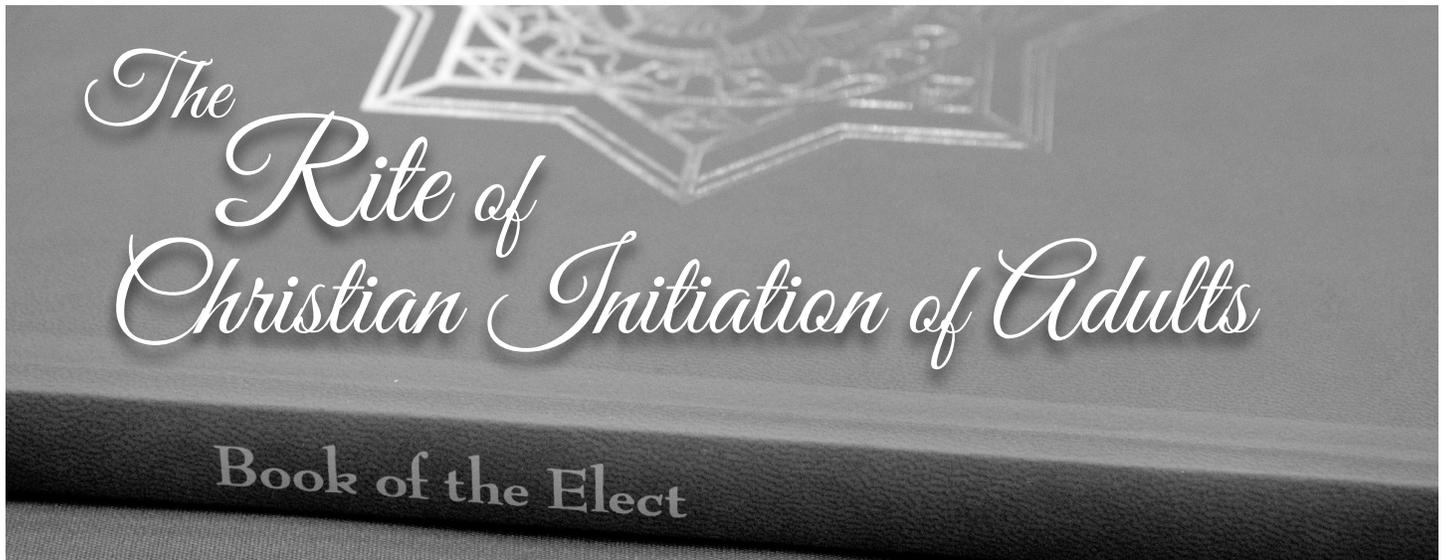


NEWS FROM The Inland See

February 29 – March 6, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



Trying to figure out who's who is a common human activity. We like to know who we are sharing our time with and what relationship they have to us. So it is with the Church that gathers on Sunday for Mass. Many of the faces are as familiar as our own, but as with any healthy group, new faces are to be expected and welcomed. Some of those new faces may be responding to a call to find out more about Christ and His Church.

The Church opens its arms to these seekers with the wisdom and rituals of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. People who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith and its mission falls into two main groups: catechumens and candidates. A catechumen is someone who has never been baptized while there are others (called candidates), already been baptized in another Christian denomination, who desire to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Catechumens and candidates undergo a period of formation involving a number of steps and phases.

After this formation, usually at the Easter Vigil or in the Easter Season, they receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. In 2018, the Diocese of Burlington had 42 catechumens and 47 candidates.

For these catechumens and candidates, Lent is a period of intensified spiritual preparation. At the beginning of Lent, the

Diocese celebrates a special ritual: the "Rite of Election" for the catechumens and the "Call to Continuing Conversion" for the candidates. Based on the testimony given by the sponsors and catechists, Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne will declare the catechumens to be "Elect," chosen by God for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the upcoming Easter Vigil.

The bishop will also recognize the desire of the already-baptized candidates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist within our Catholic Community.

All members of the faithful throughout the Diocese are encouraged to pray for and with the catechumens and candidates. Join us for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, and commit to praying in Lent for these newest faces in your parish and throughout the Diocese.

The above article was written by Josh Perry, director of worship for the Diocese of Burlington, and Lauri Becker, a retired director of religious education from Minnesota who presented on the RCIA at last September's Pastoral Ministries Conference.

All are encouraged to attend the Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion on March 1 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington at 3 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



03|02 MONDAY Ageless in the Lord

Christ the King, Rutland • 10 am - 12 pm

Are you aging well? Does aging feel like a thief in the night? Do you think that your age is not the best age to be? Would you like to have more meaning and purpose in your life? The Ageless in the Lord Lenten Retreat has nothing to do with age, but everything to do with attitude! This retreat will challenge those who are past their mid-life, or are living in their senior years. Register by 2/28/2020: rwccatholic@gmail.com. Cost: \$10 includes materials and light refreshments.



03|04, 11, 18, 25 WEDNESDAYS Lenten Mission: "Insight into The Gospels"

Saint Sylvester, Graniteville • 6 - 7 pm

Inspirational, educational, and insightful reflections on The Gospels, presented by Rev. Father John Milanese. Saint Mark on March 4, Saint Matthew on March 11, Saint Luke on March 18, and Saint John on March 25. If desired, bring your Bible and a notepad. Lent isn't just about what you give up; it is about who you become.



03|05 THURSDAY Taize Prayer Service

St. Jude, Hinesburg • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

All welcome; free will offering will be taken.



03|06, 20, 04|03 FRIDAYS St. Ambrose Lenten Fish Fry

St. Ambrose, Bristol • 5 - 7 pm

Join us for all-you-can-eat fish fry. Meal includes fried or baked haddock, French fries, coleslaw, fresh baked dinner roll, beverage and dessert. Adults \$13.50, children 9 and under \$6.50, immediate family of 5 \$38.



03|06, 13, 20, 27, 04|03 FRIDAYS Stations and Soup

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5:30 - 6:30 pm

On Fridays during Lent, we will pray the

Stations of the Cross, followed by soup prepared by various parish groups, served at St. Brigid's Kitchen.



03|06, 13, 20, 27, 04|03 FRIDAYS Lenten Soup Supper for Haiti

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6 - 7 pm

Join us for a modest Lenten meal, with a

variety of meatless soups and lots of good fellowship. A free will donation is requested (but not required) and will go to support education and community development at our sister parish in Boc-Banic, Haiti. We will also accept donations of school supplies, which will be collected throughout Lent and shipped to Haiti later in the spring. After the meal, all are invited to stay for Stations of the Cross in the church upstairs.



03|06 FRIDAY Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm

This new documentary explores the life, the faith, and the ministry of this extraordinary woman who devoted herself to the ideals of Catholic social teaching and the Preferential Option for the Poor. She is currently under consideration for sainthood. Essex Catholic Community is pleased to present this film as part of our "Series on the Saints."



03|07 SATURDAY Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family • 8 - 9:30 am

First Saturday of every month, rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 am and Mass at 8:30.



03|08 SUNDAY Burlington K of C Pancake Breakfast

St. Mark, Burlington • 8 am - 5 pm

Age 6 to 89, suggested \$7, under 6 and over 89, no charge. Maximum per family, \$25. Blueberry or plain pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, milk, orange juice, hot chocolate.



03|09, 16 MONDAYS Lenten Series

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm

"The Journey of the Magi for Lent: A Parable,

A Poem, and a Painting" presented by Fr. Richard Berube, SSE.



03|13 FRIDAY Reflections of the Stations of the Cross

St. Jude, Hinesburg • 7 - 8 pm

Josh Perry, Director of Worship, will be offering Reflections of the Stations of the Cross, followed by the Stations. All are welcome.



03|14 SATURDAY Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am

Rosary starts at 8 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 will follow in the Holy Family Parish Hall after Mass.



03|15 SUNDAY Pancake Breakfast

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Swanton
8:30 am - 12:30 pm*

Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, muffins, donuts, fruits, coffee, milk & juice.



03|15 SUNDAY Traditional Latin Mass

St. Elizabeth, Lyndonville • 5 pm

Celebrate the Traditional Latin form of the Holy Mass every third Sunday of the month with the NEK community. The Mass will be offered by Father Brian O'Donnell, chaplain to the St. Philip Neri Latin Mass Chaplaincy in Burlington, VT.



03|19 THURSDAY St. Joseph's Day Celebration

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington

5:30 - 8 pm

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, in partnership with the World Apostolate of Fatima — Our Lady's Blue Army — is hosting an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary for Vocations, and Mass. The traveling Virgin Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at our Cathedral from March 7-21. During this mission, we pray in a special way for the priests and seminarians of our diocese as we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Protector of the Church. 5:30 – 6:30 pm: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Confessions. 6:30 pm: Rosary. 7 pm: Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph



03|19 THURSDAY Theology on Tap

Church Street Tavern, Burlington • 6:30 - 8 pm

Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion series for young adults in their 20's and 30's, single or married. Theology on Tap provides opportunities for young adults to grow in their Catholic faith and meet like-minded people while enjoying great beer and great food! Join us on the third Thursdays of the month at Church Street Tavern in Burlington at 6:30pm.

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