

NEWS FROM The Inland See

June 3-9, 2017

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



I have had the great good fortune to live most of my life within a stone's throw of the natural world. You can't see my house from an aerial view of Google maps because there are so many native pine trees in the way. A leisurely five-minute stroll to the end of my road brings me to the banks of the Hudson River which, at this point in its journey, is close enough to its headwaters to still be a bit on the wild side.

But something changed here about six years ago which alarmed me quite a bit. Nearly half a century ago, my mother had planted a lovely rhododendron bush in front of the house which, when it bloomed in the spring, literally hummed and quivered with the vast number of bees that came seeking its pollen. This was such a regular occurrence that, like the trees and the river, I had come to take it for granted.

That is, until the spring of 2011. That year the bush bloomed as gloriously as ever but, for the first time in my memory, it neither hummed nor quivered. The bees, which had once been beyond tallying, were almost entirely gone. I actually went searching for them, and the ones I did manage to find I could count on less than one hand. There were three of them. That was it. Just three bees left.

I had heard about a crisis with bees and other pollinators, but it didn't really hit home until my own rhododendron bush went silent. I was puzzled; we use no chemicals on the property and leave most of it in as natural a state as possible.

Where had all the bees gone and, more importantly, how could I get them back?

My research began in earnest; I discovered that bees are particularly fond of blue, purple, yellow and white flowers, preferably from native species. I planted several. I interspersed my vegetable garden with marigolds and narcissus. I put up hummingbird feeders and hand-pollinated the zucchini. Then, having done everything that was within my control, I waited while whatever was beyond my control re-aligned itself, I hoped.

Nature is all of one piece, isn't it? Tinker with one part over here and a tug is felt over there. Somewhere, someone had tinkered, and my bees were telling me, point blank, that respecting creation is part of respecting the Creator as well.

One season passed into another and yet another, and last spring I began to count bees again.

There were more than a handful now, and I rejoiced when I saw them move from blossom to blossom in the vegetable garden. Fat bumbles found their way to the marigolds, maybe six or so, happily doing the work they were meant to do. And the rhododendron hummed just a bit more.

Such a tiny messenger really, a bumblebee. But what an apparently important message it had to convey.

— *Kay Winchester, Vermont Catholic*

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UPCOMING EVENTS



06|04
Monthly Healing Service
St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington
3 pm

A healing service takes place on the first Sunday of each month in the Upper Church. Healing service includes Divine Mercy Chaplet with Exposition/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and individual prayer. Everyone is invited to attend to pray for physical, mental and spiritual healings or just to make a holy hour.



06|05, 12, 19, 26
Wild Goose Film Series
Christ the King, Rutland
6:30 - 8 pm

Discover and develop a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Presenting the film series, *The Wild Goose* with Fr. Dave Pivonka, T.O.R., which is awakening God's love and transforming power in the hearts of all who participate. Learn about the attributes of the Holy Spirit, practical application on how to respond, and hear testimonies of people across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Spirit of God. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. This series meets on Mondays. The first two sessions were held on May 15 and 22, with the next four sessions on June 5, 12, 19, and 26.

FOR MORE INFO: Peggy Angstadt (802) 492-3703, fivestonesofgospa@gmail.com



06|10, 11
Blessing of Automobiles and Travelers
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
7 pm and 10:30 am

The blessing of automobiles and travelers will take place after the Saturday evening 7 pm Mass on June 10, and after the Sunday morning 10:30 am Mass on June 11.



06|11
Spanish Mass & Confessions
LaSalette Shrine, Enfield, NH
2:30 pm

Fr. John Patrick Sullivan, M.S., who served as a missionary in Argentina for many years, will celebrate Mass in Spanish. Father Sullivan is available for Confessions in Spanish before and after the Spanish Mass. There will be refreshments after Mass. Fr. Sullivan also hears confessions both in Spanish and English at the regular confession times at the Shrine.

FOR MORE INFO: (603) 632-7087, lasaletteofenfield.org



06|15
Application Deadline for the Lay Formation Program

A two-year diocesan program preparing lay people for ministries in their parishes and communities. Begins in August.

FOR MORE INFO: vermontcatholic.org



06|16, 17, 18
Discernment Retreat 2017

This is a three day discernment retreat at Saint Anne's Shrine. The idea is to walk with

young people discerning God's call. This retreat is great for any young person trying to find their calling in life. Retreat begins at 6 pm on Friday and concludes at noon on Sunday.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 654-3400, Fr. Lino Oropeza, linooropeza@gmail.com,



06|17
Ordination to the Priesthood
St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington
10 am

Burlington Bishop Christopher J. Coyne will ordain Deacon Joseph J. Sanderson to the Roman Catholic priesthood. The faithful of the Diocese of Burlington are invited.



06|17, 18
Blessing and Anointing of the Sick and Infirm
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
various times

The blessing and anointing of the sick and infirm will take place following all weekend Masses: Saturday at 7 pm; Sunday at 9 and 10:30 am.



06|18
French Mass
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
10:30 am

French Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Marcel Rainville, S.S.E.



06|18-23
5-Day Silent Retreat in the Ignatian Tradition
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte

The Society of St. Edmund will conduct this retreat using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Retreatants will be invited to contemplate scripture passages, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. The retreat begins at 7 pm on Sunday and concludes with lunch on Friday. Space limited due to single room accommodations. Cost: \$500.

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06|23, 24, 25
Vermont Catholic Youth Serve 2017
UVM, Burlington

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to explore what it means to show Christ's love at the second annual Vermont Catholic Youth Serve 2017! The weekend will be a time for praying, learning, socializing, building friendships, celebrating and growing in faith and more! The cost for VCYS is \$75 per participant. This fee covers all meals and lodging. Adult help is also needed for the success of this program.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 658-6110 x1130, or kalderman@vermontcatholic.org



06|24, 25
Annual Trinkets and Treasures Sale
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
8 am - 4 pm



06|24
Third Annual Family Day Retreat: Mary, Our Mother
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Troy
9 am - 8 pm

Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima, this popular Family Retreat has something for every member of the family. Featured speakers include our Msgr. Peter Routhier, pastor of St. Augustine Church in Montpelier, and Danielle Bean, publisher, author and host of *The Gist* on CatholicTV. Cost per family \$30, individuals \$10, seniors \$6.

FOR MORE INFO: www.SacredVincentIgnatius.com.



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vermontcatholic.org/calendar

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT

Did You Know that the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports ministries and programs that impact 73 parishes, 23 missions, 13 schools and 118,000 Catholics from across the state of Vermont? The Chancery Office is comprised of a team of 36 staff that support these ministries and provide direct services to the parishes, schools and larger Catholic community. Listen to Bishop Coyne explain why your support matters and look for new videos about ministries and services throughout the campaign at: bishopsappealvt.org.

