

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

You likely have received at least one request from Bishop Coyne requesting your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We are getting closer to our goal and ask that you prayerfully consider the request and respond generously. St. Patrick Parish is now at 74% of our pledge goal (\$9,765 toward goal of \$13,179), and **St. Anthony-St. George has reached its pledge goal (\$3,723 toward goal of \$3,618). Congratulations!** Thank you to all who have participated so far. Pledge cards may be found at the church entrances for those who wish to use them. Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual appeal in the past and in this 2018 Campaign. For more information and to make your gift, please visit bishopsappealvt.org.

Word Of Life

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say?"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Peter said to Jesus, "You have the words of eternal life". Discover God's plan for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Dec. 7 – 9, 2018 in Isle La Motte, VT. and Mar 15 – 17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT. For information Call Gary and Lynn Root at 802-456-8114.

CONGRATULATIONS to Wilfred and Doris St Pierre, celebrating seventy years of marriage on August 28th. This is a noteworthy anniversary, one we don't often see! If you would like to send them a card: 824 Swamp Road, Fairfield, 05455.

St. Mary's Breakfast: St. Mary's will be serving a Breakfast on Sunday September 2nd, from 8 am until 11 am. at the Parish Center on Fairfield Street. Menu will include ham, eggs, fried potatoes, pancakes, fruit, juice, and coffee. The cost will be \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 per family.

VT Catholic Charities offers counseling services to individuals, couples and families. If you or someone you know needs support contact Sharon Trani at (802) 658-6111, ext.1318

"Energy Needs" Collection



One of our two annual collections for "Energy Needs" will be taken up next weekend, September 1-2. The Total for the two collections last year was about \$6,700. This year (2018-19), the budget for energy needs (electricity and oil) for the two churches and the rectory is \$21,800 – a whopping 50% increase over last year (2017-18). Once again, we encourage you to make as large a donation as your means allow in order to help off-set this significant expense. If you are not able to contribute next weekend, your donation will be welcomed at any later date.

Vermont Catholic Advance Directive: There will be a presentation on Sunday, September 16 at 2:00 pm at The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Parish in Swanton. Here in Vermont, many options are available for end-of-life care. Sadly, some of these are morally very troublesome! For this reason, the Diocese of Burlington has created the Vermont Catholic Advance Directive. This Document explains Catholic teaching on end of life care and enables you to appoint a healthcare agent to act on your behalf in the event you are unable to communicate or participate in healthcare decisions and complies with Vermont's Advance Directive Law as well as with Church teaching. Bioethicist Deacon Pete Gummere will lead the presentation.

Presbyteral Assembly: On the Tuesday through Thursday after Labor Day the priests of the diocese will gather at Lake Morey for their annual meeting. This gathering each year affords the bishop and his priests the opportunity to meet for business, prayer, and fraternity. Meeting, praying, eating, drinking, socializing, golfing, cribbage, swimming, hiking, and other activities are enjoyed. It's always good to get together with the other priests for this time together.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday: Jennifer Chalifoux **Monday:**

Bruce Branon, Margaret Ryan

Tuesday: Griffin Corey **Wednesday:**

Jason Bapp, Alexandra Nesbitt **Thursday:** Jason

Callan, Eli Edelson, Kelly Schreindorfer **Friday:**

Linda Watson **Saturday:** Susan Callan, Quincey

Walent

