



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2020

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor

Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

Parish Office

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

11:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Closed on Wednesday

Secretary: Ms. Joanne Collins

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM

Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM

Baptism: Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least one month in advance.

Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

Mass Intentions

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne has suspended all public celebrations of the Catholic Mass, sacraments and devotions until further notice.

Although the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted, we strongly encourage you to view Sunday Mass every week. Please see the section which follows for times and channels. In addition, you may view Bishop Coyne livestreaming on our website starting this Sunday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.



Janet Flaherty
Catherine McKenney
Martha Brock
Dianne Hopkins
Max Loper
Liz Wheeler
Lorraine Drolet
Frank Klymn
Otie Whitaker

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Lamps
will burn for:

In memory of Ralph
Funari 2nd anniversary



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,700.00
Offertory collection March 14-15:	\$ 2,837.00

**Thank You for Your Support
of Saint Anthony Church!**



Daily Reflections for Lent: Check out our website to view Bishop Barron's Daily Lenten Reflections, www.stanthonyvt.org.

Message from Fr. Rick:

My dear Parishioners,

I pray to God that you are all staying healthy and using this unexpected moment in history to stay faithful to Christ and His Church.

The Diocese of Burlington is providing online resources to help families live the faith intentionally in these challenging times. (see <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/covid-19/>)

The Diocese will be livestreaming Mass beginning this Sunday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m., which will then be posted to every parish eCatholic website, <https://stanthonysvt.org> or <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/>

I ask that you continue to support your parish financially by continuing your usual weekly parish support, either through the mail or dropped off at the office.

I am maintaining office hours in Windsor and can be reached there by calling 802-674-2157, ext. 103. If no one answers, please leave a message. I want to express my deep gratitude to Deacon John Guarino and Joanne Collins for their efforts to keep St. Anthony's office open for limited hours. St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be open for a few hours daily. For safety reasons, Ron Poulin or I will have to be present in the church (stay tuned for details). At Bishop Coyne's direction, a candle will be lit before the Statue of Our Lady and the Christ Child in Windsor as a place dedicated to prayer for an end to this epidemic.

I ask you, my good parishioners, to pray for an end to this epidemic, for all who have died, for all who are sick, anxious, for those who have lost jobs, for doctors, nurses, first responders, EMTs and all health care workers, for parents, children, and families.

Lord, grant to us all a renewed hunger and thirst for you in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, so that when this trial ends, we may return with renewed devotion to your ALTAR!

Let us continue to pray for each other!

Saint Anthony, Pray for us!

Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Saint Joseph, Pray for Us!

Our Lady, Health of The Sick, Pray for us!

In Christ,
Fr. Rick Danielson

Office Hours This Week: Our parish office will be open, but staff will be working limited hours. On Monday, March 23rd the parish office will open at 12:30 p.m. On Thursday, March 26th we will open at 12:30 p.m. Please call or email us before stopping by in the interest of social distancing, and to give us the opportunity to sanitize surfaces between visits.

Chapel Visits: If possible, we ask that you please contact the parish office 24 hours in advance of your planned chapel visit to ensure that we will be here to open the chapel and to sanitize surfaces for you.

Weekly Bulletin: Our weekly bulletin is posted on our website. We are working on providing an opportunity for our parishioners who do not have online access, or who prefer a printed version to pick up a bulletin at the office, whether or not the office is open. We plan to have a plastic container under cover at the rectory door (face the office door and ¼ turn right) as soon as we can.

Lectors: Lector Training 2.0 at St. Anthony Church Tuesday, March 24 has been cancelled.

Stations & Soup: Scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 3 has been cancelled.

Christ Our Hope: The *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign has been suspended. With events unfolding so rapidly, we await further information as to the status.

Third Annual Catholic Men's Conference: This event scheduled to be held at St. Anthony Church in White River Junction on Saturday, March 28, 2020 has been cancelled.

Third Order of Mary: Due to the threat of the COVID-19, the April meeting of the Third Order of Mary is cancelled. For any questions, please call Marilyn White at 802-295-3507, Connie LeBlanc at 603-448-5129 or Veronica Colby at 603-448-6343. Hopefully we'll be able to get back on track for the May mtg. In the meantime, we ask you to please on keep praying.

RCIA: Our RCIA program has been temporarily deferred, with no meetings taking place at this time in order to ensure the health and safety of all participants. Please remember in your prayers Christopher Olmstead who is preparing for Baptism and John Usher who is preparing to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year. *Lord and God, you know the secrets of our hearts and reward us for the good we do. Look kindly on the efforts and the progress of those who seek to complete their initiation into the Church. Strengthen them on their way; increase their faith and hope; and accept their repentance. Open to them your goodness and justice, and lead them to share in your sacraments on Earth until they finally enjoy your presence in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Catholic Mass on TV: The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended by Bishop Coyne in light of recent and ongoing public health directives. We encourage you to view the celebration of Sunday Mass by Bishop Coyne at 10:00 a.m., livestreamed on our website, or on the following:

Sunday mornings at 6:00 a.m. on **WCAX-TV**, channel 3 (or consult your local listings.)

Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on **WNNE-TV**, channel 13 (or consult your local listings.)

Televised Masses may be found on **The CatholicTV Network**, cable channel 166 (or consult your local listings) **Sunday** at 10 a.m., 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Daily Mass is Monday through Friday at 9:30 a.m., with rebroadcasts at 7 and 11:30 p.m.

Televised Masses may also be found on **EWTN**, channel 38 (or consult local listings) **Sunday** 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Daily Mass is Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Respect Life: “There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

Haven: You Can Support Your Neighbors During The Covid-19 Crisis. The Upper Valley Haven works every day to support people experiencing poverty by providing food, shelter, education, and service coordination. During the COVID-19 crisis, they will continue to support these families and individuals, as well as anyone who may find themselves experiencing situational poverty. There has been an increase in need and expect that to grow. Your support will to provide hope and offer a sense of security in people’s lives during this challenging time.

Saint Anthony Parish has long supported the Haven by collecting food in the basket at the entrance of the church before and after Masses. With the suspension of Mass, we are temporarily unable to continue collecting at the church. The five most needed items this week are peanut butter, tunafish, beans, rice and soup. Other needs include bottled water, and toilet paper.

We pray that you and your families are safe and healthy, and we hope to see you back at Saint Anthony Church when this crisis is over.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

March 21-27, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Precautionary notice from Bishop Christopher J. Coyne regarding novel coronavirus

As a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of viruses, such as the novel coronavirus and flu, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne released a notice to all parishes within the Diocese effective Wednesday, March 4, 2020, to temporarily suspend communion from the cup until further notice.

Additionally, until further notice, the Sign of Peace at Mass is not to include any physical contact. The practice of holding hands during the Lord's Prayer should cease as well.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations to limit potential exposure to viruses pastors have been asked to regularly communicate to their parishioners that if one is sick, he or she should stay home and not attend Mass. The obligation to attend Mass in such cases is lifted. Priests, lay ministers, and all present for liturgy should be mindful of and practice good hygiene measures.

It is important to note that many of the precautions that help prevent other respiratory diseases, like colds and the flu, can also help keep an illness like novel coronavirus from spreading:

- ♦ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - ♦ Stay home (and keep your children home) when sick.
 - ♦ Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
 - ♦ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- For additional information regarding the novel coronavirus and preventative measures, please visit the CDC's website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- ♦ Frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 - ♦ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Wash your hands and teach kids to scrub hands for at least **20 SECONDS.**

LIFE IS BETTER WITH CLEAN HANDS

www.cdc.gov/handwashing

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To see more events or to submit your event to the diocesan calendar:
vermontcatholic.org/events

UPCOMING EVENTS



03|24 TUESDAY
**Pastoral Ministries
Conference Webinar**
Online • 7 - 8 pm

This webinar is for everyone who attended the Pastoral Ministries Conference in September and for those interested in parish leadership and ministry in our diocese. Deacon Phil Lawson and Michael Hagan will host this discussion. We will also be joined by parish leaders from: Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington, All Saints, Richford, St. Luke & Ascension Parishes, Fairfax & Georgia. This is an online event and registration is FREE. Simply register using this link and you'll be able to watch our speakers (live) and interact with questions or comments — all from the comfort of your own home!
FOR MORE INFO: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/pastoral-ministries-conference-webinar/>



03|25 WEDNESDAY
**Saint Francis Xavier School
Open House**
Saint Francis Xavier School, Winooski
8:30 - 1:30 pm

St. Francis Xavier offers strong academics, a vibrant community, and a supportive, faith-filled environment for our students. Walk-ins are welcome, but we also encourage RSVPs by calling (802) 655-2600 or e-mailing info@sfxvt.org. Saint Francis Xavier School serves students from Pre-School (age 3) to grade 8. Visit our website at www.sfxvt.org.



03|25 WEDNESDAY
**Lenten Mission:
"Insight into The Gospels"**
Saint Sylvester, Granitville • 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|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|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.



3|27, 28, 29 FRIDAY—SUNDAY
**Lord, What do You Want
Me to Do?**
Our Lady of Life Spiritual Center,
St-Paul-d'Abbotsford, QC • 7 pm

Vocation Discernment Retreat with Bishop Christian Rodembourg (Diocese of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec). Teaching given in French with simultaneous English translation.
FOR MORE INFO: www.notredamedevie.org/en



03|28 SATURDAY
**Diocesan Catholic
Men's Conference**
St. Anthony, White River Jct. • 9 am - 3:15 pm
Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference featuring Guy Gruters



03|29 SUNDAY
**Ascension Church
Maple Ham Dinner**
Georgia Elementary and Middle School,
Georgia • 12 - 2 pm

Single seating at noon. Cost is \$15/person, \$11/seniors, \$7/children 5-12, children under 5 free, \$35/family.



04|03 FRIDAY
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.



04|04 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
First Saturday of every month, rosary and
reconciliation begin at 8 am and Mass at 8:30.



04|04 SATURDAY
Lenten Day of Recollection
St. Mark, Burlington • 8:45 am - 2 pm
Juventutem Burlington is hosting a "mini-retreat" for young adults from age 18 to 35 led by Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. We will start with Mass at 9am, followed by talks given by Fr., and Exposition and Benediction with time in between for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and confessions. We will have some light refreshments available after Mass (coffee, bagels, fruit, etc.)



04|04 SATURDAY
Blood Drive
St. Isidore, Montgomery Ctr. • 9 am - 1:30 pm



04|04 SATURDAY
K of C Bingo
Dorian Hall, Richford • 11 am - 5 pm
Doors opening at 11 am and games starting
at 1 pm. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available.
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



04|07 TUESDAY
Chrism Mass
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 11 am
Join Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne

and the priests of the Diocese of Burlington for the annual Mass at which priests will renew the promises they made at their ordination and the holy oils used throughout the year in the sacramental life of the Church will be blessed. NEW THIS YEAR Park at St. Anthony's Church in Burlington and take a shuttle van to the Cathedral. Shuttles will run from 9:30 - 10:45 am, and again following the Mass until 2 pm.



04|20 MONDAY
**A Cause for Sainthood —
Burlington's First Bishop**
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm

Kathleen Messier, Diocesan Archivist, and Josh Perry, Diocesan Director of Worship will discuss: The path to sainthood — Who? Why? What? How? When? Exploring the process of canonization in the Catholic Church, A biographical sketch of Burlington's first bishop + Louis de Goësbriand, A curated display of artifacts belonging to or used by Bishop de Goësbriand, Comments, questions, and answers

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator

The Loretto Home, Rutland: Director of Nursing — \$3,000 Sign-on Bonus!

Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales School, Bennington: Administrator

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LPN or Med Tech — \$1000 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LPN or Med Tech

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LNA or Caregiver — \$500 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LNA or Caregiver

Vermont Catholic Charities:
Counselor Full-Time

For More Info:
vermontcatholic.org/careers

Sunday, Mar 22, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; SECOND SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

Clarity at last

Darkness and light are biblical themes that invite us to take an internal sight exam. How clearly do we see? Like the man in today's gospel, we're all born blind into a world grown accustomed to the blurred vision of habitual sin. We view most decisions in terms of what's in it for us. It's difficult and challenging to climb up to a higher point of view to ask: What will serve the common good? Today, we pray that our Elect will have the grace to seek and attain that higher ground. And might we too ask for the same?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (31). *"What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"*

Monday, Mar 23, 2020

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Step down to your calling

God must have a great sense of irony. Imagine the head of an important court suddenly being summoned to pastor a far-off land filled with people who speak unknown languages. Such was the destiny of Turibius of Mogrovejo, summoned from his post as chief inquisitor in Granada, Spain to pastor the Lima archdiocese, which included the indigenous Andean communities of 16th-century colonial Peru. Turibius went with the flow admirably, traversing his vast archdiocese three times on foot, alone, ministering to all along his route. He defended those who suffered the greatest injustice under the colonial rule he himself represented. Downward mobility is a pattern in saints' biographies. Time to evaluate your priorities?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). *"He and his whole household came to believe."*

Tuesday, Mar 24, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Be a voice for the voiceless

Saint Oscar Romero, the archbishop of San Salvador who spoke out against grave social injustice in El Salvador, was assassinated by his opponents while celebrating Mass on this day in 1980, and it is commemorated by the United Nations as International Day for the Right to the Truth. Today is an opportunity for you to honor the memory of human rights victims, pay tribute to those who struggle to protect those rights for all, remember the important work of Romero, and commit yourself to his values of speaking truth to power, even when it costs you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). *"Look, you are well; do not sin any more, so that nothing worse may happen to you."*

Wednesday, Mar 25, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Say yes to God

The Annunciation is a beautiful feast that celebrates Mary's "yes" to God during her encounter with the angel Gabriel. Mary doesn't rattle off a quick response but rather pauses and ponders, wondering what this might mean. Her response is a choice not simply to give birth to a child, but to fully embrace her identity and her calling as an intimate companion with God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord." It is as if Mary is saying, "Look! My

life is fully in God! Everything about who I am is for and with God!" During this day of Annunciation, reflect on your daily "yeses." How do these reflect your own identity and life in God?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). *"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'"*

Thursday, Mar 26, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Reflect in your heart

Imagine taking a walk with the Lord today. As you walk along, he suddenly stops and looks at you with a question in his eyes. He hesitates, but then goes ahead and asks: "Do you have the love of God in your heart?" You might respond: "I am doing my best to be patient, to think of others first, to be kind and generous. It is Lent after all." Jesus persists: "But do you have the love of God in your heart?" Take five minutes today and consider that question. Be at peace with whatever thoughts come to mind. Then allow the insights you gain to set the rest of the day's course.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). *"It is simply that I know you and you do not have the love of God in your hearts."*

Friday, Mar 27, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

What price would you pay?

Today's gospel has an aura of doom about it, with Jesus getting a clear message that authorities would like to kill him. The church teaches that "Jesus went up to Jerusalem voluntarily, knowing well that there he would die a violent death because of the opposition of sinners," as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it (569). How far are you willing to go to "do the right thing"? Contemplate today the sacrifices you have made and what you would be willing to do to be true to your beliefs.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). *"Some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem said, 'Is he not the one they are trying to kill?'"*

Saturday, Mar 28, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY

The plot thickens

Next weekend we observe Palm Sunday, ushering in a dramatic week that includes the tragedy of Our Lord's suffering and death. The gospels describe for us the suspicion and plotting that will lead to his Crucifixion. Among the religious leaders, only Nicodemus gives Jesus the benefit of the doubt and tries to argue his case. This is the same Nicodemus who has already visited Jesus under cover of night to discuss his teachings and who provides the burial spices after Jesus is crucified. How can you be Nicodemus in situations where others are subject to suspicion and suffering?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). *"I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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