



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 27, 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

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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: By appointment only. Please call Father Danielson to schedule.

Baptism: Parents must contact 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 reminds us that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until further notice. We join Bishop Coyne in asking those with a cough or fever of any sort and anyone feeling sick to not come to the church for a visit or to attend liturgy. Those who are at a higher risk from COVID-19 or those caring for the sick are asked to stay home.

Saturday, December 26 4:00 P.M. The People of Saint Anthony Parish

Sunday, December 27 8:30 A.M. Jeannette Albanese by Pauline

Monday, December 28 *No Mass*

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1 9:00 A.M. Margaret Bocci by Marsha Rogenski

Saturday, January 2 4:00 P.M. The People of Saint Anthony Parish

Sunday, January 3 8:30 A.M. Deceased members of the Esposito family by estate



Fr. Kenneth Ridgeway
Rose Acker
Frank Klymn
Richard Avicelli
John Patterson
David Lillie
Diane Laroche

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:

**Saint Anthony
Parishioners
& friends**



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,700.00
Offertory collection December 19-20:	\$ 3,445.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 815.00

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

Bless You: Saint Anthony Parish wants to thank those parishioners who have been 'catching up' on their offertory envelopes. Our parish is truly blessed to have so many generous, caring folks who continue to support us with their donations. We also understand that many of you have, and continue to experience financial hardship. We know that you are praying for us and with us, and we are praying for you. Only through prayer and trust in the Lord will we get through this together.

*Let us pray for one another and for all those impacted in any way
by the Covid-19 pandemic.*

Message from Fr. Rick:

Holy Family
December 27, 2020

Merry Christmas!

Like Easter, Christmas is celebrated with an Octave, a period of eight days extending the wonder of Christmas for eight days, indeed, for even longer!

For, again like Easter, Christmas is more than a day, more than an octave Christmas is a Season. The shortest season of the year (about three weeks long.)

And, really, that should not surprise us. After all, the mystery of Christmas is so rich in meaning that a day, or even eight days would not be enough to celebrate, to meditate, to explore so profound a mystery.

“For a Son is born to us. A child given us. Upon His shoulder Dominion rests. This is the name they give him:

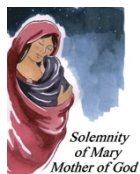
Wonder Counselor,
God Hero
Father Forever
Prince of Peace”

Superlative is piled upon superlative perhaps best expressed in those haunting words written by Isaiah: “The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son and shall name in Immanuel ...” a name we are told later means “God with us.”

Merry Christmas!

Please note I will be away spending a few days with my family. I will be back in Windsor on Tuesday, December 29.

Fr. Rick



Holy Day: Friday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a holy day. Our Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. ***Please note that there is no daily Mass on Monday, December 28.***

Parish Office: The office will be closed next week, December 28-January 1. We will return Monday, January 3 to respond to messages. The office remains closed for in-person visits. For emergencies, please call Fr. Rick in Windsor at (802) 674-2157. We wish you all a blessed Christmas, and a New Year full of hope! We urge you to keep your celebrations safe.

Weekly Bulletin: Our bulletin is on our website <https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org>. For those who do not have web access, or who prefer a printed version, you may pick up a bulletin outside the parish office in a plastic container on the small porch near the office door. Also in the box, we have the *Living Faith* booklet. Bring one to a friend or neighbor if you know someone who would like it. The box is being sanitized, and is replenished as needed.



Christmas Flowers: Please see the list of Christmas Flower Offerings in this bulletin. Our Christmas Masses were offered for all those in whose memory Christmas flower donations were made.

Respect Life: “Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “[*Living Out Christmas in the New Year*](#)”

Catholic Mass on TV: The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended, especially for those in a high-risk category. We encourage you to view the celebration of Sunday Mass by Bishop Coyne at 10:00 a.m., livestreamed on our website, or watch the following:

Sunday mornings at 6:00 a.m. on WCAX-TV, channel 3; **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., 12:30 p.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.

Prayer for Making a Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most holy Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Haven: The Haven’s Food Shelf is open to anyone in our community. Shop via curbside pick-up for a week’s worth of groceries, once a month, for anyone. Visit uppervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/ for more information. Curbside pick-up is available Monday-Friday 9 - 3 and Sunday 12-3 p.m.

Saint Anthony Parish has long supported the Haven by collecting food in the basket at the entrance of the church before and after Masses. ***We remain temporarily unable to continue collecting food or supplies for the Haven at the church.*** Please bring your donations directly to the Haven.

The **Most Needed Food Shelf Items** this week include soup, canned fruit, sliced bread, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce. Thank you!

We pray that you and your family stay safe and healthy.
We are glad to safely welcome you back to Saint Anthony Church!





*Christmas Flower Offerings have been made
in memory of:*



*Patricia Iannotti
Richard Boright
Bill Pippin
Buster & Catherine Pippin
Pat, Betty & Terry Romano
Tina Romano
Richard Murphy
Ara Murphy
Phyllis Shambo
Deceased members of Montuori family
Marcel Larose
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Larose
Mickey & Jerry Holm
Ruth & Duke Powell
Russel & Kathleen Voltz
Grove & Ruth Hamilton
Robert (Frog) Fournier
Randy Hurlbert
Allen Wheeler
John Adams
Ralph Stoddard
Deceased members of the Shaw family
Ruth & Bill Voorhis
Billy Klymn
Saul Solomon
Olga Wronoski
William J. Wronoski
Stanley Wronoski
Simon Alexander Bender
The Penardi Family
The Milman Family
Ossie Cumby
Deceased members of Diane
Follensbee
Edward Patriquin*

*Deceased members of the Campbell
& Curran Families
Albert Uliva
Kelly Ogden
Deceased members of the James &
Uliva families
Clarence & Elnora Smith
Winston & Macie DeCoste
Elizabeth Belgarde
Christian & Keanan Thompson
Albert & Lena Romano
John Jarvis, Jr.
Bob & Pauli McCarthy
Wendall & Annette Mayette
Albert Romano, Jr.
Frances Castellini
Vivian & William Bement
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Albanese
Mary Ellen Flanagan
Lambert & Jackson Families
Deceased members of Tim & Nancy
Dyke
Donna Elder
Mom, Dad and Tom Elder
The McBride Family
Roger & Rosanna Gillies
Cleon & Joyce Chapman
"Aunt" Maggie Scelza
Toni-Ann "T.A.G." Gour
Ernie Gour
Stan Liang
Mary Diana
Susan Lashway
Heith Lashway
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Klotz*



*Christmas Flower Offerings have been made
in memory of:*



*Polly Poor
Eleanor Thomas
Gail Peck
Nan Daniels
Mary R. Forster
Norm & Ann Campbell, Deceased
family members
Skip Culver
Patrick & Kate Mattie
Deceased members of Morin family
Paul, Scott & Karen Rench
Deborah Reed
Harold & Jackie Gour
Ernie & Sandy Gour
Toni Ann "Tag" Gour
Maggie Scelza
Anthony & Louise Scelza
Scelza & Gour Families
Rev. Joseph Lagor
Rev. Forrest Rouelle
Lagor & Beaudoin families
Campbell Families
Deceased members of the Jaros &
Emery Families
Ed and Cathy McKenney
Bud and Shirley Muzzey
Duke & Irene DuCharme
Nanette DuCharme Andrews
Ashley Durand
Louis, Marjorie & Debbie Audette
Charles Phair
Donald Phair
Deceased members of the Zapolski
Family*

*Deceased members of the Tankiewicz
family
Melody Allen
Rita Andrews
In honor of my two Grandchildren,
Franklin George III & Corinne George
Deceased members of the George J.
Viens Sr. family
Deceased members of the Claude R.
George Sr. family
For those who lost loved ones to
COVID-19*

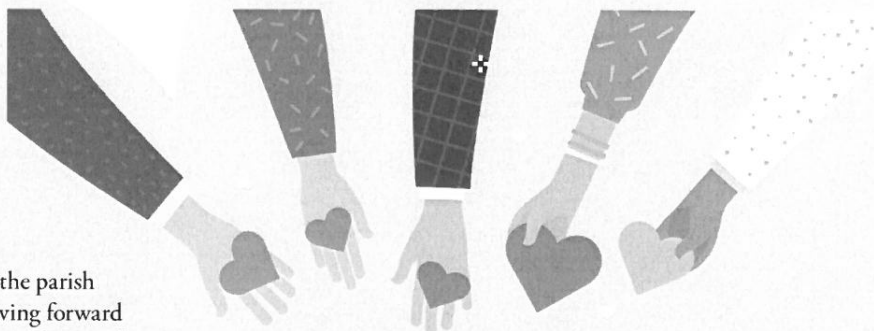


NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 26, 2020 – January 1, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

New ministry to support those who are ill, alone



Even in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the parish community of St. Mark in Burlington is moving forward with plans for a new ministry to support those who are ill or alone and in need of prayers.

The Illness Support Ministry, which grew out of the priorities of the 2018 Diocesan Synod, is meant to reach out to anyone who contacts the parish for prayers in the face of sickness, or those who are homebound or in nursing homes.

Often, those who contact the parish may not even be parishioners, said Barry Comeau, parish synod delegate.

One of the primary goals, Comeau explained, is to create an information card for those in need of prayers, which would include addresses, contact information and names of family

members, if possible; anything that would make connecting with the sick possible, especially during this time when visits are restricted because of Covid-19.

The committee — which also includes Marie Forcier, Donna Russell and Jan Hevey — has been hampered by the pandemic in efforts to gather but is deciding on uplifting prayers and messages of support to be mailed to the sick, and to family members in some cases, to let them know they are being prayed for and remembered.

VTC • Mary Clifford Morrell

U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Pro-Life and Doctrine Address Ethical Concerns on the New COVID-19 Vaccines

On December 14, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions.

With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded:

"In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

"Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of

our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be "more morally compromised" and consequently concluded that this vaccine "should be avoided" if there are alternatives available. "It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one's health and the health of others," the bishop chairmen stated. "In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine."

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics "must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research."

The full statement from the bishop chairmen may be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

— Public Affairs Office, USCCB

Sunday, Dec 27, 2020

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

The measure of success

Fruitfulness is a sign that we're doing something right. Plant a seed, water it, give it light, and it brings forth a shoot. Neglect it, and get nothing. We measure success in terms of fruitfulness: schooling completed, jobs held, relationships that endure, children raised, financial security, years lived, virtues practiced. God blessed Abram with wealth and years, but to that old man, the only true measure of success was a child. By what standard do you evaluate your life's worth? What's required for you to say in the end: "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace?"

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40; or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40 (17). "But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless?'"

Monday, Dec 28, 2020

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Suffer little children

On the heels of the joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior, we remember the Holy Innocents—all the baby boys who were murdered by Herod in his attempt to kill the child Jesus. Remember too all those innocents who die today at the hands of their governments and who are victims of institutional and structural violence. About the Holy Innocents, Matthew quotes Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children . . ." Console today's mourning mothers by fighting for children's rights and protections.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698). "My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin."

Tuesday, Dec 29, 2020

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

Choosing right vs. might

Thomas Becket found himself having to choose between an earthly king and Christ the King. The cleric Thomas befriended England's Henry II—leading Henry to appoint him chancellor. Later, when Henry spotted a chance to wield power over church affairs, he named his friend the archbishop of Canterbury. But Thomas would not go along with Henry's plans. Repercussions followed, and in 1170 Thomas was brutally murdered—in Canterbury Cathedral—by the king's men. Though perhaps with less dramatic outcomes, standing up for your convictions may cost you, too. Are you willing to pay the price?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many."

Wednesday, Dec 30, 2020

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The party never ends

On this sixth day of the Octave, the Christmas celebration continues. Or it can—even if the culture around us has moved on. Especially in pandemic days, you may feel challenged to find hope and joy in the promise that God is with us. So celebrate by sharing that Divine Love, however you feel able to. Bake and share cookies, make a call to someone you may have overlooked this busy season, write a note of gratitude to someone who

challenges you, or contribute to an organization that cares for mothers and children in this season of the Holy Family. Take time in prayer to recollect and give thanks for any awareness of God's presence in recent days. *Loving God, help me remember that Christmas is not a day but rather a season that invites me to see you at work in my life every day.*

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). "And coming forward at that very time, [Anna] gave thanks to God and spoke about the child."

Thursday, Dec 31, 2020

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The light still shines

We might well ring out a difficult year with the words of today's psalmist: "Let the heavens be glad and the Earth rejoice!"

Rejoicing implies an expectation of better things to come, placing us firmly within the Christian virtue of hope. Christians are hopeful for many reasons, starting with the fact that Jesus's death led to resurrection. The church teaches, too, that hope lies in building the kingdom of God on Earth, "as it is in heaven." Lift up your hopes for 2021 to God, and be ready to work for them with God's grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Friday, Jan 01, 2021

WORLD DAY OF PEACE; OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Renew the face of the Earth

We have longed for the year 2020 to be over, to move away from the pandemics that have wounded us collectively and individually. With 2021 on the calendar now, it feels like maybe, just maybe we can start anew at some point. Given the chance, we, along with all of creation, have the capacity to renew, that is, to be "new again"—not only each year but each moment. An essential ingredient to renewal is peace. The church calls us to follow Christ the Way of Peace, as Pope Benedict said on this day in 2007, "with hearts full of hope, notwithstanding the dangers and difficulties that surround us." Let us pray for *and choose* peace for ourselves and for the world in all that we renew this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

Saturday, Jan 02, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

Spiritual friendship lasts for ages

Spiritual friendship is one of the greatest gifts of life in a faith community. Basil and Gregory, fourth-century patriarchs of the Eastern Church, had such a friendship and spurred each other on to great accomplishments and service in their spiritual lives. We all need community and spiritual support as we work through the mysteries of our own personal lives and the challenges presented by a suffering world. Who can you count on for support and encouragement in these hard times? Do your resolutions for this new year include cultivation of spiritual community and friendships?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). "All the ends of the Earth have seen the salvation by our God."

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



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