

# Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 31, 2021

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coune

# Parish Office

### Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM Closed on Wednesday

**Secretary:** Ms. Joanne Collins **Telephone:** 802-295-2225, ext. 3

E-mail: stanthonychurch@vermontcatholic.org
Website: https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org

# 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 <u>not</u> 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, January 30
 Sunday, January 31
 4:00 P.M.
 8:30 A.M.
 The People of Saint Anthony Parish Rose Romano by Roger & Dale Tatro

Monday, February 1 9:00 A.M. **Souls in Purgatory** by Wanda Larrivee

Friday, February 5 NO MASS

Saturday, February 6 4:00 P.M. Catherine McKenney by McKenney family 8:30 A.M. The People of Saint Anthony Parish



Bubba Theriot John Patterson
David Lillie Diane Laroche
Fr. Kenneth Ridgeway Rose Acker
Frank Klymn Richard Avicolli
Joseph Trombley

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: \$3,900.00 Offertory collection January 23-24: \$3,927.05

Thank You for Your Support of Saint Anthony Church!

**Bless You:** Saint Anthony Parish thanks those of you who have continued to mail their donations and offertory envelopes. We *truly appreciate your support* during this difficult time. Although we are trying our best to minimize expenses, we still have bills to pay. We understand that many of you, *our people*, are experiencing financial hardship, and we pray for you. Through prayer and trust in the Lord, we will get through this together.

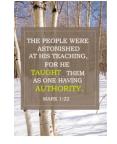
Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anna Lamb**, a parishioner, who died last week. May her family find solace in their faith and in the promise of eternal life with our heavenly Father.

We pray for one another and for all who are being impacted in any way by the Covid-19 pandemic.

# Message from Fr. Rick:

# **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus, St. Mark tells us, taught "with authority." He still does.



But we live in a world filled with other voices, loud, strident, insistent. Claiming authority.

Not all these voices are wrong, but there is one voice, His voice, that is right in a way no other voice can claim to be right.

So, here is the question: Do we hear and follow His voice?

Fr. Rick

**Daily Mass**: There will be no daily Mass celebrated at Saint Anthony Church this Friday, February 5. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Confessions:** Due to the confined space of the confessional at St. Anthony Church, the Sacrament of Reconciliation continues to be offered by appointment only. Please call Fr. Rick to make an appointment.

**Lectors:** Your requests for the upcoming Lector Schedule may be submitted at this time. Requests should reach the parish office by Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please email or phone message the office, or drop a note in the collection basket or in the mail. The new schedule will include the months of March, April, and May. We appreciate your service to our parish, especially during this challenging time. Thank you. Stay safe and stay well. Keep praying.



**Please Do Your Part:** We are doing our best to keep conditions in the church safe for all who attend. Please sit *only* where pew seats are marked. If someone else is in that row and a six-foot distance cannot be maintained, *please look for another seat*. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

**Weekly Bulletin:** Our bulletin is on our website <a href="https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org">https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org</a>. 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* and the *Vermont Catholic* magazine. Bring one to a friend or neighbor if you care to. The box is being sanitized, and is replenished as needed.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal**: As of January 22<sup>nd</sup> Saint Anthony Parish has reached 63% of our BAA pledge goal of \$36,876., with donations totaling \$23,337. We are grateful to those who have been able to participate. Read more at <a href="https://www.vermontcatholic.org/donate/bishops-annual-appeal/gift-at-work/">https://www.vermontcatholic.org/donate/bishops-annual-appeal/gift-at-work/</a>.



# A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable. and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection.

**Mask Prayer** "Holy Spirit, whose very breath brought creation into existence, Grant me the grace to wear this mask, with all its discomforts and inconveniences, in wisdom and charity. Help me to bear this cross which I carry for the most vulnerable among us. Hold us all close in your care and bring this pandemic to a swift end. Amen."



**Assistance to Our Neighbors in Need:** As a parish, we have opportunities to support those in our community who are in need, both through our prayers and our financial help. Saint Anthony Parish publishes the Haven's weekly list of needs in the bulletin, and has collected food weekly for them. This parish project helps people year round.

We also have a fund that allows us to provide individuals and families financial assistance for emergency needs such as fuel, shelter, clothing and other essentials. Donations to replenish our Assistance Fund allow us to continue to provide for these needs. A check made out to Saint Anthony Church **marked "Assistance"** will ensure your donation is used for this purpose. Thank you for your generosity.

**LISTEN:** Brrrr ... It's COLD outside! This bitter cold has made it impossible for many local families to keep their homes warm. Please consider donating to the LISTEN Heating Helpers Fund so that ALL the residents of the Upper Valley can be snug. LISTEN exists to help our neighbors in need. It is our **only** purpose. If you need help please call (603) 448-4553.

**Respect Life:** "Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20)." NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid (respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)



**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 celebration of Sunday Mass 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, to better meet the needs of our community has expanded Food Shelf hours to Monday-Wednesday 9-4:30; Thursday- Friday 9-3; and Sunday 12-3 pm. Visit <a href="https://www.org/foodshelffaq/">wpervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/</a> for more information. We continue to be open to anyone who could use groceries, including both Vermont and New Hampshire residents--there is no need to quarantine before or after a visit since groceries are essential.

Guests now pre-register at the front door with a Haven staff member then can stay warm in their vehicle or a weather shelter built by Hypertherm's HOPE Foundation. A shed, built and donated by Turner Construction, houses winter clothing, books, and additional food items. In addition to daily takeaway meals, we also offer daily hot soups to go.

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 **Top Five Food Shelf Needs** are sliced bread, shelf-stable milk, soup, canned tomatoes and canned chicken. Thank you!

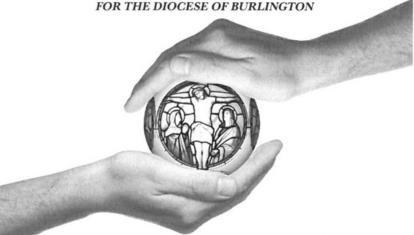
We pray that you and your family stay safe and healthy. We are happy to welcome you back to worship at Saint Anthony Church.

# The Inland See

January 30 - February 5, 2021

# Diocesan Formation Opportunities

Information Sessions



"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few..." — Lk. 10:2

As the Diocesan Synod called for, the Diocese of Burlington is seeking to continue inspiring and equipping lay men and women for leadership positions in their parishes. Under the umbrella of the Diocesan Institute for Missionary Discipleship, the following four formation programs are being offered this year. Applications for each will be accepted this Spring with the programs beginning next August/September. For additional information, feel free to reach out to Dcn. Phil Lawson at plawson@vermontcatholic.org

#### **Diocesan Lay Formation Leadership Program**

This program seeks to form laity to assist in leadership roles in their parishes in such programs as RCIA, catechesis, Pre-Cana, evangelization, adult formation and building vibrant parishes. Key to this formation is inspiring and equipping the laity to serve and evangelize their parishes and communities as missionary disciples. This is a 2-year program that meets one Saturday a month in person, with additional formation taking place via online courses.

#### **Deacon Formation Program**

Deacons are ordained to be permanent ministers in the Church. Deacons are ministers of the word, of sacrament and most of all ministers of charity. They have significant theological education, a deep spiritual life and are formed in pastoral ministry. They must have good human relations ability. The total time in formation is five years, two of which are in the Lay Leadership Formation Program, followed by three years of diaconate formation. Deacon Pete Gummere, diaconate director, will present additional information and take questions on the Permanent Diaconate.

#### Leader of Prayer Program

The Lay Leader of Prayer Formation Program seeks to raise up laity in our parishes who can prepare and lead appropriate forms of public prayer at the request of the pastor when clergy are otherwise unavailable. The curriculum for the Lay Leader of Prayer Formation Program consists of four sessions that will serve to cover basic liturgical principals of leading communal prayer as well as an introduction to the various rites of the Church that may be led by lay leaders: Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying and Funeral Rites.

#### Pastoral Associate for Parish Life

This is a 1-year formation program designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to serve their parishes as a pastoral associate when it is not possible for the bishop to appoint a full-time parish priest. This service will take the form of parish administration, pastoral care, pastoral counseling, finances, sacramental preparation, liturgical planning and assistance, human resources and faith formation. This ensures that Christian life and the evangelizing mission of the community are continued.

# Information Session Dates

Wednesday, February 10 • 7 p.m.

Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/diocesan-formation-opportunities-information-sessions/

Tuesday, February 16 • 7 p.m.

Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/diocesan-formation-opportunities-information-sessions-2/



# **CHRIST OUR BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH**

# Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

To learn more or make a gift visit: christourhopevt.org.

44%

As of Jan. 15: \$4,208,840 Goal: \$9,582,456

# Upcoming Events



# 01/31 SUNDAY

#### **Envision Life**

via Zoom • 6 - 8 pm

Join us for a virtual pro-life event livestreamed from Saint John Vianney Church in S. Burlington. The evening will begin with prayer and adoration and will be followed by two presentations, by Molly Sheahan, Associate Director for Respect Life Advocacy at Maryland Catholic Conference and Krista Corbello, Founder of Even This Way. Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/envision-life/



# 02|02 - 04|20 TUESDAYS

# The Sacraments

via Zoom • 7:45 - 8:45 pm

The Sacraments are at the center of the our worship. They are essential to God's plan, but what are they? Why are they important? Who gives them to us? Where are they in Scripture? And how do we live them out? Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell to think about and reflect upon the Seven Sacraments. To get the Zoom information email Greg Caldwell at gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu.



## 02|03 WEDNESDAY

# **Parent Cafe**

via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:15 pm

Join other Catholic parents in Vermont for

these virtual discussions about life and faith. Each session includes a prayer and brief discussion which sets the stage for open and honest conversation. Register at: www. vermontcatholic.org/event/parent-cafe/



# 02|09 TUESDAY

# Praise and Worship St John **Enosburg**

St. John, Enosburg • 7 - 8 pm

Come experience the light of Christ! Open to all!



#### 02|17, 18, 19 WED, THURS, FRI

# **Embracing Lent during a Pandemic**

Essex Catholic Community

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, offered at St.

Lawrence Church, Essex Jct. at 8:30 am Mass and at St. Pius X Church, Essex Center at 7 pm Mass. Hosted by Fr. Michael Carter, S.S.E.



# 02|23, 03|02, 9, 16, 23 TUESDAYS

#### **Encounter Jesus Bible Study**

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Each week will focus on a different encounter

with Jesus as described in the Gospels which in the words of Pope Francis, "changes our lives...and fills us with joy." Hosted by Deacon Phil Lawson



JAN. 31-FEB. 6, 2021

**CHALLENGES TO GROW** YOUR MARRIAGE

# WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER...

about when you first saw each other and met? Write a letter to each other describing the details, include smells, sounds, and other sensory experiences you felt. Read your letters together and lovingly discuss what you remember (perhaps by candlelight).

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge



Thank you to all those who have made a gift already. We are more than 20% behind our goal and ask those that can to please consider making a gift. You can make a gift online: vermontcatholic.org/donate

100%

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: \$2,651,157

81%

As of January 15, 2021: \$2,148,025

# Sunday, Jan 31, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Strengthen the partnership

The relationship between parishes and schools is long and intimate—important to note at the start of Catholic Schools Week. After the first Catholic diocese was established in the United States in Baltimore, pastors lobbied at once for schools and religious to staff them. Frontier pastors vowed to build the school first and the church later. They understood that without proper religious education, the parish venture would certainly fail. Today, celebrate this essential partnership with a holy hour, candlelight prayer vigil, or special project in the parish for young people and their supporters.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28 (71). "What is this? A new teaching with authority."

# Monday, Feb 01, 2021

# Example is the best education

Each day of Catholic Schools Week is the celebration of a component of Catholic education. Today we look at the experience of community. Through the relationships and interactions of service activities in the community and class trips to other environs, students get to practice the values they learn in their Catholic education and experience what it feels like to be making the world a better place. Plus they get a chance to observe others in community service and come to appreciate how they can continue caring for others their entire lives. Today, be an example of service to others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20 (323). "[A] nnounce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you."

#### Tuesday, Feb 02, 2021

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

# Teach a faith that grows on you

Mary and Joseph bring their beloved firstborn to the temple at the appointed time, so Jesus can enter into the covenant with Yahweh that Jews have revered since Abraham. Not unlike infant Baptism today, it was—among other things—a powerful ritual of belonging that put the child on the right path to growing in faith. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week—with the focus today being squarely on "the student"—may we never forget or neglect the promise of every young soul, so receptive to our efforts to plant the seeds of faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524). "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

# Wednesday, Feb 03, 2021

### One nation, under God

Catholic schools have made a unique contribution to the nation, and today we can recognize and celebrate that contribution. At their very best, Catholic schools train students to grow both as members of the Catholic church and as productive citizens of the nation. By "rendering to Caesar and to God," Catholic schools in the United States have managed to achieve that rare combination in world history, the development of a relatively harmonious

church-state relationship that has endured for centuries. See the NCEA website for suggestions on how to celebrate the nation during Catholic Schools Week.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6 (325). "Many who heard him were astonished. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?'"

# **Thursday, Feb 04, 2021**

# Line things up

Catholic schools prepare students to discover their vocation, so they can grow to use their gifts in service of church and world. Over the years, our notion of "vocation" has broadened significantly. A word that once designated those who take religious vows or are ordained into ministry is now used more broadly. No one defined vocation better than essayist and theologian Carl Frederick Buechner: "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Are the two aligned in your life? And if not, how can you bring them into alignment?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13 (326). "Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two."

# Friday, Feb 05, 2021

# Thank those who opened your mind

Where would any of us be without our teachers? They did everything from helping us with our "three R's" to opening our minds to new ways of seeing the world. The really great teachers taught us how to learn for ourselves and thus set us up for a lifetime of discovery and fulfillment. When was the last time you thanked a teacher? Today is the day Catholic Schools Week pays special attention to the faculty, staff, and volunteers that make it possible for these great schools to function. See the NCEA website for suggestions on how to give thanks and recognition.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29 (327). "The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid."

#### **Saturday, Feb 06, 2021**

#### Make faith a family affair

We close Catholic Schools Week by recognizing the central role in Catholic education played by the family. The Second Vatican Council called the family "the domestic church" because it is in the home that faith is first formed and nurtured. Whether you live alone or with others, your home can be a sacred space of prayer and spirituality. Creating sacred space in your home includes prayer and scripture readings at meal times and before bed; praying the Rosary; placing a crucifix in a prominent place; and family traditions based on the liturgical seasons. Look for ways to recognize the family's role in Catholic education and also ways to make your home a domestic church. Have at it!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34 (328). "The Apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught."

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



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