

# Saint Anthony Church 15 Church Street White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 2, 2021

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 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel has been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.

# Religious Education

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

# Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 3:15 - 3:45 PM

**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, May 1 Sunday, May 2	4:00 P.M. 8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish Michel Gagnon by John Usher family
Monday, May 3	9:00 A.M.	Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony by JLD
Friday, May 7	9:00 A.M.	Gary Lenhart by Tim & Nancy Dyke
Saturday, May 8 Sunday, May 9	4:00 P.M. 8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish Patricia Gallant by Howie & Shirley Gabel



Freddie Wegner David Lillie
Michelle White Martha Brock
Ed Broccoli Richard Avicolli
Frank Klymn John Patterson

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 April 24-25: \$2,898.00
Building repairs, April: \$355.00
Fuel/energy, April: \$445.00

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.

**Month of Mary:** The month of May is dedicated to our Holy Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are all encouraged to pray the rosary daily during May.

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

"Because without me you can do nothing"

"I did it my way ... "

So sang Frank Sinatra and so live so many in our culture today obsessed with a highly individualized conception of freedom.

There is no doubt much to admire in a culture that places so much value on the value of the individual. But, detached from an awareness of our radical dependence on another.

God - we risk losing sight of that which alone makes us truly, fully human.

That is, our intimate, vital, union with Christ without whom we are indeed finally utterly alone.

We are not created to stand alone. "It is not good for the man to be alone" says God at the very beginning of creation. Besides being the revelation of the ultimate purpose of marriage, these words also speak to our absolute need for union, communion if you will with Christ. "For without me you can do nothing ...."

Fr. Rick



**Feed the Hungry:** On May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, the Diocese of Burlington is asking parishes to collect food for their local food shelf partner. We will accept your donations of non-perishable foods for the Upper Valley Haven, our local food shelf partner this Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2. *After* 

this weekend, we are pleased to be able to resume our regular weekly collection of food for the *Haven*. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry.

**Confessions:** We are pleased to announce that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is now allowed, and is available without appointment in the confessional at St. Anthony Church on Saturdays from 3:15-3:45 p.m. You must wear a mask. You may also make an appointment for individual confessions by calling Fr. Rick.

**Confirmation:** Four of our young people recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. They are: *Connor Cervinski*, *Nicholas Hayes*, *Mackenzee Newton*, *Nicholas Pais*. May they enjoy God's blessing for a faith-filled life in the Spirit.



**Lectors:** Your requests for the new Lector Schedule may be submitted at this time, and should reach the parish office by next Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have been temporarily off the lector schedule and now feel comfortable returning, please let us know. You may e-mail or phone message the office, or drop a note in the collection basket or in the mail. The new schedule will include the summer months of June, July and August. We appreciate your service to our parish, especially during this challenging time.

**All Ministers and Counters:** At this time we will be making schedules only for lectors. As guidance evolves and we are able to schedule other ministries we will let you know. Meanwhile, it is important that we all follow the guidelines currently in place for our own safety as well as for our fellow parishioners. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to serve our parish.

**Weekly Bulletin:** Our bulletin is on our website <a href="https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org">https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org</a>. If you do not have web access, or prefer a printed version, you may pick up a bulletin outside the parish office in a plastic container on the porch near the office door. The box is replenished as needed.



**Ascension:** May 13 is The Ascension of the Lord, a holy day. Mass will be celebrated here *next* Wednesday evening, May 12 at 5:00 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi in *Windsor* will have Mass for the Ascension on Thursday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. Mass for the holy day may also be viewed through one of the many television options shown later in this bulletin or online at vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass.

**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.

**Daily Rosary Apostolate:** "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."- Sr. Lucia. The Rosary for the week is now available on the diocesan website. If you would like to contribute your time and voice to our online Rosary Apostolate, please contact Valerie Parzyck at <a href="mailto:vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org">vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org</a> or sign up at <a href="https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/rosary/">https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/rosary/</a> for a specific time.

**Respect Life:** "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting" © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

**Seeking Parish Secretary in Windsor:** St. Francis of Assisi Church is looking for a parish secretary. Hours needed are 10-20 per week. This position requires a mature, dependable, self-motivated individual with strong communication skills. Position frequently deals with sensitive or confidential material which requires the ability to maintain a high level of discretion and confidentiality. Good judgment and initiative are a must since the position requires both the ability to work independently and with a team. Please call (802) 674-2157 if interested.

Diocesan Lay Formation Leadership Program Graduation: Congratulations to the 14 men and women from around the Diocese who have successfully completed the two-year Diocesan Lay Formation Leadership Program. The students will celebrate their graduation on Pentecost, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Joseph Cathedral with Bishop Christopher Coyne immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



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 info. Curbside pick-up is available Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Thursday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12-3 p.m. The curbside pickup process is extremely efficient and COVID safe.

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 have been unable to collect food for the Haven at the *church. This will change the weekend of May 1-2.* Please see 'Feed the Hungry' in this bulletin.

The **Top Five Food Shelf Needs** this week include tuna, beans (white, red, black), rice (preferably one-pound packages), baking items and condiments. Always Needed are peanut butter, tuna, all kinds of pasta, canned veggies, pasta sauce, soups/broths, canned tomatoes, mac & cheese and canned fruit. *Other Needs* include full size toiletries, rain gear, toaster ovens, can openers and gift cards to Walmart/Amazon. 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!



# The Inland See FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON (is back) OTUS TUUS

**VERMONT'S LARGEST CATHOLIC SUMMER PROGRAM!** 

"God is good!"
"All the time!"

Youth from throughout Vermont will be repeating these phrases at Totus Tuus, a weeklong summer program. Like many things, Totus Tuus didn't happen last year, so it has been almost two years since young Vermonters have been able to enjoy this annual tradition. This summer, Totus Tuus is back in full swing, with 12 parishes hosting the program throughout the state in June, July and August.

Effectively teaching the faith to young people can be challenging. Totus Tuus combines faith and fun to create an experience that families return for year after year. "Totus Tuus" means "Totally Yours," a phrase describing devotion to Jesus through Mary. During the week, students experience spiritual growth through the Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the rosary. They also learn about the year's catechetical theme. This year the theme is The Ten Commandments.

At the same time, they sing fun camp songs, play games, eat snacks and have a water fight at the end of the week. Best of all, the program is led by a team of missionaries, typically college students, who love their faith and are excited to share it with young people all summer long.

Parish coordinators say they are excited to have Totus Tuus back in action.

"Although last year we felt heartbroken with it being canceled, this year we have the buildup excitement. Our parish really loves Totus Tuus," said Pam King, the program

coordinator at Immaculate Conception Church (St. Mary's) in St. Albans.

King says in addition to children loving the program, parents like how their children get to see other young people living out their faith, from the other students to the energetic Totus Tuus missionaries.

"Totus Tuus is really a win/win situation for our parish," King said.

Lisa Grover, parish coordinator at St. Ambrose Church in Bristol, also says they're looking forward to the return of Totus Tuus and what it brings to their community.

"St. Ambrose in Bristol is elated to once again host the Totus Tuus summer program! This program not only engages and encourages the spiritual lives of our young people, but breathes new life into our parish as a whole," Grover said. "There's no sweeter sound than young voices harmonizing during a decade of the rosary or excitedly retelling their favorite lesson from the day."

There will be some adjustments for this year's program. Vermont's Catholic schools have shown that it is possible to safely have in-person instruction. We will follow their example and also adhere closely to the state's forthcoming guidance for summer programs.

If you want your child to have fun and encounter Jesus this summer, sign up for Totus Tuus at a parish near you.

Go to vermontcatholic.org/totustuus or the diocesan event calendar to find the available programs and contact information for the parish coordinator.

> Michael Hagan, Manager of Religious Education and Catechesis



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# Upcoming Events



05 08 SATURDAY

#### **Padre Pio Devotions**

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass, and

discussion about Padre Pio.



05|08 SATURDAY

# Food Drive at Cathedral of St. Joseph and St Mark Churches

Burlington • 9 - 11 am

The Knights of Columbus de Goesbriand Council # 275 is conducting a food drive at both churches, with drop-off in the parking lot of nonperishable food items to benefit the North End Food Pantry, Please consider making a donation.



05 22 SATURDAY

#### Walk to Mary

Isle La Motte • 9 am - 3 pm
We will be make a 2.3 mile walk from St

Joseph's Church to St Anne's Shrine, praying the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Following the walk there will be Mass, time for picnic lunch, Stations of the Cross for Life and closing prayers. For more info: Janice (802) 848-3834, janicegodin@myfairpoint.net or Renee (802) 370-2231, ripatterson1962@gmail.com.



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# Family Mass with Bishop Coyne

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12 pm More information will be shared soon!



Friday, June 11, 2021 • 2 p.m.

- Live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
- Rosary to be led by Bishop Christopher J. Coyne
- Join us on www.vermontcatholic.org or facebook.com/DioBurlington/
- Learn more about the Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay at worldpriest.com/ annual-global-rosary-relay/
- Questions? Email Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org
- How many Vermonters can we get praying the Rosary together? Join us to find out!





MAY 2 - 8,2021

TO GROW
YOUR
MARRIAGE

## WITNESSES IN MARRIAGE

What would a newly engaged couple witness in your marriage?

Make time this week to reflect how your marriage influences others and share this with each other. What are your strengths as a couple?

Are there areas to grow together more closely?

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge



Goal: \$2,651,157

87%

As of April 20, 2021: **\$2,312,177** 

Thank you to all those who have made a gift already. We ask those that can to please consider making a gift. You can make a gift online at: vermontcatholic. org/donate

#### Sunday, May 02, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Search for the truth

We've entered an age when discovering the truth feels more complicated than ever. Some of us are leery of "facts," knowing how easily they can be manufactured, massaged, or politicized. Traditional sources of truth—government, news media, even organized religion—have proven to be subject to the same failures to which we ourselves are prone. How do we sort out truth from all the political noise that distorts what we hear? John says the Spirit's been given to us for precisely this task. Pray for the gift of holy discernment.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 (53). "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

#### Monday, May 03, 2021

FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

#### Don't think less of others

Poor James the Lesser. The other apostle named James—the Greater—got the better nickname. We don't even know anything about James the Lesser, other than his name and that Jesus picked him to be one of the 12—but that alone speaks volumes about this James. We've all experienced what it feels like to have labels attached to us that make us feel less in the eyes of others, if we even feel seen or known at all. But God looks past those labels to the truth of our identity. That's where you'll find your value and dignity, even if others don't seem to. Remember that, like James, you are God's chosen.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561). "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"

#### Tuesday, May 04, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

#### May their force be with us

Today is Teacher Appreciation Day, recognizing teachers as a force for good—especially in this pandemic year. Through John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of all teachers, we might say the best educators naturally follow a "Lasallian" philosophy of education. "The Lasallian tradition emphasizes the fact that all people, especially the young, have an inherent dignity which comes from their being created in the image of God," explains St. Mary's College of Winona. "Education is a means of developing this dignity for the well-being of each student as well as for the well-being of our society." Thank a teacher today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

#### Wednesday, May 05, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Celebrate the dignity of diversity

Though today's "Cinco de Mayo" celebrations commemorate but a single Mexican victory over France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, in the United States it has become an opportunity to honor the heritage and culture of Mexican people. As folks revel in parades and festivals, enjoying Mexican cuisine and music, we recall these words from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Human interdependence is increasing and spreading through the world . . . embracing people who enjoy equal natural dignity."

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a prayer of gratitude for the richness of human diversity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). "I am the vine and you are the branches."

#### **Thursday, May 06, 2021**

EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Focus on the essentials

One of the earliest conflicts in the church had to do with whether Gentiles should have to follow the laws and customs of Judaism. Because Christianity grew out of Judaism, early church leaders had a hard time sorting out what was essential to the emerging Christian faith and what was simply the "way we've always done it." This question continues to vex church leaders to this day and has gone through many iterations—from questions about ritual practices, to prayers and social norms. What is essential to the faith? That we love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves. Everything else may well be a matter of custom. When it comes to faith, take time today to get back to the basics.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:7-21, John 15:9-11 (288). "It is my judgment, therefore, that we ought to stop troubling the Gentiles who turn to God."

#### Friday, May 07, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Connect with creation and Creator

If you have a garden, you might be checking the forecast these days to see if conditions are right for planting. Gardens play an outsize role in the Christian imagination. From the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Gethsemane, key events happen in gardens. For centuries communities of sisters, brothers, and priests have cultivated gardens for food, edification, and connection to a major metaphor for spiritual development. Seek out a patch of green, and whether you plant a seed or enjoy a bloom, connecting with creation will connect you with the Creator.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

#### Saturday, May 08, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Elevate your spiritual gaze

Blessed Teresa Demjanovich (1901-27) has been called America's "Little Flower." Like Thérèse from Lisieux, France, Teresa from Bayonne, New Jersey was a spiritual writer of great insight who also died young. Because of her virtue, her writings, and a miracle healing attributed to her intercession, she was beatified in the Newark cathedral in 2014, the first-ever such ceremony held in the United States. Her elevation to sainthood awaits confirmation of a second miracle. Teresa's mother died in the 1918 pandemic, which killed well over 500,000 Americans. Sound sadly familiar? Ask Blessed Teresa's intercession for all who have suffered because of COVID-19.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). "You do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world."

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



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