



# Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 9, 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](mailto: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 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.**

<b>Saturday, May 8</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>
<b>Sunday, May 9</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Patricia Gallant by Howie &amp; Shirley Gabel</b>
<b>Monday, May 10</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Living members of the Smith family by Wanda Larrivee</b>

### *Ascension of the Lord*

<b>Wednesday, May 12</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Harold Fournier by Knights of Columbus, Council 2025</b>
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<b>Friday, May 14</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Rev. Scott Gratton by Knights of Columbus, Council 2025</b>
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<b>Saturday, May 15</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>
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<b>Sunday, May 16</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Gary Falzarano by the family</b>
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Louise Gagnon	David Lillie
Michelle White	Martha Brock
Richard Avicoli	Frank Klymn
John Patterson	Freddie Wegner

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 May 1-2:	\$ 5,389.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$ 551.25

**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.

We welcome to our faith community **Elizabeth Marie Fogarty**, daughter of John and Edith Fogarty, who was baptized here last Saturday. May she be blessed with a long life, overflowing with faith.

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

**Message from Fr. Rick:**

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 9, 2021

“This is my Commandment: Love one another as I love you.”

In English and in our common, everyday usage Love is a word capable of bearing many meanings. Thus we use that one little four letter word Love to describe what our favorite food or drink, a color we like, a style of clothing we like, our preferred taste in cars, ice cream, places to live, where we go on vacation and many, many more such things. All can be described by that one little word: Love.

And yet, of course love can and does also have a far more serious, far more fundamental meaning. In our Gospel reading for this weekend Jesus gives us a “new commandment” to love one another. Not just in any old way but “As I love you.”

In other words

- the “Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep”

and

Like one who shows the greater love possible.

How?

To lay down ones’ life for ones’ friends”

He assures us He counts us among His friends when we do what He commands; Even to the point of giving our lives for others.

Fr. Rick

**Something New:** You have noticed our new collection boxes on the tables as you entered the church this weekend. These boxes are a convenient and secure way for us to receive your offerings. They were purchased at a minimal expense, and they help us to be in compliance with the Diocese of Burlington’s regulations regarding keeping all funds secure.

**Ascension:** May 13 is the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day. Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony Church ***Wednesday evening, May 12 at 5:00 p.m.*** Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis in Windsor on Thursday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m.



**Lectors:** If you have not yet Your requests for the new Lector Schedule they may be submitted at this time, and should reach the parish office by next Sunday. 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.



***Mother's Day:*** On Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. Let us keep in our prayers all mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers, living and deceased.

**Confessions:** We are pleased to announce that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is now 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 an individual confession by calling Fr. Rick.

**Feed the Hungry:** *You* have made it possible for us to collect about **78 pounds of food** for the Haven last weekend. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry. We are glad to be able to resume our regular weekly collection of food for the Haven this week.



**First Communion:** Three of our young people receive their First Communion on Saturday. They are: **John H. Fogarty, Henry P. Kussius, Bryce E. Niblick.** We wish them God's blessing for a faith-filled life.

**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.



**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 [vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org) or sign up at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/rosary/> for a specific time.

**Second Collection:** Next week, May 15-16 we will accept your offerings for the Catholic Communications collection. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Burlington to fund local communication efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message. To learn more please visit [www.usccb.org/ccf](http://www.usccb.org/ccf). Offerings may be mailed to the parish office or dropped into the box as you leave the church next weekend. ***Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.***

**Lost:** Green rosary beads. A gift from long ago with much sentimental value. If you have seen these in or around the church, please contact the parish office to let us know.

**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.

**Respect Life:** "O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, *"A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"*

**Christ Our Hope:** The Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign had been planned so the majority of the funds are designated to meet the needs of our parishes (60%). The remaining 40% is designated to establish faith formation, and emergency aid funds in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation to support two core ministries of the Catholic Church - evangelization and care for the poor. St. Anthony Parish received its first distribution check of \$4,749.93 in March.

It is extraordinary that 2,433 parishioners made gifts and/or pledges from October through December totalling \$4.37 million over a three-month period. In addition, many other parishioners expressed a desire to give once the pandemic was under control, and asked that we follow-up later this year.

Later this summer as the Covid-19 vaccines become more available and churches begin to fully open, another request will be made; but gifts may be made at any time. To learn more about the campaign or make a gift online, visit <https://christourhopevt.org>. Or, you may choose to mail a check with "St. Anthony, WRJ" in the memo to: Christ Our Hope Campaign, c/o Vermont Catholic Community Foundation, 55 Joy Drive, S. Burlington, VT 05403. Thank you.



**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's Food Shelf is open to anyone in our community. Anyone can shop via curbside pick-up for a week's worth of groceries, once a month, for anyone. For more info, visit [uppervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/](http://uppervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/). 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.

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 are pleased to be able to resume the practice this weekend.

The **Top Five Food Shelf Needs** this week include tuna, beans (white, red, black), rice (preferably one-pound packages), baking items and condiments. 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.



# NEWS FROM The Inland See

May 8–14, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Dear Mom,  
It's been a while since we've spoken, and I really miss not hearing your voice. Please know how grateful I am for the life and love you gave me.  
You've been on my mind a lot, as I better understand the aches you experienced when you were my age. I have also grown in awareness of the joy and sorrow you felt as I grew into adulthood, married and had children. I have experienced similar joy and sorrow with my own family.  
You are in my prayers, and I hope that one day we will be together.  
I love you Mom,  
Terri

## Dear Mom,

**H**ow many of you reflect on or regret missed time with a loved one? I regret the times I could have called my mom just to chat. My mother hid her dementia from me and my siblings for years. Spending most of her time in the warmer southern states, she would visit each of us for a few weeks each year. Near the end of her life, she was placed in a nursing home, and she did not recognize any of her family — she was not the mother we grew up with. She was not able to hug us, tell us she loved us or sing us silly songs. I miss that woman, the mother of my youth.

I ask that this Mother's Day we each take time to honor those women who have influenced us in our lives. Just as we honor our Blessed Mother Mary, who influences us daily in various ways, we must honor the "mothers" in our communities — those maternal influences of motherhood.

Take time today to thank those women who have maternally influenced you. If she is still with you, start with your own mother. Then your neighbor, a cousin, sister, aunt, family friend or teacher. Pray for her and for women contemplating motherhood. Pray for women unable to conceive, that they may experience the gift of motherhood in relationship with others.

— **Terri McCormack, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator**

**All-loving God**, we give thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for your mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. **Amen.**

## Upcoming Events



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, rjpatterson1962@gmail.com.



06/19 SATURDAY

### Ordination Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates

the ordination of two men to Holy Orders. Deacon Robert Murphy will be ordained to the priesthood and Mr. Gregory Caldwell will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Christopher J. Coyne. Due to the seating capacity restrictions, attendance at the Mass will be by invitation only to allow for the priests of the diocese, Robert and Greg's family and friends, and members of their home parishes to attend. The Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website.



07/11 SUNDAY

### Family Mass with Bishop Coyne

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12 pm

More information will be shared soon!

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## ROSARY RELAY

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](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) or [facebook.com/DioBurlington/](https://facebook.com/DioBurlington/)
- Learn more about the Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay at [worldpriest.com/annual-global-rosary-relay/](http://worldpriest.com/annual-global-rosary-relay/)
- Questions? Email Valerie Parzyck at [vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org)
- How many Vermonters can we get praying the Rosary together? *Join us to find out!*



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



MAY 9 – 15, 2021

## CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

### MOTHER'S DAY

In honor of Mother's Day, pray the rosary together (*or maybe a decade every night to start with*). Include prayers for our communities to welcome new life, and to respect the dignity of each person. Honor your wife with a gift using her love language.

[vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge](http://vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge)

CHRIST OUR

*Hope*



2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$2,651,157

87%

As of  
April 27, 2021:  
**\$2,313,725**

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](http://vermontcatholic.org/donate)

## Sunday, May 09, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### See through God's eye

God does not see as we see, the prophet Isaiah reminds us. To harness the divine perspective, native peoples of western Mexico wove yarn on crossed sticks to represent the eye of God (*ojo de Dios*), which sees in four directions and in all elemental mediums: earth, wind, fire, and water. A God's eye became the portal through which God views the supplicant, or through which those who pray might share the divine vision. Sharing a God's-eye perspective on the world remains the goal of every believer. Practice seeing others as our compassionate God sees them.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 (56). *"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.*

*Rather, in every nation whoever . . . acts uprightly is acceptable to him."*

## Monday, May 10, 2021

MEMORIAL OF DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST

### Pray for those who heal

The story of Saint Damien de Veuster, a Belgian priest who missioned to quarantined lepers in Hawaii and died of the disease, is extraordinary—although often echoed these days as legions of medical professionals all over the world put themselves in harm's way to treat the sick and dying of COVID. Father Damian is a "martyr of charity," and we've been blessed with multitudes of fearless, generous heroes like him who've expended themselves physically and emotionally to get us through this pandemic. Give thanks to God for our modern martyrs of charity and ask for Father Damian's intercession to keep them safe and send them spiritual strength.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a (291). *"And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."*

## Tuesday, May 11, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Cultivate an appreciation of rural traditions

Though they've disappeared from most modern calendars, two older Catholic observances converge today. One is the petitioning of the "Ice Saints"—Boniface of Tarsus, Pancras, and Servatius—so named because their feasts fall during what were believed in some northern nations to be the last days of spring when a cold snap might damage spring plantings. The other observance, beginning on the Tuesday before Ascension Thursday, is known as the Minor Rogation Days. These two, along with the Catholic observance of Ember Days, are religious celebrations more commonly tied to the rhythms of rural life. They include the blessing of fields for a good harvest and prayers for good weather. Learn more at CatholicRuralLife.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). *"His household rejoiced at having come to faith in God."*

## Wednesday, May 12, 2021

MEMORIALS OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; PANCRA, MARTYR

### Religious freedom is a timeless concern

Sometimes it is difficult to relate to the martyrs of the early church because their lives are so different from our own. Nereus and Achilles were Roman soldiers who had participated in carrying out persecutions of Christians. In a "miracle of faith," they were converted and died their own martyred deaths in the late first

century. Pancras was a 14-year-old martyr of the same era who was beheaded because he publicly affirmed his faith in Jesus Christ. On this Easter weekday, give thanks for the ability to freely worship and pray for those around the world who do not enjoy such freedom.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). *"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth."*

## Thursday, May 13, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Rise to the occasion

Today's Feast of the Ascension gives wide recognition to a rather complex idea—that Christ both ascended to heaven *and* remains with us. In fact, we get a taste of heaven when we unify ourselves with Jesus in spirit and action. Saint Augustine taught "although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace." From attending Mass to aiding the needy, on this feast day we can all take a step toward unity with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13 or Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20 (58). *"So then the Lord Jesus . . . was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God."*

## Friday, May 14, 2021

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

### Abstinence makes the faith grow stronger

Although self-denial is celebrated in all major religions as a virtue, the value isn't so much in the practice as in the motivation. For Christians the virtuous motivation for abstinence of food, drink, or particular desires comes from love. We deny ourselves for God's sake and for the sake of others. Saint Matthias, patron of alcoholics, encouraged abstinence as a way to grow closer to God. He kept his focus on his vocation to spread the gospel and let little distract him from his purpose. What can you do today to keep your focus on love?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564). *"This I command you: love one another."*

## Saturday, May 15, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

### Honor the forces of reconciliation

Pope Saint John XXIII taught that wars are never justified. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote to President George W. Bush that the Iraq War was unjust. Pope Benedict XVI questioned whether any war could be called just. Pope Francis, speaking in Hiroshima during his 2019 visit, repeated the positions of the previous popes. Christians face a dilemma, wanting world peace but also needing some protection from those who don't think the same way. The church recognizes a need for the military. But the task of the military should be to maintain peace and set the conditions for reconciliation. On this Armed Forces Day, pray for all our military service members. They have a difficult job.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). *"For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God."*

*Happy Mother's Day*

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



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