



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street
White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 3, 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: Diane Usher, dmgu70@icloud.com

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

Personal safety issues are still present due to Covid 19. Children who have not been vaccinated, people whose health is compromised so that they have to avoid any risk of contagion as well as their caregivers, may in freedom choose not to attend Sunday Mass.

Saturday, October 2	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, October 3	8:30 A.M.	Doc Simon by Tina Weigel
Monday, October 4	9:00 A.M.	Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony by JLD
Friday, October 8	9:00 A.M.	No intention
Saturday, October 9	4:00 P.M.	Merton Castellini family by Herb & Patti Castellini
Sunday, October 10	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish

Beverly Loper
John Patterson
Frank Klymn
Mrs. Joan Smith



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:

Denise & Jean-Louis



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,900.00
Offertory collection Sept. 25-26:	\$ 2,764.00
Building repairs, September:	\$ 536.00
Fuel/energy, September:	\$ 690.00

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

Bless You: Saint Anthony Parish is truly blessed to have so many generous, caring folks who continue to support us with their donations. We understand that many of you have, and continue to experience financial hardship. Through prayer and trust in the Lord will we get through this together.

Low Gluten Altar Bread: Low gluten hosts for Communion are available to those who require them. When you come up to receive, let the minister know and they will get one for you.

Let us pray for one another and for all those impacted by Covid-19.



Message from Fr. Rick:

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The Gospel is counter cultural no more so perhaps than in the Church's teaching on marriage. Our culture exults, let's be honest, selfish indulgence "doing your own thing." It largely rejects as an intrusion on my personal autonomy any commitment that lasts beyond convenience. As soon as a commitment begins to interfere with my plan ... out it goes no matter who gets hurt.

And so we have, among other things an epidemic of divorce which is problematic for the Church for the simple reason that divorce is an action of the State presuming to sever a band between a man and a woman. But in God's plan the State does not create a marriage. God and the free consent of a man and a woman makes a marriage. Divorce dissolves a bond it did not make and so the Church rejects civil divorce inviting Christians to see and live our God's own intentions for men and women in Holy Matrimony. Difficult? Yes, but with God's help possible!

Fr. Rick

Office Closed: The parish office will be closed Tuesday, October 5. Phone and email messages will be answered upon our return on Thursday. We hope that you are enjoying this glorious season of the year.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in the confessional at St. Anthony Church on Saturdays from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Individual confession is available by appointment.

Holiday Craft Fair: Be sure to check out this new event! Christmas crafts and more! We are pleased to offer our very popular home-canned pickles, relishes, jellies & jams. (No baked goods or other foods will be sold or served.) Mark your calendars NOW - It all happens here next Saturday, October 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. One day, one chance to purchase ready-to-give Gift Baskets, craft items and home-canned goods. You know our quality; don't let this opportunity slip by! ***We will be COVID Safe, so masks will be REQUIRED.***





Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Do you know someone interested in exploring our Faith? Saint Anthony and Saint Francis of Assisi Parishes are again offering the RCIA opportunity for those who may be interested in becoming Catholic. Classes have begun Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the rectory and will continue weekly until Easter. See Father Rick or call the parish office if interested. *We ask that you keep those involved in the program, candidates and leaders, in your prayers.*

Weekly Bulletin: Our bulletin is on our website <https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org>. 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. You will also find the new *Living Faith* booklet and *Vermont Catholic* magazine. The box is replenished as needed.

Christ Our Hope: The Christ Our Hope Campaign will have a final campaign kick-off this weekend, October 2nd and 3rd. Bishop Coyne will be live streaming his kick-off message.

As many of you may recall, last fall we launched the Diocese's first statewide campaign: *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church*. While the timing was not ideal, the campaign had been planned for nearly two years, and delayed several times. With the support of several generous parishioners, it was determined that we needed to move forward. Last fall, \$4.4 million was raised, getting us almost halfway to our overall goal.

Saint Anthony Parish has raised \$36,922 in cash and pledges of our goal of \$252,678.00 which makes us 15% to goal. At the back of the church you will find more information about our specific goals and a case statement about the overall campaign.

This campaign offers a wonderful opportunity for Saint Anthony Parish. Not only financially - **60% of the funds we raise comes back to us** for our use to address specific parish needs - but as a larger Catholic community. Together we will renew, strengthen, and secure a future for the Catholic Church in Vermont. In the next few weeks, you will receive a letter asking you to consider pledging a gift over the next three years. Whatever you can contribute will make a difference to our parish and the future of our Church in Vermont. For more information, please visit www.christourhopevt.org.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: As of September 29th Saint Anthony Parish has reached 44% of our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$35,032.20, with donations totaling \$15,338.00. That is up from the 35% from last week. We apologize for the incorrect percentage that was shown in the bulletin last week.

Bishop's Appeal envelopes may be found in our bulletin box. Pledge envelopes may be deposited in the offertory box as you leave Mass or mailed to the Chancery Office, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403. *Please make your checks payable to Bishop's Annual Appeal, as they are processed in Burlington.* Thank you.



Project Rachel: Peace starts here. If you experience regret, guilt or grief, be assured that God's healing love and mercy are always available to the repentant heart. For confidential, non-judgmental help, call (802) 658-4118 or visit www.HopeAfterAbortion.com.

Bulletin Announcement: You are cordially invited to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman on Sunday, October 10th at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4 - 8:00 pm. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. The price is \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to **RSVP by October 3rd** go to VermontNewman@gmail.com



Catholic Mass on TV: The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended for people in certain circumstances. Those unable to attend Sunday Mass in person may view celebration of Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m., livestreamed on our website, or watch:

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 Food Shelf is open to anyone in our community. Curbside pick-up is available Monday-Wednesday 9:00 - 4:30, Thursday-Friday 9:00 - 3:00, Sunday from 12-3 p.m. for a week's worth of groceries, once a month, for anyone. Visit uppervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/ for info. The curbside pickup process is extremely efficient and COVID safe.

Saint Anthony Parish has long supported the Haven by collecting **non-perishable** food in the basket at the entrance of the church before and after Masses.

Top Five Food Shelf Needs this week include soups/stews, beans (white, red, black), tuna/chicken, oatmeal and bottled water (16 oz. or gallon). **Always Needed** are pasta, canned veggies, tomatoes & fruit, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, peanut butter and rice. Thank you!

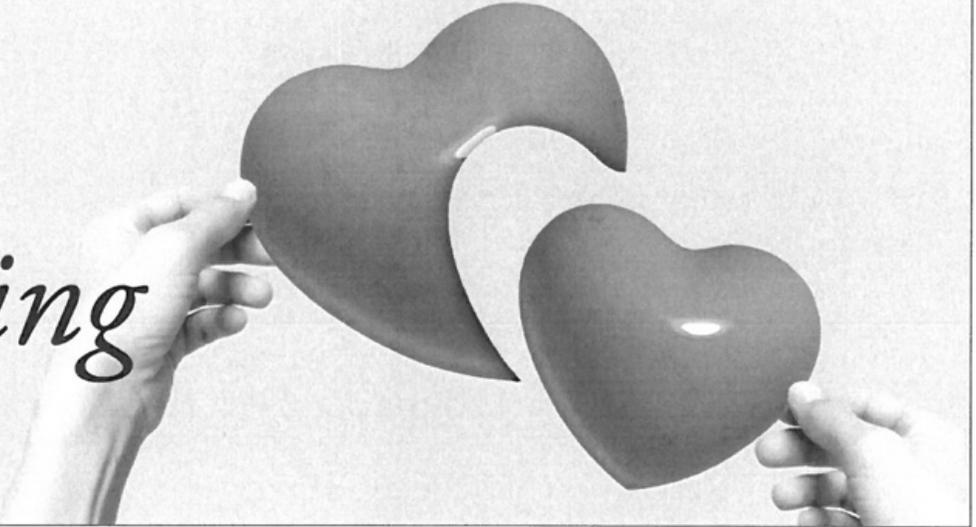
St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

October 2-8, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

On *changing* hearts



There is a scene in the 2020 movie “Roe V. Wade” when Dr. Bernard Nathanson breaks down in tears and falls against a wall sobbing over and over, “It’s a person. It’s a person.”

It is a powerful scene. The moment when one of the most prolific abortionists of his time realizes the humanity of the unborn child and the gravity of his actions. The moment he has a major conversion of heart.

When people blanch at the thought of being labeled “pro-life,” the above scene brings home why those who are pro-life are so stubborn. It’s a person.

Dr. Nathanson’s real-life conversion gives hope to those who are pro-life. Hope that we can reach the lost, those whose hearts have been hardened.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recognizes October as Respect Life Month. During this month we are called to reflect on the dignity of every human life. How do we love and show mercy to those who hold us in contempt? How do we love and show mercy to those who WE hold in contempt?

Consider this reflection from Father David Thoroughgood:

“The Lord seeks out the lost, and so do we under His guidance and power. He has a real love for the lost, being able to see these people as His own children. It is much like a parent

still looking out for the child who has taken wrong turns and is in great trouble at present. ...

The parent still loves the wayward child, whereas the general public might have contempt for that same ‘child.’ The lost can include some very unpopular people, such as murderers, rapists, dictators, fraudsters, sex abusers. ...”

I dare to add the abortionists and pro-abortion politicians.

A priest from the Archdiocese of Adelaide, Australia, Father Throughgood posts his homilies on his blog luxvera.blogspot.com. His words are filled with charity even though sometimes they are hard to read.

How do we change hearts? How do we reach people and convince them of the truth? Perhaps we stop talking and instead listen, leaving the heavy lifting up to Our Lord.

St. Teresa of Calcutta famously said, “If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”

The words of St. Peter of Alcantara can apply in our times. He said, “Truly, matters in the world are in a bad state; but if you and I begin in earnest to reform ourselves, a really good beginning will have been made.”

“The trouble is that everyone talks about reforming others and no one thinks about reforming himself.”

— *Phyllis Harkonen is the Respect Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington*



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Upcoming Events



10|13, 27, 11|10 WED

Living Joy Discussion Group

Online • 7 pm

Join us for Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact pturnley@aol.com for more information.



10|09 SATURDAY

Ordination Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to the diaconate. Mr. Michael Knowles will be ordained to the permanent diaconate and Mr. Brandon Schneider will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Christopher Coyne. This event is open for all who wish to attend. For those unable to be with us physically for the liturgy, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.



10|10 SUNDAY

Evening Honoring the Life and Teachings of St. John Henry Newman

Holy Family Church Hall, Essex Junction • 4 - 8 pm
Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch cordially invite

you to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. **RSVP by October 3 to: VermontNewman@gmail.com**



10|26 TUESDAY

Saints & Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us each month to learn how a particular saint has influenced the life of our guest speaker. October: Fr. Curtis Miller presenting on Ven. Br. William Gagnon. For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.



11|13 SATURDAY

Annual Women's Retreat

St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne

8:30 am - 2:15 pm

This year's theme is: The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God. Check-in begins at 8:30 am. The key not speaker is Sister Barbara Cline of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of attendees, deadline registration November 6 with \$30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1451

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The Heart of Prayer

Our Living Relationship with God

Annual Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat

Saturday, November 13 • St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne

9 am - 2:15 pm, check-in begins at 8:30 am • Key Note: Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

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Sunday, Oct 03, 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

To live the gospel of life

At the gospel's heart is the summons to live life abundantly. In Jesus, God takes on flesh and shares our growing and loving, as well as our suffering and dying. No aspect of the human journey remains foreign to Jesus. He's befriended and betrayed, experiences fasting and feasting, knows the simplicity of childhood and the complex politicized life of an adult. On Respect Life Sunday, we're asked to consider how every moment of life is intimately known and ultimately precious to God. Pray the Rosary's Joyful Mysteries today in gratitude for how God chooses to dwell with us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 (140). *"Let the children come to me . . . for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

Monday, Oct 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

For all creatures great and small

On the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, many parishes have a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets in honor of Francis' special love for animals. Bless a beloved pet today or any day with these words: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."*

Tuesday, Oct 05, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

Open your heart to those left behind

The motto of the Redemptorist religious order made a big impression on young Francis Xavier Seelos: "Preach the gospel to the most abandoned." Because of it, he left his native Germany to serve immigrants in the United States—and soon became a Redemptorist priest. His compassion eventually cost Francis his life; he died of the yellow fever he caught from visiting the sick. "Come without fear or trembling! I promise to receive you with all gentleness," he preached. Who are the abandoned or fearful in your own part of the world? Ask Francis to help you comfort them.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"You are anxious and worried about many things."*

Wednesday, Oct 06, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER

Stand with those who hold the fire line

With the increase in wildfires and chronic drought drying out our forests, we need the help of today's saint, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (1811-49), a Canadian religious foundress. Several of her miracles were reportedly related to wildfires. One such fire, approaching a convent in Spokane, Washington, was said to have changed direction when a picture of Blessed Marie was fastened to a tree. Another facility in Washington was reportedly saved from

a wildfire when the owner tossed a picture of Blessed Marie into the flames, turning it back. Ask her intercession in support of everyday miracle workers, the brave and hardworking men and women fighting the wildfires that seem stronger and more widespread by the year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"[Jesus] said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come.'"*

Thursday, Oct 07, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Count on the Rosary

Today's Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a story that, while not historically confirmed, is nonetheless instructive. It is said that Saint Dominic was making little headway in persuading a large group of breakaway Christians to return to orthodoxy when Mary appeared to him, encouraging the Rosary as a new form of prayer-building on the already existing "Marian Psalter." To this day, Dominican sisters, brothers, and priests stress the Rosary, and millions find meditation, consolation, and community through it. Why not say a decade of the Rosary right now and tap into its centuries-old strength?

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"*

Friday, Oct 08, 2021

God points toward hope

On October 8, 1871, winds swept across the dry Midwestern prairie and helped fan the flames of the Great Chicago Fire and dozens of lesser-known fires, including the Pestigo, Wisconsin Firestorm that ranks as the deadliest wildfire in U.S. history. Local parish priest Father John-Peter Pernin wrote an eyewitness account titled *The Finger of God is There!* His interpretation of events captures the theological struggle believers face amid tragedy: On the one hand, he sees a judging God striking down a people for their sinfulness; on the other, he sees a merciful God filling people with hope and the promise of new life. May the finger of God point you in a positive direction during your times of troubles.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you."*

Saturday, Oct 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

Keep your head about you!

Saint Denis, a third-century bishop of Paris, is invoked for the relief of migraine headaches, possibly because he is a *cephalophore*, a Greek term that means "head-carrier." He was martyred by decapitation and was said to have picked up the severed head and trotted off with it under his arm while preaching on repentance. Wild though that sounds, artists depicting the saint over the centuries struggled with the question, "Where do you put the halo? Over his head, or where his head used to be?" Though we smile, a nugget of truth comes through the legend. When we give all we have to God, our life is memorable and our story ends well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"[Jesus] replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'"*

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



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