



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Second Sunday of Advent – December 5, 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, December 4	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, December 5	8:30 A.M.	Jeannette Albanese by Pauline
Monday, December 6	9:00 A.M.	Souls in Purgatory
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>		
Tuesday, December 7	5:00 P.M.	Catherine McKenney 1st anniversary by family
Friday, December 10	9:00 A.M.	In Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony by JLD
Saturday, December 11	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, December 12	8:30 A.M.	Gladys White by her daughter



Bev Loper
Rose Acker
Frank Klymn
Stephan Schools
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:

"Aunt" Maggie Scelza
9th anniversary
& **Ernie C. Gour**
4th anniversary



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,900.00
Offertory collection Nov. 16-17:	\$ 2,558.10
Human Development:	\$ 500.00

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

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.

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

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

Message from Fr. Rick:

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

“They are remembered by God.”

This blessed Season of Advent, we are invited by Christ’s Church to watch expectantly for the fulfillment of His promises to His people.

That fulfillment depends on a marvelous wonder: God remembers us!

This remembrance is the key to all faith ... at each and every celebration of Holy Mass we offer Christ’s very body and blood, soul and divinity “in remembrance” of Him. But we can only do that because He first remembers us!

Fr. Rick

*“Here am I,
the servant
of the Lord;
let it be
with me
according to
your word.”*
LUKE 1:38,39

Immaculate Conception of Mary: Mass for the holy day, Immaculate Conception of Mary will be celebrated at St. Anthony Church **Tuesday, December 7th at 5:00 p.m.** The holy day Mass at St. Francis of Assisi in Windsor will be celebrated Wednesday, December 8th at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Wreath Pick-up: Christmas wreath pick-up will not be this weekend as scheduled due to production delays. You may pick up your wreath in the St. Anthony garage on:

Tuesday, December 7, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 9, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

and also on:

Saturday, December 11, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 12, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

If you have questions, please call Jim Flanagan at 802-738-4602 or reach him by email at Jbf1154@gmail.com. *We are very sorry for this delay.*

PINS Holiday Gift Tree: For those who have taken a tag from the annual PINS Gift Tree, please remember to tape the tag *securely* to the top of the package. ***It's important that every gift have the gift tag attached, as this is the only way to identify the recipient*** Gifts should be dropped off to the church or rectory office **no later than this Friday, December 10th** in order to be distributed in time for Christmas. If you have questions, you may reach Linda at linda.james@vermont.gov or call her at 802-295-7127. Thank you all for your continued support of this wonderful project!



Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony Church on Friday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 25 at 8:30 a.m.

Please note: There will be no 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 25.

Christ Our Hope: As we wrap up the Christ Our Hope campaign **this month, 80%** (instead of 60%) of new pledges and gifts made in December **will go directly back to parishes** to support our goals and 20% will be split evenly between faith formation and emergency aid. The primary goal of the campaign has always been building vibrant parishes and this additional 20% boost will help many of us reach at least one of our goals. As of November 30th Saint Anthony Parish is 16% to our parish goal of \$252,678.00 with donations totalling \$40,492.

Please consider a gift if you have not yet done so. You will find our parish insert on the back table with details about our projects along with pledge cards and envelopes. You may drop your pledge card in the basket as you exit or mail it to Vermont Catholic Community Foundation, [55 Joy Drive, S. Burlington 05403](mailto:55JoyDrive@vermontcatholic.org).

If you prefer to give **online, Monday, December 6**, the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation has allocated a **\$25,000 matching grant to match the first online pledges received of \$1,000 or more with a \$1,000 grant made directly to the parish – no split**. To make an online gift visit: <https://www.christourhopevt.org/donate>. We are grateful to those who have been able to give.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: As of November 30th Saint Anthony Parish has reached 54% of our BAA pledge goal of \$35,032.20. with donations totaling \$19,038. We are grateful to those who have been able to participate. Bishop's Appeal envelopes may be found in our bulletin box and deposited in the offertory box or mailed to the Chancery Office, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403. ***Please make checks payable to Bishop's Annual Appeal.*** Thank you.



Christmas Flowers: Envelopes for Christmas Flowers are available on the table at the entrance of the church. If you wish to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please complete an envelope and drop it into the basket. Our Christmas Masses will be offered for those in whose memory Christmas flower donations have been made.

Second Collection Next Weekend: *Give in Gratitude.* A donor to the Retired Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift in next weekend's collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. ***Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.***

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. Please call Fr. Rick to schedule.

Weekly Bulletin: Our bulletin is on our website <https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org>. While there, find Bishop Barron's daily Advent Reflections for convenient every-day meditations. For those who do not have web access, or who prefer a printed bulletin, you may pick up one outside the parish office in a plastic container on the small porch near the office door. Copies of *The Magnificat Advent Companion* are also available there.



Christmas Festival of Lights: Visit the display of Christmas Lights at La Salette Shrine, Route 4A, Enfield Wednesday thru Sunday until January 2nd from 5:00-9 PM. This year's theme "Mary ... *Uniting All Cultures!*" celebrates the 175th Anniversary of the September 19th, 1846 apparition witnessed by two small shepherd children tending cows high in the French Alps. It is also the 70th Anniversary of the Shrine which had its formal dedication on May 30th 1951. ***Covid-19 protocols will be strictly followed in all buildings.*** Visit [our website](#) or www.lasaletteofenfield.org.

Respect Life: "Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ... The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end - precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." *Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life



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 check local listings.) Televised Masses may be found on The CatholicTV Network, cable channel 166 (or check 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 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. We are pleased to be able to resume this practice. The **Top Five Food Shelf Needs** this week are include tuna/chicken, soups/stews, oatmeal, baking mixes and salt/pepper/spices. Thank you!

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



NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 4–10, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

CHRIST OUR

Hope



Building a Vibrant Church Update

Last fall, guided by the results of our diocesan-wide synod and input from thousands of parishioners, the Diocese of Burlington launched its first statewide campaign, Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church.

The focus of this campaign reflects the early ministries of Christ: "And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people" (Mt 4:23).

Each gift to the campaign supports the following ministries:

- **Preaching** — building vibrant and welcoming parishes (60% to parishes).
- **Teaching** — evangelization through faith formation programs (20%).
- **Healing** — emergency aid to households in crisis (20%).

The primary focus of this campaign has always been about helping our parishes. Each parish has specific goals developed by its parish council and pastor to address local, immediate needs that will create a more vibrant future, and many are close to reaching at least one of their tiered goals.

That is why 80% (instead of 60%) of new gifts and pledges made in December will be distributed to the parishes to

support their efforts, and 20% will be split evenly between faith formation and emergency aid.

On Dec. 6, the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation will match the first 25 new gifts or pledges made online of \$1,000 or more with a \$1,000 grant directly to the parish — one match per parish. To make an online gift visit: christourhopevt.org/donate.

Many who were not able to commit to a gift last year asked us to come back this fall with our invitation to give. We are so grateful for all that we have received thus far during this very difficult time. Any gift, no matter the size, will make a difference. Please consider a gift to help your parish.

To learn more about your parish goals visit: christourhopevt.org/parish.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. — 1 Thes 5:16-18

Sincerely,

Ellen Kane

Executive Director of Development and Communications

What is Prop. 5?

An amendment that
would enshrine abortion
in the Vermont
Constitution

**WE NEED YOU! Join us on
Tuesday, Dec 14th @ 7PM
for an informational webinar!**

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Upcoming Events



12|05, 12, 19 SUNDAYS

Sing We Now Noel

St. Albans, Colchester & Stowe • 2 pm

A celebration of Christmas and seasonal music will be presented at three different locations with Dr. William Tortolano as organist. The 92-year-old St. Michael's College Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts and Music continues to avoid retirement. The acoustic and tonal resources of the different Vermont spaces will bring a wide variety of organ music and vocal soloists. The audience will have an opportunity to sing favorite carols from many countries. Organ solos are by J.S. Bach, Pachelbel, Brahms, Yon and Rowley.

Dec. 5, St. Mary's Church in St. Albans: soloists Jake Barickman and John Schreindorfer

Dec. 12, St. Michael's College chapel in Colchester: soloist Jerry Proulx

Dec. 19, Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe: soloist Elisabeth Ortiz.

The concerts are free and open to the public. An optional free will offering will be available.



12|13 MONDAY

A Charlie Brown Christmas, America's Passion Play

Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Jct. • 7 pm

Come learn the inside story and multi-faith origins — Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant — of America's most spiritual piece of pop culture. Presented by Dr. Damian Costello, Director of Postgraduate Studies at NAHITS: An Indigenous Learning Community and author of "How 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' became America's passion play."



12|14 TUESDAY

Webinar: What is Prop. 5?

Online • 7 - 8 pm

Join Bishop Coyne and State experts for an evening webinar explaining Prop. 5 (Article 22). Prop. 5 seeks to amend Vermont's constitution to enshrine abortion into it. Prop. 5 is expected to be put to the general public vote in November, 2022. Please send any questions/comments to Phyllis Harkonen at pharkonen@vermontcatholic.org or 802-652-6110 x1201



12|17, 01|07, 21, 02|04, 18 FRIDAYS

The Challenge Club for Catholic Girls

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 6 - 8 pm

Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship and their Catholic faith. It's a place for girls to learn about themselves by doing apostolic projects and creating a positive impact on family, friends and the world. **FOR MORE INFO:** contact Mary Niekrewicz, mary.of.vt@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko, audreycgsvt@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.



12|18 SATURDAY

Corpus Christi Parish Advent Retreat

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Danville

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Come re-encounter Jesus Christ, join Catholic brothers and sisters as we journey through Advent, and experience anew



BISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL
2021
UPDATE



As of Nov. 24, 2021: **\$1,834,325**

To learn more or make a gift visit:

vermontcatholic.org/giveonline

the joy of our faith! The day will feature talks by local clergy on the Advent themes of Hope, Faith, and Joy, followed by witness talks from local parishioners. There is no registration fee and no charge for lunch. **FOR MORE INFO:** contact Tom Lovett at lightoftheworldcorpuschristi@gmail.com.



12|30 THURSDAY

More than the Magi: Celebrating the Riches of Epiphany 2022

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7-8:30 pm

A reflection on the history, liturgy, and spirituality of a feast of feasts, with Fr. Richard Berube, SSE.



01|05, 19, 02|02, 16, 03|02, & 16

WEDNESDAYS

Resisting Happiness Book Club

Online • 7 pm

Come explore with us Matthew Kelly's book *Resisting Happiness* at 7-8 pm every other Wednesday for six weeks. Free book and study guide, contact pturnley@aol.com.



01|25 TUESDAY

Saints & Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us in November when Deacon Phil Lawson presents on Saints Philip, Athanasius and Lawrence. **For more info:** vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.



02|05 SATURDAY

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Beginning with Rosary at 8 am, Confessions, and followed by Mass at 8:30 am.

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Christ the King School, Burlington:
Afterschool and Summer Camp Director

Diocesan Central Offices, South Burlington:

Human Resources Generalist

Diocesan Catechetical Leader

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) — \$1,000 Sign-On Bonus

St. Mark Parish, Burlington:
Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

vermontcatholic.org/careers



DEC. 5—11, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

The Second Week of Advent

Have you started a collection jar for good deeds during Advent? You might choose to donate to your local humane society, the St. Nicholas Project at the Kurn Hattin home in Westminster, VT, or to your local food shelf. Keep praying daily together for the needs of others.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

Sunday, Dec 05, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In praise of community service

Consider him an early volunteer. John the Baptist preached and baptized through the countryside, preparing the community for the way, truth, and life about to open to them. He wasn't paid for these services, which is probably why his diet was locusts and honey, and his clothing coarse. Today on International Volunteer Day, we give thanks for all who helped their neighbors with grocery runs and check-ins during the long season of sickness. We can continue this spirit of social engagement: giving blood, organizing group clean-ups, shoveling a neighbor's sidewalk. Volunteering builds empathy!

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6 (6). *"A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"*

Monday, Dec 06, 2021

MEMORIAL OF NICHOLAS, BISHOP

The wonder of it all

Very little is known about the historical Saint Nicholas, but he evolved into a legendary figure so intertwined with Christmas, it's almost as if he were part of the Nativity story. The actual Nicholas lived 300 years after the birth of Jesus. Whether he secretly gave gifts to children or not, the spirit of his story is real. Centuries later as presents are wrapped in mystery and kept under the tree in anticipation, emotions of waiting for the Christ Child heighten as we ponder a miracle we can't fathom. Thank you, Saint Nicholas, for a tradition that helps incarnate our joy and wonder!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26 (181). *"We have seen incredible things today."*

Tuesday, Dec 07, 2021

MEMORIAL OF AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Wage peace

Advent anticipates the Prince of Peace. But as we recall Pearl Harbor, Catholics also embrace a tradition that includes just war theory—sketched out by the likes of Saint Augustine, fleshed out by the likes of Saint Ambrose. King David "never waged war unless he was driven to it," Ambrose observed, illustrating that wars should be fought only as a last resort. Further, war should be waged selflessly—to help and protect others. War that "preserves one's country [or] defends the weak . . . is full of justice." Pray for those in the armed services who sacrifice and protect, and also pray for peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14 (182). *"Comfort, give comfort to my people."*

Wednesday, Dec 08, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE U.S.A.)

A day of pure celebration

Today we celebrate the Immaculate Conception, the church's teaching that Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception. It is one of only two dogmas proclaimed infallibly by a pope. All of today's readings are related: They trace the tale back to the Fall, followed by a celebration of the "marvelous deeds" of God's salvation, culminating in the gospel reading of the Annunciation, where Mary learns she will bear a son who will reverse the curse of sin. Today, honor our Blessed

Mother and thank God for her preservation from sin so that she might bring Christ into the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (689). *" . . . he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him."*

Thursday, Dec 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN

Be a witness to the miracle of God's love

We are told that Saint Juan Diego was undistinguished before he became the person to whom the Virgin Mary appeared at Tepeyac, Mexico in 1531. Juan Diego had an opportunity to open himself to God's grace—Mary's appearance and miracle. He responded in faith by listening to the Virgin and persistently communicating her message, even though as an indigenous person, his word was at first discounted. His part in the miracle at Tepeyac has had enduring impact by opening other indigenous and mestizo Mexicans to the gospel message, and by opening church leaders—albeit slowly, in fits and starts—to the message indigenous peoples have for the wider church. Are you ready to receive God's grace, as did Juan Diego?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (184). *"Whoever has ears ought to hear."*

Friday, Dec 10, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LORETO

Jesus makes his presence known

Emmanuel, "God is with us," is our guiding truth. Christians find many ways to remind ourselves of God's Real Presence. Of course, the primary way is through the Eucharist. But shrines and relics are also a very Catholic way of pointing to the reality of Christ in our lives. Take for example the shrine of Our Lady of Loreto, which resides in Loreto, Italy, a small town on the Adriatic coast. It is there that the original home of Mary is said to have been moved, either by angels or more probably by a wealthy Italian merchant, after the late 13th-century siege of Jerusalem. At this shrine we can presumably touch the same stones that Jesus touched as a boy. What a remarkable reminder that the Word was made flesh and lived among us. Pray to Our Lady of Loreto for continued reminders of God's abiding presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19 (185/689B). *"The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us!'"*

Saturday, Dec 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF DAMASUS I, POPE

By the book

By the fourth century of the Christian era there were 20 or so gospels floating around the early church communities along with the familiar four. Dozens of epistles existed in addition to the 21 we now recognize. It was today's saint, Pope Damasus I (c. 305–384), who presided over the Council of Rome in 382 that determined the canon, or official list, of the Bible. He also encouraged Saint Jerome to produce a translation of the existing Greek and Hebrew texts into Latin, the common language of the day. Inexpensive versions of the Catholic *New American Bible Revised Edition* make great Christmas gifts for friends and family looking to deepen their faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 (186). *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

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



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