



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street
White River Jct. Vermont 05001

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 26, 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

Secretary: Ms. Joanne Collins
Telephone: 802-295-2225, ext. 3
E-mail: stanthonychurch@vermontcatholic.org
Website: <https://stanthony.vermontcatholic.org>

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM
Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

Adoration 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.

There is no 4:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, December 25

Sunday, December 26 8:30 A.M. The People of Saint Anthony Parish

Monday, December 27 *NO MASS*

Friday, December 31 9:00 A.M. Donald Renehan by Shelley Renehan

Saturday, January 1 4:00 P.M. The People of Saint Anthony Parish

Sunday, January 2 8:30 A.M. Sharman Renehan by Shelley Renehan

Michelle Wegner
Frank Klymn
Stephen Schools
Mrs. Joan Smith
Rose Acker
Rev. Kenneth Ridgeway, S.M.



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 December 18-19:	\$ 1,751.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 810.00

**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.

Important Notice from the Bishop: As an act of charity towards our fellow parishioners, Bishop Coyne is asking that masks be worn at all Masses. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with the request.

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.

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 other items. Please help yourself.

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

Message from Fr. Rick:

Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord Jesus

The Feast of the Holy Family

December 25, December 26, 2021

Next summer, God willing, I will be 30 years ordained! Nearly every Christmas for these years I have pondered and thought about, reflected and prayed on those intriguing words spoken to the shepherds by the angel that very first Christmas.

“... And this shall be a sign for you” “A sign” pointing or signifying like all signs towards something bigger than itself. “An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” Now, let us not get all sentimental about that manger, after all what is a manger? A feed box! A place where animals were fed: a most unlikely cradle! But then again here is a most unlikely infant: A savior who has been born! For you who is Christ and Lord.

Yes my brothers and sisters there it is: That God should be made man, is certainly strange enough but that having come into this world He created and sustains; that He should come a tiny squalling infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed as His first resting place in this world in a feed box for animals is almost beyond belief. Almost.

“This is the name they give Him
Wonder-counselor
God-hero
Father forever
Prince of Peace”

Yet so it is and every year we stand amazed and lost in wonder at the wondrous strangeness of it all:

“And the Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us”

Some still scoff at it all and there are many who should be here with us but are not for whatever reason and still here we are ready to proclaim in a world filled with darkness and pain and so much sorrow:

“For behold, I proclaim to you good news
Of great joy ... A savior has been born for you!

Merry Christmas!

Office Closed: The parish office will be closed the week of December 26 through January 2, 2022. Messages will be checked during this period. We will respond after we return on Monday, January 3, 2022, though it may take a while. Your patience and understanding will be appreciated. Our wish is that you have a safe, happy and holy Christmas season, and that you and your family and loved ones be richly blessed throughout the new year.

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](http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org) or www.lasaletteofenfield.org.

*As we celebrate with joy the Feast of the Holy Family,
let us keep in our prayers all those who grieve for deceased family members,
especially those who mourn the loss of children.*



Knights of Columbus: A raffle is being held for a handmade quilt (98"x75") called "Trip Around the World". It features a colorful Block Pattern design created by Helen Davis of Duxbury, VT. Her quilts and other crafts have received awards and ribbons at the Champlain Valley Fair, the Vermont State Fair, and the Tunbridge Fair. The Quilt Raffle will help us replace funds normally received from dinners and mercy meals. Chances to win this piece of American Folk Art are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Drawing will be February 12, 2022.

Thanks: Sincere thanks to Richard Powell and the Knights of Columbus, Michaud Council for their generous donation of coats to the children, youth and families we serve. We were so incredibly grateful to receive this carload of coats, when we just had given away the last of our winter gear days before. This speaks to the great need in our community for even just the basics right now. We sincerely appreciate all of the efforts of the St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus. Thank you so very much for your kindness and thoughtfulness. (Signed) *Jennifer Burkey, District Director, State of Vermont, DCF Family Services*

Concert: There will be an Epiphany Concert at St Francis Church in Windsor on Sunday January 2, 2022 beginning at 4:00 pm. A good-will offering or non-perishable food shelf item will be accepted. **Masks will be required to be worn for those attending.** Please join us as we celebrate the close of the Christmas season with very special performers including the Women of Note from Windsor.



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 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.

Respect Life: "Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, 'in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'' (PC 3). His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us." *Excerpts from *Patris corde*, © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2021 Respect Life Reflection

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/canned chicken, soups/stews, oatmeal, baking mixes and salt/pepper/spices. **Wish List** items include warm hats & gloves, sleeping bags, winter outerwear and coats, personal items such as shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes, shaving cream, diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and pull-ups (sizes 3T-4T), and gas cards & gift cards to local grocery stores or Walmart. Thank you!

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



*Christmas Flower Offerings have been made
in memory of:*



Ossie Cumby
Deceased members of the Claude R.
George Sr. family
Deceased members of the George J.
Viens Sr. family
Mary Diana
Departed loved ones of Diane
Stevens-Follensbee
Winston & Marie DeCoste
Susan & Heith Lashway
Clarence & Elnora Smith
Elizabeth Belgarde
Parents and grandparents of
Karleen & Gary McKenney
Deceased members of Shaw &
Baldwin families
Philip G. Turgeon
Gerard & Isabelle Cormier & family
Deceased members of the Curran
and Campbell families
Mary Ann Blickarz
Deceased members of Montuori family
Deceased members of Campbell &
Audette families
Laura Dodge
Jerry Bachelder
James O'Neil Family members
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Albanese
Pete & Barbara Trottier
Arthur & Leda Trottier
Reginald & Ruth Ploof
Irving & Julia Fountain
Charles & Ada Ross
Doc & Lou Simon
Paul, Karen, Scott Rench
Deborah Reed

William Pippin
Mr. & Mrs. Buster Pippin
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Romano
Terry Romano
Winnie & Joe Krontz
Dan & Dodie Symancyk
Steve & Kathy Geratowski
Sandy Geratowski
Henry & Marion Gauthier
Ruth & Bill Voorhis
Saul Solomon
Billy Klymn
Arnie Spindler
Irene & Duke Du Charme
Nanette Du Charme Andrews
Charlie Phair
Donald Phair
Debbie Audette
Louis & Marjorie Audette
Melody Allen
Deceased members of the Zapolski
family
Deceased members of the Tankiewicz
family
Ashley Durand
Rita Andrews
Kelley & Plante family
Opal & Leon Couture
William & Dorothy Coker
Cooney & Morin families
Roger & Rosanna Gillies
Cleon & Joyce Chapman
"Aunt" Maggie Scelza
Toni-Ann "T.A.G." Gour
Stan Liang
Ernie C. Gour



*Christmas Flower Offerings have been made
in memory of:*



*Paul & Jean Sherman
Stan Jackson
Family & Friends of Tim
& Nancy Dyke
The Elders
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Klotz
Polly Poor
Gail Peck
Pam Porter
Nan Daniels
Robert 'Frog' Fournier
Randy Hurlbert
Allen Wheeler
John Adams
Francis Garand
Elizabeth Paradis
The Bement Family
Martin, Aher, LaPoint families
Donna Elder
Lena & Albert Romano
Bob, Pauli & Dick McCarthy
Merton Castellini & family
Annette & Wendall Mayette
John Jarvis, Jr.
D. Marie & Charles Wheaton
Richard Murphy
Ara Murphy
Phyllis Shambo
Ralph E. Funari
Mickey & Jerry Holm
Harold & Jackie Gour
Ernie & Sandy Gour
Toniann "Tag" Gour
Rev. Joseph Lagor
The Gour & Scelza families*

*The Campbell families
Lagor & Beaudoin family
The Marden & Hugg families
Gladys B. White
Allen W. White
Deceased Jaros & Emery families
Catherine & Dante De Agazio
Eleanor Douglas
Jacobsen Family members
Baby Badman
Deceased family members of the
James & Uliva families
Phyllis Ashley
Michael J. Kendall
Linda O'Banion*



NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 25–31, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

God first loved us

I hope this last edition of *The Inland See* for 2021 finds you and your loved ones healthy and growing in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

This edition leads us through the celebration of Christmas and into the new year, a year that I have designated as a year of “Communion: Creed, worship and life.” As we celebrate Christmas, I see an opportunity for us to reflect upon the Incarnation as the greatest moment of communion between God and humanity. Consider if you will that God did not have to choose to be born through the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, but He did in the person of Jesus who later revealed why: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

Think about that for a moment, “for God so loved the world.” As such, this primary love for us, as revealed to us, calls forth a response from us to either love or not love Him in return. When we do choose to love God, we are called to do so as the great commandment says, “with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our soul.” St. Augustine of Hippo offered great encouragement for us when he wrote, “To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.”

Now out of God’s love, comes the crux of what we celebrate at Christmas, that God “gave his only Son ... so that we might have eternal life.” God did so by incarnating Himself as “true God and true man” in Jesus Christ: The Incarnation was the greatest communion because it was the primal communion, it is what began the whole great plan of salvation in and through Jesus Christ. All other communion flows from that moment. Notice as well that this moment is Trinitarian: God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, became man in the person of Jesus. Subsequently, that communion becomes manifested in each of us at the moment of baptism, when we are born again and take on the new person of Christ.

During this time of Christmas and the beginning of the Year of Communion, my encouragement is for all of us to begin by praying and meditating on the fact that God first loved us and how we love Him in return. As baptized members of the Church, we share in its communion as community and as ones in communion through the sacraments. I offer the words of Pope Leo the Great (c.400-461) from one of his Christmas homilies for your prayerful reflection:

“Our Saviour, dearly-beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and



Shown is the wood engraving “Die Christnacht” by Ludwig Richter, 1854. — Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, D.C. 20540 USA

brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all. Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon. Let the gentile take courage in that he is called to life. ...”

God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Christopher J. Coyne



The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

Sunday, Dec 26, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Bless the children

Holy families aren't necessarily picture-perfect. But they are faithful and consistent in their values and goals. Like Mary and Joseph and biblical parents before them, holy families consecrate their children early and often to the care of God. They do this by baptizing them and seeing to their sacramental preparation. They do this by praying for and with their little ones. They provide them a religious education and share faith-filled practices of compassion and charity. All the children in our lives look to us for love and acceptance, guidance and Christian example. Teach the children well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52 (17A); or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52 (17C). *"Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever."*

Monday, Dec 27, 2021

FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

He lived to tell the tale

John the Apostle is credited with being the author of the Gospel of John. He is also believed to have been the "Beloved Disciple" of Jesus mentioned in that gospel and is presumed to have outlived the other apostles, perhaps being the only one to die of natural causes rather than martyrdom. Imagine being the last survivor, and the heartache he endured on losing his peers to violent deaths for their faith. Perhaps it was John's job to live to tell the story—"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name"—as he says in his final line. Take John's mission to heart and embrace his good word today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8 (697). *"Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed."*

Tuesday, Dec 28, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Children deserve protection

Nowadays when we think of Christmas pageants, we envision adorable children in bathrobes dressed as shepherds. But in the Middle Ages, religious pageants were a serious business. The whole community gathered to enact mystery plays that told the stories of birth, death, resurrection, and the lives of the saints. It's from such a mystery play that we get the haunting words and melody of "The Coventry Carol"—a song about King Herod's slaughter of the Holy Innocents that asks plaintively, "What may we do to preserve . . . this poor youngling for whom we sing?" Pray today for children who continue to suffer and face certain death without our help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698). *"A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children."*

Wednesday, Dec 29, 2021

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF NATIVITY OF THE LORD; MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

Choose God

Everyone must at times make the choice of serving God or something less. Today we remember Saint Thomas Becket, bishop of Canterbury. Thomas was faced with such a dilemma

when his friend the king, Henry II, continuously tried to interfere with church matters. Allowing the king to interfere with the church would have allowed Thomas to be in the king's good graces. Instead, Thomas chose to serve God above anything and anyone else, even at the cost of martyrdom. "When is constancy required," Thomas writes, "except under persecution. Are not friends then proved? If they always yield, how can they ever succeed? They must, one time or other, make a stand."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). *"And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*

Thursday, Dec 30, 2021

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Take your time to absorb Christmas

Today we continue as a church to honor the feast of our Savior's birth. It is day six in the octave of Christmas—the eight-day liturgical focus on the birth of Christ. The entrance of the Christ into human history is such a significant event that the church notes its magnitude by keeping our gaze on it through the specified readings, psalms, and prayers during these eight days. Take a moment today to allow the wonder of God-among-us to continue to sink in.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). *"She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem."*

Friday, Dec 31, 2021

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Out with the new, in with the old

The end of the year gives us pause to reflect on the past and change for the future. Typically, we find something new to embrace or resolve to do. But if it's true that there's really nothing new under the sun, then perhaps we should look to the old! This is exactly what the church does, as it moves into the new year, not with any newfound epiphany, but instead with a commitment to the very old-school value of peace. As we anticipate the World Day of Peace tomorrow, January 1, what are some deeply held and long-standing values that you would like to deepen during the coming year? How might you go old school?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). *"In the beginning was the Word."*

Saturday, Jan 01, 2022

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD; WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Rocking with Mother Mary

People in every age have their particular way to celebrate the new year. These days we might change old eating habits to be healthier; get on track financially; spend more time with family. But maybe this year it could be about what young Catholics refer to as "rocking with Mary," that is, getting to know the mother of Jesus on a deeper level. Understanding her courage, strength, and faithfulness can help us realize our own potential as bearers of the Good News. On her feast day and in the days ahead, reflect on Mary and strive to imitate her in bringing Good News to the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). *"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."*

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



©2021 TrueQuest Communications. TakeFiveForFaith.com; mail@takefiveforfaith.com. All rights reserved. Noncommercial reprints permitted with the following credit: Reprinted with permission from TakeFiveForFaith.com. Scripture citations from the New American Bible Revised Edition. For more information about TAKE FIVE and our regular contributors, go to PrepareTheWord.com. **Free daily email and app available online at TakeFiveForFaith.com/subscribe.**