

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

Baptism of the Lord – January 9, 2022

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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, January 8
4:00 P.M. The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, January 9
8:30 A.M. Evelyn Biron by Roger & Dale Tatro

Monday, January 10 NO MASS

Remember

Prayers

Friday, January 14 9:00 A.M. In thanksgiving to Saint Anthony by JLD

Saturday, January 15 4:00 P.M. Albert & Lena Romano by Herb & Patti Castellini

Sunday, January 16 8:30 A.M. The People of Saint Anthony Parish

David Lillie
Michelle Wegner
Rev. Kenneth Ridgeway
Rose Acker
Stephan Schools

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 January 1-2: \$2,613.00
Building repairs, December: \$485.00
Fuel/energy, December: \$775.00

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.

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:

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022 (from last weekend)

This Feast, traditionally celebrated on January 6th, (the 12th Day of Christmas) is a foreshadowing of Pentecost, 50 days after His Resurrection. Jesus and the Father sent forth their Holy Spirit upon the Church to proclaim the Resurrection and to bear witness to it. God who is not bound or limited by time and space called forth the Magi decades earlier to come to see the newborn Christ to be the first representatives of the Nations Jesus comes to save.

Although Saint Matthew in his gospel never says how many Magi there were (the word Magi is the plural form of "Magus"; a majus was a pagan priest, likely a member of a pagan sect. Many were educated men who through study and observation had an intimate knowledge of the heavens.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

"You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased."

With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord the Christmas Season comes to an end. "Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the Mystery of Christ is celebrated, but, rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time.

Please note: I will be away attending the annual Priests retreat at Lake Morey resort in Fairlee, Vermont from Sunday afternoon, January 9th returning to Windsor on Thursday afternoon, January 13th. I will carry all of you in my prayers and thoughts while on retreat. Please pray for me too!

Fr. Rick

From Bishop Coyne: As an act of charity toward our fellow parishioners, Bishop Coyne is asking and encouraging everyone to wear masks at all Masses until further notice.

It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end. Deuteronomy 11:12



PINS Thanks You: It is with great appreciation that I thank all of you who provided PINS gifts and cash donations this year! Your tremendous generosity has helped to make a special Christmas for over 70 children whose families are impacted by child maltreatment. I know that COVID has challenged many this year and that is why it was especially heartwarming to see your continued support of this program. We have a strong, caring spirit here at Saint Anthony Parish which is wonderful to be a part of! May you all enjoy a healthy and peaceful 2022! Linda James, DCF-Family Services

Second Collection Next Weekend: The Catholic Education Collection will take place next weekend, January 15-16. Your generosity to this annual collection helps to support the continued faith formation of our young people. One half of the collection will remain in our parish for the local religious education programs, and one half supports 13 Catholic schools throughout the Diocese. Your generosity to this very important mission in the life of the Church is greatly appreciated. Offerings may be mailed to the parish office or dropped into the basket as you leave the church. *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.

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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: As of December 22nd Saint Anthony Parish has reached 58% of our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$35,032.20, with donations totaling \$20,203. 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.

Christ Our Hope: It was decided that parishes will receive an 80% distribution of any new gifts or pledges made beginning in December and moving forward. Since this is a three -year pledge period, parishioners can make a gift any time until the end of the three years and the parish will receive 80% of the distribution. As of December 22nd Saint Anthony Parish is 17% to our parish goal with donations totaling \$43,692. Thank you for your support of the campaign!

Calling Knitters and Crocheters: The November Holiday Craft tables are in need of any knitted and crocheted items you are able to make! Weather is perfect for being cozy and warm with a skein of yarn or two or more! Yarn can be provided if needed. Thank you in advance of your time. Please contact Karen Powell at 802-295-2078 if you have any questions.



Marriage Day Mass: Milestone marriage anniversaries will be celebrated on February 6, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, with Bishop Coyne. Catholic married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2022, who wish to be recognized at this Mass should contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110, ext. 1131, by Friday, January 28, 2022. Please notify the parish office ASAP if you wish to receive a certificate signed by Bishop Coyne for your significant anniversary.

Knights of Columbus: A raffle is being held for a handmake quilt (98"x75") called "Trip Around the World" featuring a colorful Block Pattern design created by Helen Davis. The Quilt Raffle will help us replace funds normally received from dinners and mercy meals. Chances are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Drawing will be February 12, 2022.

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.

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 <u>uppervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/</u> 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 include tuna/canned 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.

The Inland See



Upcoming Events



01|11, 18, 25 TUESDAYS

Courageous Women Bible Study

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington 9 am or 6:30 pm

For this study we will use, "Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical History" by Stacy Mitch, written with a female audience in mind yet it is equally approachable for men. There are 8 sessions; participants are welcome to attend as many or as few as they can. FOR MORE INFO: Connie McDonald (802) 864-4166 x204 or SJVGood-News@gmail.com



01|16 SUNDAY

DeGoesbriand Council 279 Burlington Pancake Breakfast

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 8:30 - 11:30 am

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus DeGoesbriand Council 279. By donation, the suggested donation is \$8.



01|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.

FOR MORE INFO: pturnley@aol.com.



01|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. FOR MORE INFO: contact Mary Niekrewicz, mary.of.vt@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko, audreycgsvt@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.



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.



02|5 SATURDAY

Adoration Mini-Mission with Holy Hour

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Not sure what adoration is all about? Or maybe you've not been to adoration for awhile and could use a refresher course? In anticipation of a 40 Hours of Adoration event coming this Lent, Josh Perry, the diocesan Director of Worship, will be offering a mini-mission awith instruction about adoration, followed by a holy hour.



02 06 SUNDAY

Marriage Anniversary Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am Are you and your spouse celebrating a

milestone anniversary (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2022? To register please contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@ vermontcatholic.org or (802)658-6110, ext. 1131.



02|12 SATURDAY

Padre Pio Devotions

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

opportunity to learn more about Padre Pio.



presents on Saints Therese of Lisieux. There will be time for prayer, small group and large group discussion. For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.





As of Dec. 14, 2021: \$1,875,133

To learn more or make a gift visit: **vermontcatholic.org/giveonline**



.HALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

JANUARY 9-15, 2022

This week reflect on the words you exchange with your spouse. Do you reinforce the other's shame by staking a claim to always be right? Or do you choose to ignore the whispered suggestions from the enemy who wants to tear apart your devotion to each other? Take time to daily share with each other what you are grateful for in your relationship.

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JANUARY 9-15, 2022

God is in charge, not me. What do our children see when plans change, proving that we are not in charge? Be open to where God leads us. Pray about and share those times we experience vulnerability and risk. Be willing to love or be loved, especially when there is disappointment. Take time to pray the Our Father together, every day.

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Sunday, Jan 09, 2022

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Tell it like it is

The hidden days are over. When the Spirit descends on Jesus and the heavenly voice proclaims him beloved, Jesus is effectively outed as the Divine Son. Did Jesus know this was the hour when his private life would come to an end? When any dreams he may have had for a quiet domestic existence were surrendered for good? The underlying truth is that on the day of our Baptism, we each surrender the notion of a private world that's all about us. As Pope Francis puts it, "Immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us members of his body, which is the Church, and participants in its mission in the world." Be the beloved. Share the love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21). "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Monday, Jan 10, 2022

Give every child a chance

According to the National Center for Child Poverty, about 15 million children in the United States—21 percent of all children—live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line. The Christ Child Society seeks to address the critical needs of these children. U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died on this day in 1955, founded the Christ Child Society in 1887 at the age of 20—despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at nationalchristchild.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 (305). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022

Pray the way to a more perfect union

Dom Lambert Beauduin, a Belgian Benedictine monk, died this day in 1960—but not without influencing the way we pray at Mass. As a liturgical scholar, Beauduin championed—years before Vatican II—the idea of worshipers actively participating in the Mass rather than sitting in pews to pray their private devotions. He promoted the idea of congregants literally "being on the same page," able to follow along with the Latin by using worship aides to translate the words of priests and prayers. "Beauduin had an insatiable thirst for unity," notes a biographer. Pray for greater unity in our church today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "On the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught."

Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022

Here I am, Lord

Jesus saw his healing ministry of the sick and spiritually oppressed as a call from God. It is the same call each of us receives, not only to serve God and his people but to serve ourselves—to be our best selves, which will bring us the greatest joy. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, known as an apostle of love, explains the profound grace that comes with responding to God's call in his "Jesus, the very thought of thee" hymn: "... how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!/ But what to those who

find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show;/ The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307). "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

Thursday, Jan 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

In defense of the faith

Saint Hilary (d. 468) was a bishop during a time of great contention in the early church. He was popularly selected to lead, and he undertook scholarship that continues to be recognized today. His informal title, "Hammer of the Arians," has a violent ring to it, but in fact, he defended the Trinity against the Arian heresy through his writing, even though his opponents used the more forcible method of exile. Living a truly Christian life—loving those who oppose you, forgiving wrongs, turning the other cheek—has often been ridiculed by those who prefer the use of force. You can "defend" the faith by the way you choose to live.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.' "

Friday, Jan 14, 2022

I feel your pain

Healing gospel-style involves assessing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the ill person. As Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us: "To stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them." This holistic approach is slowly being embraced by Western physicians. Today's healthcare providers are encouraged to use such tools as the FICA method to assess a patient's faith; its importance in their decision-making; their connection to a community of like-minded believers; and the recommended action related to the spiritual assessment. We're all commissioned to be healers to some extent; the next time someone comes to you in pain, remember this compassionate approach.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309). "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'?"

Saturday, Jan 15, 2022

The stone rejected

In our continued observance of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, we are reminded by Pope Francis to consider the complexities of people's lives when we're tempted to judge their family or marital situation. "It can no longer simply be said," writes the pope, "that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin." Non-traditional families need to be offered "understanding, comfort, and acceptance." We need to stop applying moral laws as if they were, in the pope's words, "stones to throw at a person's life." Consider today the grace of God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness operating in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17 (310). "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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



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