



Saint Anthony Parish

15 Church Street
White River Junction
Vermont 05001

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023

Reverend Cyraín G. Cabueñas
Deacon John P. Guarino

Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Burlington

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM

Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM

Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents must contact the parish for the necessary forms at least one month in advance.

Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

PARISH CONTACT

You may contact the parish by email or phone. If we are unable to answer your call, please leave a message. Father is available for appointments at Saint Anthony Parish on Monday and Friday and at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Windsor on Tuesday and Thursday. The phone number at St. Francis is 802-674-2157.

Telephone: 802-295-2225, ext. 3
E mail: stanthonychurch@vermontcatholic.org
Website: stanthony.vermontcatholic.org

Religious Education: Diane Usher
Email: dmgu70@icloud.com

RECTORY CHAPEL

The rectory chapel is now open for visits on:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 26	4:00 PM	Carol Rivard by Her Husband & Family
Sunday, August 27	8:30 AM	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, August 28	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving by Jaya Thadani
Friday, September 1	9:00 AM	Special Intention to Saint Anthony by Lucas Racine
Saturday, September 2	4:00 PM	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, September 3	8:30 AM	Angela Falzarano by Pauline Albanese



SANCTUARY LAMPS

will burn this week for

The People of Saint Anthony Parish



A Sanctuary Lamp burning in front of the tabernacle may be sponsored for your intentions.
A donation to help defray the cost of the candle is appreciated, but not necessary.
Please contact the office for availability.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlotte King	Diane Reilly	Geoff Garrow
Frank Klymn	Roger Tatro	Dianne Hopkins
Elizabeth McArthur	Heidi Whidden	Beverly Loper
Virginia Philbin		A. J Wegner

Please also remember any others who need our prayers.

PARISH SUPPORT

Our weekly need to meet expenses:	\$4,325.00
Last Week's Collection	\$3,137.00

At Saint Anthony Parish, we do not pass a collection basket during Mass. There are collection boxes by the tables at the entrance of the church. We appreciate your contributions for the support of our parish. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CYRAIN:

“Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.” Matthew 16:20

This line in today’s Gospel comes immediately after Peter made his profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus, in turn, tells Peter that he is “rock” and on this rock He will build His Church. Jesus goes on to tell Peter that He will give him the “keys to the Kingdom.” Then He tells Peter and the other disciples to keep His identity a strict secret.

Why would Jesus say such a thing? What is His motivation? It seems that Jesus would want them to go forth and to tell everyone that He is the Messiah. But this is not what He says.

One reason for this “Messianic Secret” is that Jesus does not want word of who He is to spread in a casual way. Rather, He wants people to come to discover His true identity through the powerful gift of faith. He wants them to encounter Him, prayerfully be open to all He says, and then to receive the gift of faith from the Father in Heaven.

This approach to His true identity highlights the importance of coming to know Christ personally through faith. Eventually, after Jesus’ death, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven, the disciples are called to go forth and to preach openly about the identity of Jesus. But while Jesus was with them, His identity was communicated to people through their own personal encounter with Him.

Though we are all called to proclaim Christ openly and continually in our day and age, His true identity still can only be understood and believed through a personal encounter. When we hear Him proclaimed, we must be open to His divine presence, coming to us and speaking to us in the core of our being. He, and He alone, is able to “convince” us of who He is. He is the one and only Messiah, the Son of the Living God, as Saint Peter professed. We must come to this same realization through our personal encounter with Him in our hearts.

Reflect, today, upon the depth of your faith and knowledge of the Messiah. Do you believe in Him with all your might? Have you allowed Jesus to reveal His divine presence to you? Seek to discover the “secret” of His true identity by listening to the Father speak to you in your heart. It is only there that you will come to have faith in the Son of God.

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>. For those who do not have online access and would like a copy of the printed bulletin, you may pick one up outside the parish office from the wooden box on the small porch near the office door. You will also find copies of the *Living Faith* booklet and the Vermont Catholic magazine.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for a special occasion, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or drop a note in the collection box. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and who is requesting the Mass. Let us know if you want a specific day or if you would prefer the first available Mass, weekday, or weekend. We will do our best to accommodate your requests. Please include your contact information if we are unable to reserve the date you have requested. The customary offering is \$10.00. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & BAKE SALE: This annual event will be held again this fall. Please keep us in mind when you are making jam, jellies, pickles, preserves, etc. this season. A variety of homemade canned and baked goods are always welcomed. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

CRAFTERS MEETING: The St Anthony's Crafters will begin meeting on Thursday afternoons in September, beginning 9/14, from 1:00-3:00pm in the Religious Ed center. We will be working on items for the 2023 Christmas Bazaar and all materials will be supplied. Everyone is welcome and all you need to bring are willing hands. Questions, please email Charlotte Merrill at dcmerrill@myfairpoint.net

PLANNING MEETING: Please join us for a planning meeting for the St Anthony's 2023 Christmas Bazaar. The meeting will be held in the Church basement at 6:30 pm on Wednesday 9/13. All are welcome and we need your help. Questions, please email Charlotte Merrill at dcmerrill@myfairpoint.net

ASSISTANCE TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED: As a parish, we have opportunities to support those in our community who are in need, both through our prayers and our financial help. Saint Anthony Parish publishes the Haven's weekly list of needs in the bulletin and has collected food weekly for them. This parish project helps people year-round. We also have a fund that allows us to provide individuals and families financial assistance for emergency needs such as fuel, shelter, and other essentials. Donations to replenish our Assistance Fund allow us to continue to provide for these needs. A check made out to Saint Anthony Church marked "Assistance" will ensure your donation is used for this purpose. Thank you for your generosity.



THE HAVEN FOOD SHELF: The Food Shelf is open to anyone in our community Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:30pm & Friday 9:00 - 3:00. Visit uppervalleyhaven.org/foodshelffaq/ for more information.

Saint Anthony Parish has long supported the Haven by collecting non-perishable food in the basket at the entrance to the church. Thank you for your contributions.

Food Items: Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Pasta, Canned Vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Soups or Broths, Canned Tomatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Rice, Canned beans (black & kidney), Shelf-stable Milk, Instant oatmeal, and Pasta Sauce.

Personal Items: Toothpaste, Shampoo, Shaving items (razors and shaving cream), Body wash, Deodorant (men's/women's), Toothbrush, Body Lotion, Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Pull-ups (sizes 3T-4T).



Catholics stand in support of laws that protect human life. The Catholic Church has always recognized the importance of humane policies that promote human flourishing at all stages of life while at the same time recognizing the primacy of protecting those who cannot speak for themselves.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: The Appeal supports over 20 ministries and services throughout our diocese. If you have already received a pledge card in the mail, please send your gift directly to the diocese. There are additional brochures and pledge cards on the tables at the entrance of the church if you have not already received one and would like to make a gift to this important annual appeal. **To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org. As of August 23, 2023, our parish donations total \$15,344.84. This is 44% of our parish goal of \$35,032.00.**

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: REQUEST FOR EUCHARISTIC TESTIMONIES: During the “Year of the Eucharist”, the Diocese of Burlington will be collecting testimonies of people’s faith in the Eucharist. Any Catholic can contribute a reflection. Throughout 2023, brief snippets will be published in the Inland See and on social media. Then at the end of the year, we will compile approved reflections into a book: [A Snapshot of Eucharistic Faith in Vermont](#).

If you would like to contribute to this effort, please prepare a reflection (maximum one page type-written or two pages hand-written – please print legibly) using **one or more** of the prompts below. Please include your name, email/phone number (in case we need to contact you for clarification), and parish name and town. If you do not want your name included in the publication, please indicate so; otherwise, first name and last initial will be published.

Prompt Questions

1. Why is the Mass important in your life?
2. How did I come to love the Mass in my life?
3. Have you ever experienced a closeness to God during Mass or Adoration outside of Mass? What was that experience like?
4. How does going to Mass effect the rest of my week?
5. How has Christ’s presence in the Eucharist changed your life?

Submissions can be emailed to revival@vermontcatholic.org or mailed to:

Office of Worship
RE: Eucharistic Testimony
55 Joy Drive
South Burlington, VT 05454

CATHOLIC MASS ON TV: Those unable to attend Sunday Mass in person due to illness or medical conditions making them more vulnerable may view the celebration of Mass livestreamed at: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/> at 10:00 a.m. or watch televised Masses at:

WCAX-TV	(Channel 3)	5:30 a.m.
WNNE-TV	(Channel 13)	10:00 a.m.
CatholicTV Network	(Channel 166)	10:00 a.m.
EWTN	(Channel 38)	8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Daily Mass may be found at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/> or on CatholicTV and EWTN.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

August 26–September 1, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



FreeWill

Did you know that 70% of people do not update or complete a will? August is National Make a Will Month and the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation (VCCF) recently engaged with a company, FreeWill, to provide free, confidential, online assistance with creating a will, advance directive, and power of attorney in addition to outlining your wishes for a Catholic funeral and burial.

Estate planning is traditionally considered complex, scary, and expensive. That's why FreeWill built a simple tool that anyone can use to create these important documents. All estate plans made using FreeWill are 100% confidential, legal, and specifically tailored to our jurisdiction.

In addition, setting up a Legacy Gift is easy, and only takes a small amount of effort. This can be done by a simple bequest in your will specifying an amount or percentage of your estate that would benefit a specific Catholic ministry, school, cemetery, parish fund or other charity. You can also designate a beneficiary to receive a gift from your IRA, 401(k), or other retirement plan. All of these are options on the FreeWill software if you so choose.

To explore this complimentary service from FreeWill, please visit FreeWill.com/vccf or scan the QR code to the right.

"I recently gave FreeWill a test run and updated my own will and directives. I was pleasantly surprised at how easy the tool is to use. Another big plus was that all my information is completely confidential. I highly recommend this tool as a great free resource offered by the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation that not only makes updating your will easy but ensures your choices regarding Catholic advanced directives and funeral instructions are followed."

— Archbishop Christopher Coyne



VTC • Ellen Kane



Eucharistic TESTIMONIALS

"I would go back to the time of Christ. I would like to be a guest at the Wedding of Cana. I would drink the wine He changed from water. I would want to sit and listen to Him preach. I would want to be in the crowd to see Him. I would love to have been part of the Last Supper.

Then it hit me. I do drink the wine He changes from water. I do listen to Him preach I am in a crowd that sees Him. I do attend the Last Supper....every day that I attend Mass, listen to the priest and receive the Holy Eucharist.

How lucky am I!"

vermontcatholic.org/eucharistic-testimonials

— *Philomena J. Funari, St. Anthony Parish, White River Junction, VT*

Upcoming Events



08|30 WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Reflection Series

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:15 am

Join us for Mass at 11:15 am followed by a presentation by Fr. Richard Myhalyk, SSE entitled *The Life of St. Edmund of Canterbury*. This is the last session for 2023.



08|30 WEDNESDAY

St. Michael Church Summer Lecture Series

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5 - 7 pm

This week Helen Schultz, a teacher at Saint Michael School in Brattleboro will discuss Saint Raphael. The program begins at 5 pm with evening prayer followed by the presentation.



09|03, 11|01 SUNDAYS

Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 pm

Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament, first Sunday of every month with Fr. Harlow.



09|06 - 10|27 WEDNESDAYS or FRIDAYS Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph

Wednesdays: 6:30 - 8 pm

Fridays: 9:45 am - 11:15 am

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it. This eight-session study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of The Bible Timeline Chart.



09|07 THURSDAY

Fall Concert and Reflection by Paul Koleske

St. Lawrence, Essex Jct. • 7 - 8:30 pm

Contemporary Christian singer, songwriter and recording artist, Paul Koleske, will be offering his concert of personally composed sacred music. He will integrate faith witness and testimony with his music to show how it applies to you and your life. His recorded music will be available for purchase. The concert will be on a free will offering basis.



09|09 SATURDAY

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

All Saints Cemetery, Richford • 9 - 10 am

Prayer service with hymns and recitation of the Holy Rosary in remembrance of all aborted children. Event lasts about an hour. All are welcome. Please bring a chair if desired.



09|09 SATURDAY

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 10 - 11 am

We will be meeting at the Memorial for the Unborn next to the Rectory. Please bring a chair. If it rains, service will be held in the church.



09|09 SATURDAY

St. Peter's Cemetery Committee — Bingo

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5:00 pm

Doors open at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6 pm. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



09|10 SUNDAY

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am

\$10 adults, \$6 children 8 to 12yrs., \$32 immediate family maximum.



09|10, 11|08 SUNDAYS

Monthly COSP Knights of Columbus Fund Raising Breakfast

Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm

Supporting Parish and Community outreach programs.



09|10 SUNDAY

Knights of Columbus DeGosbriand Council # 279 Community Breakfast

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9 - 11:30 am

Proceeds go to seminarians and those in religious formation for books, car insurance, maintenance, travel during vacations, clerical clothing, emergency expenditures, and other living expenses. Sign up at: forms.office.com/r/4ZA0XNERmS



09|14, 10|19 THURSDAYS

Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm

Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P., Campus Minister at Dartmouth College, will be offering Spanish Mass at 7 pm.



09|16, 10|21 SATURDAYS

The Chosen — Movie Night and Potluck

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls

5 - 6:45 pm

Come join us for a movie night and potluck dinner every third Saturday of the month. We will watch an episode of *The Chosen* together and have food and fellowship!



09|29 - 10|02 FRI, SAT, SUN, MON

Light of the World Retreat

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction

Parishioners from all parishes are welcome.

Information and registration available at ecc.engage@gmail.com. There is no registration fee.



10|08 SUNDAY

Fourth Annual St. John Henry Newman Night

Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 4 - 8 pm

An Evening in Honor of St. John Henry Newman, featuring

solemn sung vespers, a first class dinner and dessert catered by Bill Rensch and the Knights of Columbus, and two presentations on the life and works of St. John Henry Newman. RSVP required: vermontnewman@gmail.com.



10|18 WEDNESDAY

Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast

Diocesan Offices, S. Burlington • 8:30 - 10 am

Donna McSoley, founder of Our Lady of Providence Radio, will be the speaker. Join us for networking and a light breakfast. Presentation begins at 9. Zoom option available.

Register here: vermontcatholic.org/vcp

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocesan Central Office

- Executive Director of Human Resources
- Marriage and Family Life Coordinator

Rice Memorial High School, South Burlington

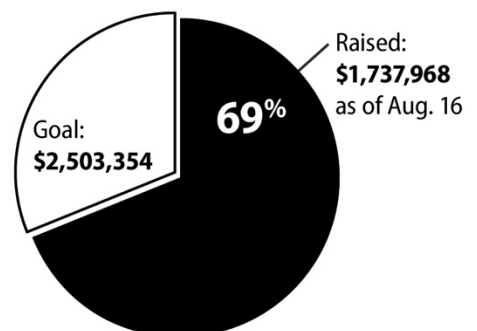
- Full-Time Bookkeeper
- School Nurse
- Part-time Digital Photographer Teacher

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BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL

Progress: 69% to goal



Sunday, Aug 27, 2023

The value in variety

A founder of the NAACP, W.E.B. Du Bois knew the cure for racism wasn't simply telling the truth. It was inducing people to act on it. The first African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1895, Du Bois dreamed broadly of a world of "valuable variety ... in height and weight, color and skin, hair and nose and lip.... Each effort to stop this freedom of being," he argued, "is a blow at democracy—that real democracy which is reservoir and opportunity.... There can be no perfect democracy curtailed by color, race, or poverty." Let us act on this truth.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20 (121). *"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."*

Monday, Aug 28, 2023

The great romance

Saint Augustine is known as a great thinker—arguably the most significant Christian theologian after Saint Paul. But his writing is as much heart as head. He is also known for leaving behind a life of hedonism. But he remained a passionate man—only, after his conversion, passion for God alone. "Late have I loved you, O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you!" he lamented. It's never too late to be swept away by what Augustine has to say: "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement."

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men."*

Tuesday, Aug 29, 2023

Prepare the way

Painting after painting shows John the Baptist pointing to Jesus. John knows it's not about him: "He who is coming after me is mightier than I" (Matthew 3:11) and "I am not the Christ, but I have been sent ahead of Him.... He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 2:28-30). Christian tradition also calls him John the Precursor and John the Forerunner, prepping us for the Messiah by being something of a prototype. Like Jesus, he's conceived miraculously. Both preach repentance, have disciples, and suffer in death. But as Saint Peter Julian Eymard knew, "The true secret of love consists in this—we must forget self like Saint John the Baptist and exalt and glorify the Lord."

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (426); Mark 6:17-29 (634). *"We drew courage through our God to speak to you the Gospel of God."*

Wednesday, Aug 30, 2023

Make a better choice

A mother of 11 foster children always had a gaggle of kids buzzing around her. They were happy and well cared for. When there was even a hint of one crossing the line from lively to obnoxious, she simply said, "Make a better choice." Amazingly, they did. Those are powerful words. How can you make a better choice today?

What will help you walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into his Kingdom and glory? This advice from Saint Francis de Sales might prove useful: "Never miss an opportunity to do good."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427). *"We treated each one of you as a father treats his children, exhorting and encouraging you and insisting that you walk in a manner worthy of ... God."*

Thursday, Aug 31, 2023

Education for the whole person

As a school year begins anew, it's worth taking a moment to appreciate the proud tradition of Catholic education. In the United States, Catholic religious orders have built an extensive network of primary, secondary, and college-level institutions whose shared mission has been education of the whole person: spiritual, intellectual, and human development. Millions have been positively impacted by these schools, including many poor people who have improved their quality of life. Offer a prayer of thanks for the educators and others who pour their energies into this holy and wholistic education.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). *"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."*

Friday, Sep 01, 2023

Celebrate the season of creation

In Catholic culture we use the phrase "care of creation" in our work to protect the Earth and develop sustainable ways to live. This phrase is deliberate because it underscores the inherent connection between God and all that is. Pope Francis writes in *Laudato Si'*, "The ultimate destiny of the universe is in the fullness of God, which has already been attained by the risen Christ." On this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, let us renew our commitment to care for one another, land and sea, all creatures great and small, as together we move into the fullness of God to which all are called.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). *"Therefore, whoever disregards this, disregards not a human being but God, who also gives the Holy Spirit to you."*

Saturday, Sep 02, 2023

Talent contest

The parable of the Talents is about much more than money. It speaks of the gifts that God has given to each of us and how we choose to "invest" those gifts in the community. Are we seeking only the most limited return, for ourselves? Or are we sharing our gifts, doing our part to help build up the community? The questions are more than hypothetical, for one day, at an unexpected hour, we will be called to account. Invest wisely for a generous return!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). *"Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?"*

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



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