



Saint Anthony Parish

15 Church Street
White River Junction
Vermont 05001

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023

Reverend Fr. Cyrain G. Cabueñas

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 CONTACTS

Please 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 St. 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.

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 23	4:00 PM	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, September 24	8:30 AM	Carol Rivard by her husband & family
Monday, September 25	9:00 AM	Mr. Ernie Herbert Funeral Mass
Friday, September 29	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving by Jaya Thadani
Saturday, September 30	1:00 PM	Wedding Mass Hannah Britten and Nick Spatola by Fr. Dario Acevedo
Saturday, September 30	4:00 PM	Seminarian Giang Vu by Knights of Columbus
Sunday, October 1	8:30 AM	James J. Von Gal by Eileen Von Gal



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
Frank Klymn
Elizabeth McArthur

Diane Reilly
Roger Tatro

Virginia Philbin
Dianne Hopkins
Heidi Whidden

Please also remember any others who need our prayers.

PARISH SUPPORT

Our weekly need to meet expenses:	\$4,325.00
Last Week's Collection	\$2,950.00

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CYRAIN:

Today's gospel challenges our sense of justice. It's startling conclusion, "The last will be first, and the first will be last," does not sit well with our understanding of achievement and success. If Jesus were telling this parable today, there would most likely be demonstrations in the streets, the phones would ring off the hooks to and from every union hall in the country, and workers would be carrying picket signs outside Jesus' hotel.

This parable, however, is not intended to give moral guidance on labor management negotiations or any justification for unbridled capitalism. Its main thrust is to show the generosity of God in throwing open the doors of the kingdom of heaven to Gentiles and sinners on equal footing with the Jews.

This gospel fills us with an inspiring image of a gracious and forgiving God whose love for us has no bounds and whose mercy extends both to those who have labored all their lives in his service and to those who have broken faith but turn to him in the eleventh hour.

Before the Almighty, we all stand beggars and can never boast that we have earned our salvation. Everything we have is a free gift of his love and mercy. We cannot explain his generosity, but one thing is certain - God's ways are not our ways!

PARISH SECRETARY: St. Anthony Parish is seeking a candidate for a part-time non-remote Parish Secretary position in the parish office. The position requires a mature, dependable, self-motivated individual with strong communication and problem-solving skills who will maintain a high level of discretion and confidentiality. Computer proficiency, including knowledge of Microsoft Office, is required, as well as the ability to learn specific church management software. Previous experience in a similar position is preferred. A background check will be required as a condition of employment. For additional information, please send a letter of interest and resume to St. Anthony Parish, 15 Church Street, White River Jct., VT 05001, or email to stanthonychurch@vermontcatholic.org.

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.



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 September 13, 2023, our parish donations total \$16,144.84. This is 47% of our parish goal of \$35,032.00.

2023 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: The annual Parish Professional Development Days for all parish Administrative Assistants, Business Managers, and Bookkeepers will include training and a special presentation by Msgr. John J. McDermott. The event is from 9:30AM to 2:00PM and lunch will be provided. The options for attending are:

Wed, October 11 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Williston or

Wed, October 18 at St. Anthony Church in White River Junction

For more information, contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org.

COLLECTION BASKETS/OFFERING OF GIFTS: Starting this October, we will reinstate the traditional way of passing the collection basket and offering of the gifts from the entrance and down the aisle, in accordance with the rites and rubrics of the Liturgy. We appreciate anyone who would like to volunteer!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, deputed by the Bishop/Priest for a period of time, may now assist in distributing Holy Communion to the faithful every weekend.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes for grades 1-6 will meet this Sunday, September 24, 2023 in the Rectory basement and the Religious Education Center from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Next classes will be held October 15, 2023.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2025: The members of K of C Council 2025 would like to thank the parishioners of St. Anthony for their generous support of our Coffee Hours after Masses. The extra money from the donations at these coffee hours has gone to support the Upper Valley Pregnancy Center, as well as to support Seminarian Giang Vu through the K of C RSVP program. The RSVP program raises funds to support seminarians or religious in formation.



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 1:00-3:00 PM 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 dcmerril@myfairpoint.net.



**Upper Valley
Haven**

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

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.

RECTORY CHAPEL

The rectory chapel is now open for visits on:

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



St. Anthony Parish asks for your forbearance and magnanimity - especially when emails and phone calls are not answered promptly - as the parish is still looking for regular staff. Thank you!

NEWS FROM The Inland See

September 23–29, 2023

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

The Eucharist as Real Presence

Starting with this *Inland See*, we take a look at three particular aspects of the Church's teaching on the Eucharist: Eucharist as Real Presence, Eucharist as sacrifice, and Eucharist as communion.

Catholics believe that bread and wine are transformed at Mass into the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. This is what we call the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Volumes have been written about the Real Presence, but here, I'd simply like to offer you two observations about the Real Presence of the Eucharist that have helped ground my own belief in the Eucharist and its connection to the rest of my life.

First, the Real Presence of the Eucharist allows the Eucharist to be the source and summit of our entire faith life. The Eucharist allows us to draw close to the Real Presence of Christ (in a sacramental mode). Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (Jn 14:6). Jesus Christ is the reason for the Church's very existence, working through her sacramental life. The Church exists to evangelize people and draw them into a relationship with Him. Christ compels our conversion and various ministries and work in the world. Christ himself is the source of our faith life, and the Eucharist is the privileged place where we encounter His

sacramental presence and grace. Our faith journey ultimately aims to lead us back to Christ. Our goal is heaven — union

with God. As the privileged place of encounter with the Real Presence of Christ, we get a foretaste of that heavenly union every time we receive the Eucharist. Thus, because of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we can say the Eucharist is the summit of our faith life as it allows us union with Christ.

Second, it is correct to say that when we receive the Eucharist, we receive sacramentally the glorified Christ, not simply the body of Jesus. The sacramental presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a post-resurrection and post-ascension presence. We say that we receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. In death, His Body and Blood were separated and His soul separated from His Body (see Catechism 625), but Body and Blood, Soul and

Divinity are all unified once again in His resurrection. In the Eucharist then, we encounter the glorified Christ and are able to receive the graces not only of Christ's passion and death, but also the graces of His resurrection. How much we have to be grateful for in the gift of the Real Presence!

— *Josh Perry is the director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington.*



"The Mass is very important in my life. The sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is so very special and unique to our Catholic faith. The host is transformed and becomes Jesus. In receiving Holy Communion, our bodies are like tabernacles holding Jesus in our hearts and souls. We are so blessed to still be able to go to Mass freely and receive Jesus. There are people in this world that have to practice their faith in hiding. I thank Jesus everyday for the gift of himself."

— *Dianne Laroche, St. Louis Parish, Highgate*

Upcoming Events



09|25 – 10|30 MONDAYS
"The Chosen"

*St. John Vianney Parish Hall, S. Burlington
AM: 9–10:30 am • PM: 6:30–8 pm*

Join us to view "The Chosen". This series began on Monday, Sept. 11. Two options, AM or PM, for the eight episodes of season 1, followed by a discussion about that week's episode, led by parishioners. **FOR MORE INFO:** Email Connie at sjvgoodnews@gmail.com.



09|27, 10|04 WEDNESDAYS
St. Michael Church Lecture Series

Saint Michael, Bennington • 5–7 pm
The stained-glass lecture series continues:

Sept. 27 — Fr. Henry Furman, Pastor of Saint Michael, Brattleboro will discuss Saint Michael
Oct. 4 — Fr. Beaugard, Pastor of Saint Stanislaus in Winchester, NH will discuss the Holy Spirit



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

*Our Lady of Angels, Randolph
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm • Fridays at 9:45 am*

This eight-session study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of The Bible Timeline Chart. This series began on Sept. 6.



09|27 WEDNESDAY
Taize Prayer Service

*Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
6 pm*

Join us for a Taize prayer service to pray for the work and success of their parish ministries, programs, committees, and catechists, as well as the students, faculty, staff and helpers of The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales in Bennington.



09|28, 10|05, 12, 19 THURSDAYS
Letter for Artists Zoom Study

via Zoom • 9–10 am

Fr. Henry Furman will lead this discussion. We will be reading on Pope John Paul's 1999 Letter to Artists. The letter is addressed to all who are dedicated to the search for new epiphanies of beauty. To join this study, please send your email address to stmichael@vermontcatholic.org. You don't need to be an artist to take part!



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 essexcatholic.vermontcatholic.org/light-of-the-world-retreat or email ecc.engage@gmail.com. There is no registration fee.



10|01 SUNDAY
Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury 3–4 pm
Benediction and Exposition of the Most

Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm on the first Sunday of every month with Fr. Lance W. Harlow.



10|02, 11|06 MONDAYS
Spanish Mass at St. Michael's College Chapel

St. Michael's College, Colchester • 7:30 pm

If you wish to be placed on our mailing list, please email Fr. Marcel Rainville, S.S.E at mrainville@smcvt.edu.



10|03 TUESDAY
Our Lady's Kitchen

St. Anthony, Bethel • 11 am–1 pm

Free meal! Come one, come all!



10|08 SUNDAY
Knights of Columbus Breakfast

St. Peter, Vergennes • 8–10 am

\$12 adults, \$7 children 8 to 12. \$38 immediate

family maximum.



10|08 SUNDAY
Monthly COSP KofC Fund Raising Breakfast

Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am–12 pm

Proceeds support parish and community outreach programs.



10|08 SUNDAY
Annual Harvest Dinner

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:30–2:30

The final Mass of the season will be offered at 10:30 a.m., followed by turkey dinner with all the fixings. Requested donation: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12. **FOR MORE INFO:** 802-928-3362.



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|13 FRIDAY
Essex Community Dinners — Come Join Us for Dinner!

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 5:30–7 pm

Essex Community Dinners are provided in order to grow and promote our community! They are intended to feed the hungry, lonely and needy amongst us. These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available for those who still need to avoid crowds.



10|14 SATURDAY
St. Ambrose/St. Peter Youth Ministry Bingo

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 pm

Doors open at 5:00 PM, Bingo starts at 6:00 PM. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Ambrose & St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs.



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



10|19 THURSDAY
Our Lady's Kitchen & Catholic Movie Night – Randolph

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 6–8:30 pm

Free meal and a movie! Come one, come all!



10|19 THURSDAY
Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm

With Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P.



10|20, 21, 22 FRI, SAT, SUN
Marriage Encounter Experience

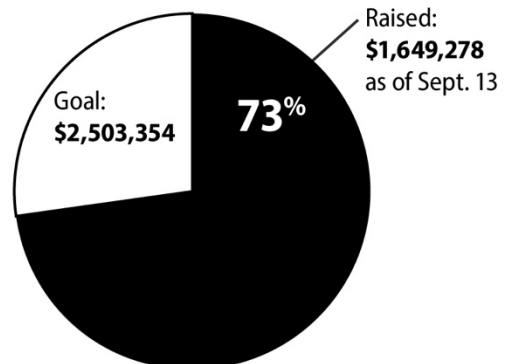
St. Monica, Barre

This autumn, renew and rekindle your relationship with your spouse and God. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is primarily a space for you to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately. This weekend is a non-residential format. Lunch and dinner will be served. Apply online: at <https://www.mevtw.org/applyWeekend.php>. Contact Gary & Lynn Root at (802) 456-8114 or Aaron and Andrea Brassard at 802-223-6561 for more information.



**BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL**

Progress: 73% to goal



Sunday, Sep 24, 2023

At home in the world

Free to leave, free to stay. Liberty of movement is a right most of us take for granted. Have you resided in more than one place? On this 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis asks us to imagine a world in which everyone has the option to stay or go as they please. It necessitates a world in which staying is safe: free from discrimination, violence, and dire poverty. All would have the protection of equal rights and respect, and could reach their potential in their present circumstances. Until that day, welcoming the stranger is our sacred obligation.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a (133). *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."*

Monday, Sep 25, 2023

Be creative for the sake of creation

The Season of Creation, an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home, began on September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). There is still more than a week left for you, your family, your cohort of friends, your school, and your parish to renew your relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. How? Pray. Read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*. Coordinate a cleanup project or other sustainability effort. Use your voice and advocate for climate justice. Best idea yet? Come up with one no one has thought of!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"No one who lights a lamp conceals it ... rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light."*

Tuesday, Sep 26, 2023

Freely share the gifts you've been given

Cosmas and Damian were legendary. Many churches have been built in their honor, and their names make the short list of saints enshrined in Eucharistic Prayer I, used during the Mass. During the final years of Rome's brutal persecution of Christians, the twin physicians lived in Syria—then an eastern province of the Roman Empire. Not only were they gifted healers, but they refused to charge for their services. As they explained, "We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, 'Freely have you received, freely give.'" How have you been blessed by God, and how can you share that with others?

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

Wednesday, Sep 27, 2023

Now on tour

Today is World Tourism Day. According to the United Nations, the tourism sector employs one in every 10 people on Earth, and millions more benefit economically from tourism, though the wealth generated isn't always shared equitably. For tourists, exploring new places and enjoying favorite ones can be exhilarating—but bad behavior can ruin a trip. Keeping an attitude of openness and gratitude, as well as respect for local people and customs while on

vacation or a tour can transform the experience. Archbishop Rino Fisichella of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization wrote in anticipation of today's observance, "A tourism that respects the person and the environment opens the way to perceiving the goodness of the Father who reaches out to everyone with his love." It's hard to imagine a better souvenir than that.

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere."*

Thursday, Sep 28, 2023

Lighten the load

You may have heard the old English Christmas song about a Bohemian king who became Saint Wenceslaus, in part because of his great charity. The most famous tale from the charitable king's life was recorded in the carol "Good King Wenceslaus." The king helps a poor man keep from freezing by trodding a path in the snow for him, easing the man's journey to shelter. It ends with an admonishment to do likewise for anyone who suffers and "[you] shall yourselves find blessing." Do a favor for someone in need today, and like Wenceslaus, you will find blessing.

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"*

Friday, Sep 29, 2023

Entertaining angels

Care for strangers has always been a strong imperative in Christianity. Yet in today's highly politicized environment, it is challenging to reach out to strangers who some have deemed to be threats—people like refugees and other marginalized communities. Scripture is clear: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Angels? It's far easier to see angels from the safety of a holy card or a statue. But think for a moment and see if you have at some point encountered an angel through the presence of a stranger.

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51 (647). *"How do you know me?"*

Saturday, Sep 30, 2023

Christianity, by the book

As early Christianity distanced itself from Judaism, Christians began to lose touch with their faith's deep Jewish roots. Saint Jerome (born around 340) helped to reestablish the link. He learned Hebrew from a Christian monk who had converted from Judaism. More unusual for the time, he studied with Jewish rabbis to gain a better understanding of Hebrew scripture. He then spent 15 years producing the foundational Latin translation of the Hebrew Bible, which we know as the Old Testament. He later said, "For if, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Crack open the Good Book today, in honor of a key figure who helped shape it.

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Jesus said to his disciples, 'Pay attention to what I am telling you.'"*

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



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