



Saint Anthony Parish

15 Church Street
White River Junction
Vermont 05001

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024

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Very Rev. Msgr. John J. McDermott, J.C.L.
Diocesan Administrator

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday from
3:15 to 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM

Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin.

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.

Telephone: 802-295-2225, ext. 3

Email: stanthonychurch@vermontcatholic.org

Website: stanthony.vermontcatholic.org

Religious Education: Diane Usher

Email: dmgu70@icloud.com

Parish Secretary: Meghan Rushton
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday 12-4.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6th	4:00 PM	In Memory of Joan Smith by Art and Mary Nadeau
Sunday, January 7th	8:30 AM	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, January 8th	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by JLD
Friday, January 12th	9:00 AM	The Souls in Purgatory by JLD
Saturday, January 13th	4:00 PM	For Marion Renehan by Shelley Renehan
Sunday, January 14th	8:30 AM	For Carol Rivard by her husband and family

CATHOLIC MASS ON TV: Those **unable** to attend Sunday Mass in person due to illness or medical conditions may view the celebration of Mass livestreamed at:

<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/> at 10:00 AM or watch televised Masses at:

WCAX-TV	(Channel 3)	5:30 AM
WNNE-TV	(Channel 13)	10:00 AM
CatholicTV Network	(Channel 166)	10:00 AM
EWTN	(Channel 38)	8:00 AM and 12:00 PM

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



SANCTUARY LAMPS

will burn this week for
Denise & Jean-Louis Desrochers



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 parish office for availability.

RECTORY CHAPEL

The rectory chapel is now open for visits on:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlotte King	Diane Reilly
Virginia Philbin	Frank Klymn
Roger Tatro	Dianne Hopkins
Elizabeth McArthur	Doug Albanese
Heidi Whidden	Jay Bement
Dan McKenney	

PARISH SUPPORT

Our weekly need to meet expenses:	\$4,250.00
Last Week's Collection	\$3,191.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection	\$465.00

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CYRAIN:

In today's feast of the Epiphany, the Church reminds us that the redemptive mission of Jesus is for all, not just for a select few. Born a stranger in Bethlehem, he is at home everywhere. Christianity has no nationality because it belongs to all nations. The Magi or wise men were the first to give witness to Christ's universal appeal.

As Christmas draws to a close, with faded hollies and sagging poinsettias, the Epiphany also reminds us of our journey into another year. Life is a pilgrimage, but we need not necessarily travel alone, fumbling in darkness in search of our destination. The Epiphany story concerns the wider world and the many varying circumstances of joy and sorrow in which we encounter Christ. He comes in people and places we least expect and at times when we are most unprepared for his company.

Nothing is ever the same again for those who have discovered his star and his light. The gospel of love and forgiveness is not something to keep quiet about, but Good News to announce to the world.

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.

COLLECTION BASKETS/OFFERING OF GIFTS: We have reinstated 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.



NO WEEKDAY MASS NEXT WEEK: Father Cyrain will join other priests in the Diocese of Burlington for a weeklong retreat at Lake Morey. **There will be no weekday Mass on Monday, January 14th or Friday, January 19th.** Please keep the priests in your prayers.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Religious Education students will be hosting Coffee Hour after 8:30 AM Mass this Sunday January 7, then meet for class from 9:30-10:30AM.



POTLUCKY BINGO: An evening of potluck food and Bingo games! On **Saturday, January 27**, after the **4:00 PM Mass**, come join Religious Education for the return of Potluck Bingo. All are welcome to attend. Bring a desert or dish to share.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MEETING: The much-anticipated meeting has arrived. A kickoff meeting for Saint Anthony's beloved **Christmas Bazaar, Craft, and Bake Sale** will be held in the Church hall at 6pm this **Tuesday, January 9**.

We'll look back at the 2023 bazaar and plan for 2024. Bring your ideas, talents, and spirit to continue this hugely successful fundraiser for St. Anthony Church. Contact Philomena at funari_5@hotmail.com for details.



COFFEE HOUR: Please join your fellow parishioners after Sunday Mass for coffee and fellowship in the parish hall. The Parish will try to have a coffee hour every Sunday to bring the whole community together after Mass. Those who would like to help out, please contact Bill Harty at 603-276-9339.



**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 of the church. As the holidays and cold weather near, the need for food is especially great.

Thank you for your generosity!



HAPPY NEW YEAR! January traditionally is a time when many of us to resolve to eat better and lose weight. But the New Year is also the perfect time to make some spiritual resolutions. Some possible resolutions could be to attend a weekday Mass, pray the rosary daily, or give up meat on Fridays.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2025: The Knights will have a meeting at **6:30 on Sunday, January 21st** in the rectory basement. The purpose of the meeting is to plan a Valentine's dinner on February 10th and Stations of the Cross during Lent.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY IS JANUARY 6TH: The Epiphany marks the arrival of visitors, identified in Scripture as the magi, to the place where Jesus was born. Although we know virtually nothing about them, we do know they brought three gifts:

1. Gold — a symbol of wealth and power, identifies the recipient as a king.
2. Frankincense — the crystalized resinous sap of a tree used as incense and as an offering, is symbolic of prayer.
3. Myrrh — another resinous tree sap, was used in healing liniments and as an embalming ointment. Myrrh is an odd gift for a child—so, even at the beginning of Jesus' life on earth, this gift foreshadows his death.

May the wisdom of the Magi guide you to your own light.



GET THEM BEFORE THEY'RE GONE! The Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season. Feel free to take one of the lovely poinsettias from the alter after 8:30 am Sunday Mass.

LIVINGFAITH IS HERE! January-March edition of LivingFaith is available in the back of the Church. These daily reflections provide a wonderful way to begin or end each day.

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP: The process of appointing a new bishop can take up to 8 months. Join other Catholics in the Burlington Diocese in prayer during this time.



Almighty God, Eternal shepherd and guide. In your love for us, grant to the Diocese of Burlington a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEWS FROM The Inland See

January 6–12, 2024

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



World Marriage Day 2024

The celebration of World Marriage Day, part of National Marriage Week, is one of many opportunities to support and promote marriage and the family (the domestic Church). The focus on building a culture of life and love begins with supporting both.

The Diocese of Burlington will celebrate World Marriage Day 2024 with Msgr. John McDermott, diocesan

administrator, on Sunday, Feb. 4, at the 10 a.m. Mass at The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington.

In Vermont, those celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024 (5, 10, 15, 20... 50, 51, or more) are invited to this special Mass with their families. A reception follows in the parish hall.

In addition, parishes are encouraged to honor and celebrate marriage

anniversaries on the following Sunday, Feb. 11, with their parish priest.

We rejoice that so many couples are living in fidelity to their marital commitment. We thank them for proclaiming in their daily lives the beauty, goodness, and truth of marriage. In countless ways — both ordinary and heroic — through good times and bad, they bear witness to the gift and blessing they have received from the hand of their creator (USCCB pastoral letter, “Love and Life in the Divine Plan”).

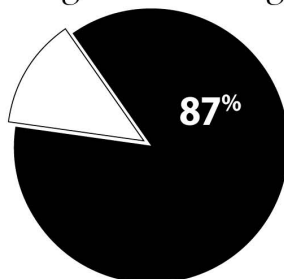
To register for the World Marriage Day Mass, please contact Nicole Hamilton at 802-658-6110, ext. 1131 or nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org. Include the couple’s names (as they want them to be written on the certificate), anniversary date (month, day, year), and current parish. The deadline to register is Friday, Jan. 26.

All of us at the diocesan offices offer our congratulations to all married couples. Let their love bear witness to God’s faithful love and a little bit of heaven on Earth through their marriage covenant.

— *Deacon Armand Auclair is diocesan coordinator of the Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Burlington.*



Progress: 87% to goal



Raised:
\$2,056,742
as of Dec. 20

Goal:
\$2,503,354

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Diocese of Burlington
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South Burlington, VT 05403

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802-658-6110 ext.1226
ekane@vermontcatholic.org



Upcoming Events



01|07 SUNDAY 2nd Annual Epiphany Choral Concert

St. Francis of Assisi, Windsor • 2 pm

This choral concert presents area performers and special guests, accompanied by Gerry Grimo, Parish Director of Music. Come and explore the many traditions of Epiphany expressed musically by traditional and original arrangements. Enjoy some refreshments at intermission. Experience the diversity of these performers, while seated in the wonderful acoustics of the Church gathering space. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person to benefit the St. Francis Fuel Fund.



01|11, 02|15 THURSDAYS Spanish Mass

St. Peter, Vergennes • 7 pm

Fr. Timothy Danaher, O.P., Campus Minister at Dartmouth will be offering the monthly Spanish Mass.



01|12, 02|09 FRIDAYS Essex Community Dinners

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 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.



01|13, 02|17 SATURDAYS St. Peter's Cemetery Committee – Bingo

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 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.



01|14, 02|11 SUNDAYS Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am

\$12 adults, \$7 children 8-12 yrs., \$38 immediate family max.



01|14, 02|11 SUNDAYS Monthly COSP KofC Fund Raising Breakfast

Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm

Proceeds to support parish and community outreach programs.



01|17 WEDNESDAY Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast

Diocesan Offices, S. Burlington • 8:30 am

The speaker will be Mary Hahn Beerworth, Executive Director of the Vermont Right to Life. When interviewed for *Vermont Catholic*, Mary Beerworth said of her upcoming talk, "I hope to inspire Vermont Catholic Professionals to employ 'holy boldness' when it comes to issues of life — the truth and science are on our side." Breakfast foods and beverages will be provided. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/vcp



01|18, 02|15 THURSDAYS Knights of Columbus BINGO

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Held on the third Thursday of each month. The jackpot is \$1,000. Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the "winner take all" game.



01|20, 02|17 SATURDAYS Men's "Cor" Formation

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 - 11:30 am

Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation. "Cor" is Latin for Heart. Through fraternity, prayer, and the study of God's word in Scripture and holy examples, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Coffee and refreshments provided by the K of C. All men from all parishes are welcome.



01|21 SUNDAY K of C St. Stephen's Council #2284 Pancake Breakfast

St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski • 8 - 11 am

Serving in the school gym. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family of 4 (each additional family member \$5).



02|03 SATURDAY First Saturday Devotions

All Saints, Richford • 7:30 am

Confessions 7:30 - 7:50, Mass at 8 am

followed by the devotional prayers. All are welcome!



02|03 SATURDAY St. Ambrose/St. Peter Youth Ministry Bingo

St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 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. Ambrose & St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs.



02|04 SUNDAY Diocesan Marriage Day Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

Married Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024, who wish to be recognized at the Diocesan Anniversary Mass, can register by contacting Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110 ext. 1131. Recognition is given to couples celebrating marriages of 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, or more years. The deadline to register is Friday, January 26, 2024. Parishes who wish to recognize significant anniversaries locally can request certificates signed by Monsignor John McDermott and mailed to the parish.



02|18 SUNDAY Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 3 pm

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Monsignor McDermott on the First Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. During the Rite of Election, the Church "elects" those seeking full initiation into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. The Church also recognizes those already-baptized Christians seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church and pledges the support of prayer as they journey toward Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Friends and family of those participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and all the faithful from around the diocese are invited.



02|24 SATURDAY Theology of Bread Retreat

All Saints, Richford • 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Join Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE for a day long retreat, moving us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. Hands-on bread baking, Adoration and Mass. Learn more at: vermontcatholic.org/event/theology-of-bread-retreat/



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WORD OF THE WEEK

Preparation of the Gifts

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'gifts\

The set of ceremonial actions at Mass preceding the Eucharistic Prayer and Holy Communion. Includes dressing of the altar; bringing forward the bread and wine; and the community's personal sacrifices taken up in the collection. Formerly called the Offertory. The community offers a song of praise for all these gifts as the priest washes his hands in a purification rite.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-preparation-gifts>

CONTEXT

The **Preparation of the Gifts** allows time for the preparation of our hearts. Like the Magi bearing gifts and doing homage to Majesty, we bring our gifts and our praise to the Table.

—Father Paul Boudreau

God has first blessed us with the gift of creation. Humans take those gifts given, wheat and grapes, and, using our creativity, make bread and wine. Then, we bring those gifts we have received and labored over to present them at the Altar/Table that they might be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Finally, we receive them back in Communion. The procession of the **Gifts** says, in essence, "Behold the gifts God has given us!"

—Father Roc O'Connor, S.J.

WHY IT MATTERS

We take great care preparing other festive tables for our most cherished gatherings. Could we do less for the table where the Real Presence of Christ will be made tangible for us?

From the General Instructions of the Roman Missal: The altar or Lord's table, which is the center of the whole Liturgy of the Eucharist, is made ready. . . . The offerings are then brought forward. It is a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful (73).

RELATED WORDS

Corporal | purificator | Missal | Chalice

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is Epiphany about giving or getting gifts?

"We three kings of Orient are/ bearing gifts we traverse afar." Nowhere in the gospels does it claim there are three kings. They are magi, hereditary priests of the ancient Medes and Persians. At least the carol gets one thing right: this wise group does bear gifts. Gold symbolizes wealth and power. Frankincense, used in prayer, represents the divine Presence. Myrrh prepares bodies for burial. It's an ominous sign that would make a startling gift. . . . But they were appropriate honors for the King of the Universe, the Divine Son, and the crucified Lord.

We also bear Jesus gifts at every Eucharist: bread, wine, and our financial sacrifice. "Made by human hands," these gifts are transformed and returned to us as the Body and Blood of Christ, and then redistributed for those in need.

More gifts come to us by way of this shared Table. Grace pours out on the assembly. Grace forgives sin, and rescues us from every evil. This is one gift you don't want to put at the bottom of a closet.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <https://tinyurl.com/QCA-presentation-gifts>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (JANUARY 7)

Remember our migrant roots

America was once renowned as the land where people could come to breathe freely. Scripture reminds us of the considerable gifts that migrant people bring with them. Whether king or commoner, each person offers what they have to make the community more dynamic.

READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010724.cfm>). "Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you."

FAITH IN ACTION

Let's welcome the newcomer and remember that the infant Jesus was once a migrant, too.