# Our Lady of the Angels & Our Lady of the Valley Parishes

## 10 October 2021 — 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time


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*Remember to pray for the sick and hurting, especially for…*

Janice Brown, Pam Corcoran, Rita Morin, Frank Mojzesz, Bobby Perez, Richard Perez, Cathy Bigelow, Paul & Sue Field, Samantha Field, Sophie Weden, Nancy McNally, Blanche Rea, Frank Russell, Shirley Dumont, Marion Bourn, Maybelle Dumont, Richard Church, John Flanagan, Annette W, John Mahaffy, Russ Mitchell, Jola Labejsz, Keith Grimes, and Jim Morse.

**THIS WEEKEND – 2nd Collection: Fuel/Energy**

**Saturday, October 9**
Shaw's Market~7:00 am KofC Canned Food Drive
**St Joseph's Cathedral~10:00 am Diaconate Ordination Mass**
OLA~11:00 am BIBLE STUDY-Matthew: The King & His Kingdom
St E~ 3:00 pm Adoration/Confessions
St E~ 4:00 pm Mass – The Living & Deceased Members of the CDA Court St. Anthony

**Sunday, October 10**
OLA~ 9:00 am Mass – Howard & Diane Magnant+ (by Richard & Annette Magnant)
St A~ 11:00 am Mass – Intentions of the Parishioners

**THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, October 11 – St. Pope John XXIII**
St A~ 7:00 am Adoration

**Tuesday, October 12**
St A~ 5:15 pm Adoration

**Wednesday, October 13**
St E~ 4:00 pm Adoration
OLA~ 5:00 pm Adoration
**Tozier's Restaurant**
**~5:30 pm CDA Ct. St. Anthony 86th Anniversary Dinner**
OLA~7:00 pm BIBLE STUDY-Matthew: The King & His Kingdom

**Thursday, October 14**
OLA ~ 8:30 am Adoration

**Friday, October 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus (St Teresa of Avila)**
St A~ 7:30 am Adoration
OLA~ 8:30 am Adoration

**NEXT WEEKEND – 2nd collection: World Missions**

**Friday, October 15 to Sunday, October 24: OFFICE CLOSED**
Reopens on Monday, October 25th

**Saturday, October 16**
OLA~11:00 am BIBLE STUDY-Matthew: The King & His Kingdom
St A~ 12:00 noon America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally
St E~ 3:00 pm Adoration/Confessions
St E~ 4:00 pm Mass – The Whitley Family (by the Galeckis)
OLA~ 5:00 pm Roast Pork Dinner

**Sunday, October 17 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**
**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA SUNDAY**
OLA~8:00 am Knights of Columbus - Randolph
OLA~ 9:00 am Mass – Intentions of the Parishioners
St A~ 11:00 am Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the CDA Court St. Anthony

**UPCOMING:**

**Tuesday, October 19**
Rectory~7:00 pm OLV Finance Commission

**Wednesday, October 20**
OLA~7:00 pm BIBLE STUDY-Matthew: The King & His Kingdom

**Saturday, October 23**
OLA~11:00 am BIBLE STUDY-Matthew: The King & His Kingdom

**Tuesday, October 26**
Bethel Library~5:30 pm Book Club A Song for Nagasaki

**Thursday, October 28**
OLA~12:00 noon AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Rectory~7:00 pm OLV Parish Council

# LOOKING AHEAD:

## OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH

***PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES below the poster:***

***A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life***

*Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.*

*We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.*

*Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.*

*Amen*

## *WELCOME to all our Visitors:*

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or are interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Elizabeth Stuart, the Parish Secretary at 513-238-4854, or estuart@vermontcatholic.org.

## WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES –

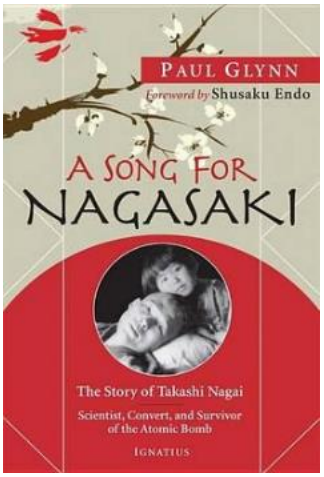
If you are currently using the Weekly Offering Envelopes, you will automatically be assigned a new set for the coming year. If you received Envelopes last year but no longer need them, please contact the Parish Office to have your name taken off the list. If you have NOT received a set of Envelopes in the past or are new to the Parish and you would like to have Envelopes, please contact the Parish Office, and I will add your name to the list. THANKS, Elizabeth

## AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA:

Under the banner of America Needs Fatima, you are invited to come together from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm on Saturday, OCTOBER 16TH at St. Anthony's Church to pray a public Rosary in front of the Church, weather permitting. All four Mysteries will be prayed for our Nation and for healing from all the ills that currently beset her.

# THE BOOK CLUB has chosen their "next great read"

*A Song for Nagasaki* tells the moving story of Takashi Nagai, beginning with his boyhood and the heroic tales and stoic virtues of his family's Shinto religion. It reveals the inspiring story of Nagai's remarkable spiritual journey from Shintoism to atheism to Catholicism. Mixed with interesting details about Japanese history and culture, the biography traces Nagai's spiritual quest as he studied medicine at Nagasaki University, served as a medic with the Japanese army during its occupation of Manchuria, and returned to Nagasaki to dedicate himself to the science of radiology. The historic Catholic district of the city, where Nagai became a Catholic and began a family, was ground zero for the atomic bomb. After the bomb disaster that killed thousands, including his beloved wife, Nagai, then Dean of Radiology at Nagasaki University, threw himself into service to the countless victims of the bomb explosion, even though it meant deadly exposure to the radiation which eventually would cause his own death. While dying, he also wrote powerful books that became best-sellers in Japan. These included *The Bells of Nagasaki*, which resonated deeply with the Japanese people in their great suffering as it explores the Christian message of love and forgiveness. Nagai became a highly revered man and is considered a saint by many Japanese people.




**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOOK CLUB WILL BE OCTOBER 26TH AT THE BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 5:30 PM**

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, Friday, December 3rd & Saturday, December 4th

**Vendor tables will be available for $20.00/day**
**Interested parties should contact Ramona Bohnyak at olotachurchevents@gmail.com or call her at 802-728-4322.**

**Fr. John Milanese has volunteered to coordinate the tables for BAKED GOODS but we will need volunteers both to BAKE the GOODS and to tend the table on Friday, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**
**Sign up sheets are at the entrance**

## ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, Saturday, December 4th

**a selection of donated goods of all sorts, will be on sale in the Parish Hall, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

THE PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED October 15th - October 24th Please contact Josh at (802)448-3515 or jperry@vermontcatholic.org if anything comes up that cannot wait until the office reopens on MONDAY, October 25th.

## Christ Our Hope Campaign:

The Diocesan Capital Campaign is (still) raising funds to help our parishes realize their vision and provide endowment funding for faith formation efforts and Catholic Charities emergency services throughout the state.

- 60% comes directly to our Parish
- 20% goes to evangelization around the diocese
- 20% goes to the poor (via Catholic Charities)

## OUR LADY OF ANGLES:

- New signage for the property
- Holy Cross Cemetery facelift (fencing, lighting, landscaping, road maintenance)
- Solar Panels
- High-yield savings account/investment for future projects

****Distributions rec'd to date: $4,716.76**

Projects undertaken to date:

Holy Cross Cemetery:

Fencing was updated in July,

Headstones were reset in September

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY:

- St. Anthony Rectory:
  drainage, asbestos and mold remediation, windows, insulation, interior refurbishing
- St. Anthony Parish Hall:
  new chairs, update kitchen, ceiling, floors, bathrooms
- St. Elizabeth: painting

****Distributions rec'd to date: $8,714.17**

Projects undertaken to date:

St. Anthony's Rectory:

Drainage

Asbestos & Mold Remediation

Interior painting

CHRIST OUR Hope BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH

If you haven't yet, please consider giving a gift by donating at: https://www.christourhopevt.org/

If you currently feel unable to commit to financially supporting the Campaign, please consider a commitment to pray for its success:

Campaign Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God,
we place our hope in You
to guide the Catholic Church in Vermont
to renew our parishes,
and engage our youth;
to form lay leaders,
and serve the most vulnerable among us.
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
help us build a vibrant church
in this time and place
and for generations to come.
Seeking the intercession of our
first bishop, Louis deGoesbriand,
we pray this through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.

**Distributions received are net, Campaign fees have already been deducted from the amounts listed.

# The Opening Prayer – The Expression of Our Unity In Prayer

## Part eight – By Josh Perry

The Opening Prayer is traditionally called the Collect because it serves to "collect" all the prayers of the gathered assembly into the one prayer of the Church. This serves as the climax of the gathering rites. We've begun liturgy by ritual action, dialogs, and songs that are meant to create a sense of unity. Now, this unity is expressed in the Collect.

On a typical Sunday, the gathering rites include the Procession, Sign of the Cross and Greeting, Penitential Act, and Gloria (outside of Advent and Lent). All of this leads to and is concluded by the Opening Prayer. Sometimes, however, there are special rituals that replace the usual gathering rites. When the baptism of infants is celebrated, the assembly gathers by welcoming the infant and his or her family. The presider, representing the gathered assembly, traces the sign of the cross on the infant's forehead. On days like Palm Sunday, the Opening Procession is extended and includes a commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem. Regardless of the ritual we use to gather, these gathering rites always conclude with the Opening Prayer. The expression of unity in prayer is important in our liturgy.

These prayers roughly follow a certain structure which can be summed up in four words: YOU, WHO, DO, THROUGH. The Collect begins by addressing God (YOU). It continues by acknowledging something God has done or a characteristic of God (WHO). Then, there is a petition – we ask God to DO something. Finally, we recognize that our prayer is always through Christ and with the help of the Holy Spirit (THROUGH). The response, "Amen" is our acknowledgment of the prayer of the presider. Through the "Amen" we make the Church's prayer our own. Here's an example (from the Third Sunday of Advent): "O God (YOU), who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity (WHO), enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing (DO). Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. (THROUGH)" We now listen to the Word of God proclaimed in Scripture and are nourished at the Table of the Lord in the Eucharist not as individuals, or even as members of just any community – but as members of the Body of Christ.

## Sunday Collections (October 3rd & 4th, 2021)

**OLA:** total collections and gifts: $1,436.00
Electronic giving: $200, Sunday collections: $1,236
Including: $365 Building Fund, $20 Energy, $10 Catholic University, $10 Priest Benefit Fund, $10 Mission Sunday

**OLV:** total collections and gifts: $2,222.00
Electronic giving: $85, Sunday collections: $2,137
Including: $265 Building Fund, $20 Energy, $10 Priest Benefit Fund, $10 Mission Sunday

**REMINDER:**
Fr. John Carroll is available on the weekend for Spiritual Counseling or to provide support to anyone that is grieving the loss of a loved one.

Contact him at (617)699-5425 or by email at johncarroll4@aol.com to set up a time to talk.

## THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Visit https://www.vermontcatholic.org/donate/ if you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online

As of October 5, 2021:
OLA goal $9,625.40
>Pledges/gifts $6,825.00 => 71% of goal

OLV goal $16,133.85
>Pledges/gifts $17,576.00 => ***109%*** of GOAL

NEWS FROM
# The Inland See
October 9–15, 2021
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

# Catholic school superintendent's prayer: *'hope-filled joy that flows from authentic peace'*

Jeanne Gearon, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Burlington, was recently interviewed about the past and current school years by Vermont Catholic Managing Editor Cori Fugere Urban. Here is their Q and A:

***Q: For the 2020-21 school year, how did Vermont Catholic schools adjust for the pandemic safety protocols?***

A: The principals worked collaboratively with the Office of Catholic Schools to draft a guiding document titled: "United in Faith, Returning with CARE: Communities and Academics Reimagined Effectively." This document provided a framework for responding to the pandemic that each school in turn used to craft its local protocols and procedures.

I cannot say enough how the efforts at the local level from the principals, teachers and school staffs made it possible for our students to experience in-person learning on a full-time basis. The support they received from the pastors/priests who minister to our schools as well as from the students' families and all members of each school community was phenomenal. The work they undertook and the sacrifices they endured were not easy, and it only happened because everyone worked together to place the needs of the students at the forefront.

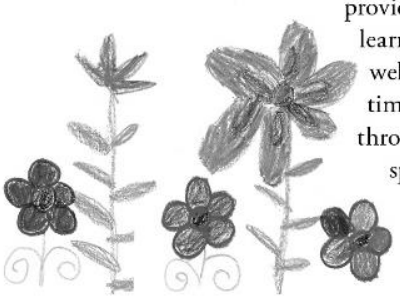
***Q: How did the pandemic affect enrollment?***

A: Preschool through grade 12 enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year in Vermont was 1,908. For the 2020-2021 it was 1,835, and the projected enrollment for 2021-2022 was 1,990.

***Q: To what do you attribute this change in enrollment?***

A: As a Diocese, last year we experienced an overall enrollment decline of around 4 percent. I believe that this was largely due to families opting to home school due to concerns regarding the pandemic.

For the upcoming school year, diocesan-wide, we are projecting around an 8 percent enrollment increase. There are many reasons for this, one of which may have been our ability to provide consistent in-person learning last year. Our schools welcoming students back full-time and remaining full-time throughout the year may have sparked interest within the community to explore more deeply what we have to offer.



***Q: According to "Data Brief: Catholic School Enrollment and School Closures, Post-Covid-19" from the National Catholic Educational Association, a report released in February, the Covid-19 pandemic can be seen as one of the most transformative catalysts for educational change in the United States. Schools of all types — public, charter, private, parochial, online or homeschool — have been significantly impacted as a result of the pandemic's disruptions to communities and society. What is your comment?***

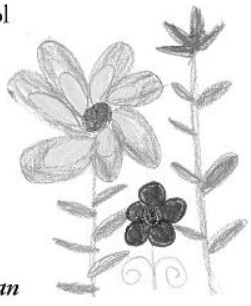
A: While the pandemic is certainly not something anyone wanted to have occur, nor, I suspect, do any of us want it to reoccur, there is the reality that it forced us to think outside the box. We discovered things about ourselves that we did not know before both as individuals and as a community. Schools are made up of people, and as each of us learns more about ourselves, our schools are changed. We have to look for the positives from this pandemic, and if one of those positives is that we have learned how to provide education in more meaningful ways for students, then this is indeed a blessing.

***Q: Why are Catholic schools needed in Vermont today?***

A: Catholic schools are one of the options Vermonters have who are seeking a faith-based education for their children. Many parents value this, and they sincerely want their children to be educated within a spiritually rich environment. If the Catholic schools were not in Vermont, then the Vermonters seeking this for their families would have far fewer options.

***Q: What is your hope for Vermont Catholic school students, teachers, staff and families for this school year?***

A: I pray daily for our school communities, and just as this past year was a year like no other, I pray that the upcoming school year is also a year like no other. During this year of St. Joseph, we have no one better to turn to who can teach us how to journey through hardship with grace and come out of it with a renewed sense of hope-filled joy that flows from authentic peace. That is my prayer for each school community, each principal, each teacher, each staff member, each student, each family — hope-filled joy that flows from authentic peace.



Catholic schools in the Diocese of Burlington are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

**VTC** • *Cori Fugere Urban*

# *Upcoming Events*

10|13, 27, 11|10 WED
**Living Joy Discussion Group**
*Online • 7 pm*
Join us for Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Life Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact pturnley@aol.com for more information.

10|16 SATURDAY
**Roast Pork Supper**
*Our Lady of the Angels Church • 5 - 6 pm*
Drive-thru take-out. Limited seating at 5pm. Adults $15, Kids $7. Reservations: 802-728-5251

10|17 SUNDAY
**White Coat Mass**
*Blessed Sacrament Church, Stowe • 10:30 pm*
Mass for healthcare professionals and their families. Bring your white coats! Bishop Christopher Coyne and Fr. Jon Schnobrich. Talk and refreshments to follow.

10|26 TUESDAY
**Saints & Sinners**
*Online • 7 pm*
Join us each month to learn how a particular saint has influenced the life of our guest speaker. October: Fr. Curtis Miller presenting on Ven. Br. William Gagnon. **For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.**

10|28 THURSDAY
**"Not just heartbreaks and honky-tonk: Country Music and Sacred Space"**
*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct.*
*7 - 8:30 pm*
Join us for an engaging event presented by Fr. Richard Berube, SSE, retired St. Michael's College Religious Education Professor and Jeff Firlik, music minister. Please wear a mask so that we have a safe environment for all to participate.

11|06 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.

11|13 SATURDAY
**Annual Women's Retreat**
*St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne*
*8:30 am - 2:15 pm*
This year's theme is: The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God. Check-in begins at 8:30 am. The key not speaker is Sister Barbara Cline of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of attendees, deadline registration November 6 with $30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1451

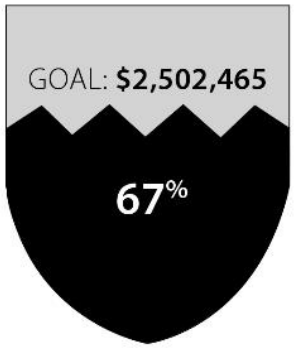
OCTOBER 10 – 16, 2021

**CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE**

Consider the Rich Man in the scripture reading this week. Reflect on the non-material wealth you have in your relationship and how you can share this with others. Pray together with the Litany of Trust.

*vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge*

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021 UPDATE




As of Sept. 29, 2021: **$1,687,620**

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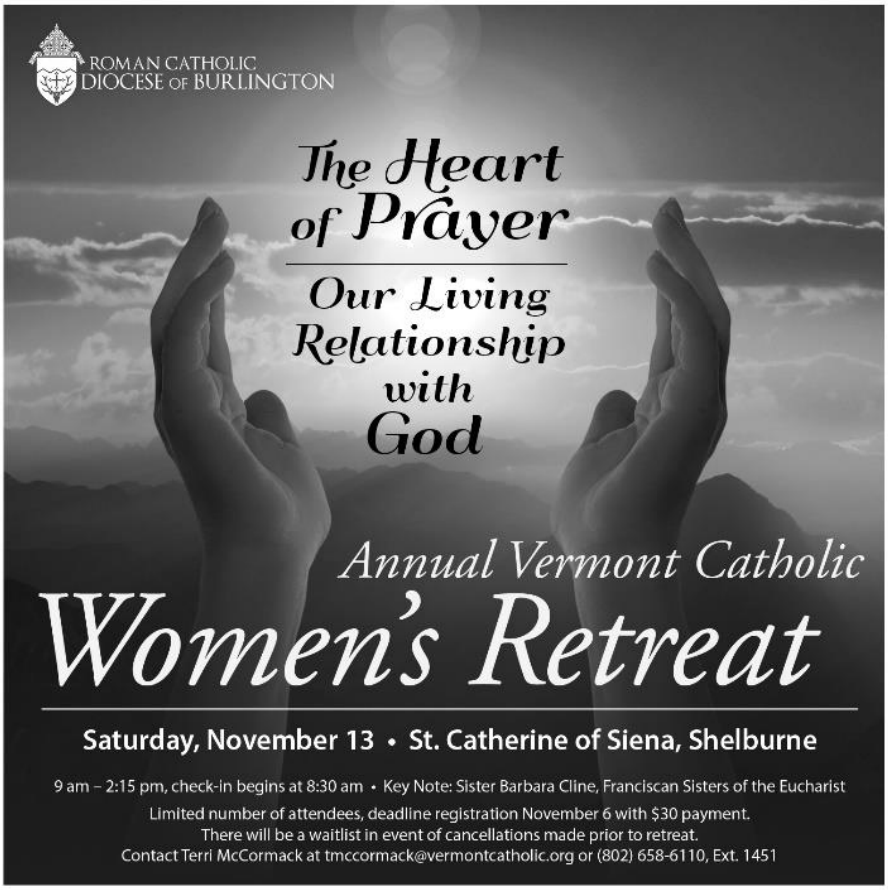

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