SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 16, 2022

This Week's Mass Schedule

Please welcome Fr. Romanus Igweonu as our celebrant this weekend

Saturday, January 15 - BVM

4:00 pm - St. John's – *Lector: Melissa H.; E.M.: Laurie O; Altar Servers.: Sawyer B*
† Pauline Myott — by Norman & Anne Bushey

Sunday, January 16 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am – St. Anthony - *Lector: Marguerite Messier*
♣ David Bielicki — by John Bielicki

10:00 am – St. John's – *L.: Michaella V; E.M.: Barb P; A.S: Kennadie A. & Natalie L.*
† Bernadette Larose — by Norman & Anne Bushey

Monday, January 17 – St. Anthony, Abbot

9:00 am – St. John's - † Sally Charron — by Bob & Debby Tower

Tuesday, January 18 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 19

6:30 pm – St. John's – † Bernadette Larose — by The Ladies of St. Anne

Thursday, January 20 – St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

9:00 am – St. Anthony - † Roger LeDuc — by Jeannette LeDuc

Friday, January 21 – St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 am – St. John's – † Pauline Myott — by Lorraine Paradis

Saturday, January 22 -
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

4:00 pm – St. John's – *Lector: Rachael K; Altar Servers: Ada & Michael K.*
† Kelly Ryan — by Corrine Ryan

Sunday, January 23 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am – St. Anthony - *Lector: Agnes Masson*
♣† For the Parishioners

10:00 am – St. John's – *Lector: Isaac V ; Altar Servers: Ella L. & Derek V.*
† Rita Parent — by The Family

View our 4pm and 10am Weekend Masses on cable 1079 and on facebook.com/St-John-the-Baptist-106691320969118/

MASS READINGS

Readings for January 23 (Green Missal, Year C #936)

Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 — **Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15**
1 Corinthians 12:12-30 — **Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR: January 9th:

	ST. JOHN'S	ST. ANTHONY	ST. MARY
Needed Weekly:	*($1,810.00)*	*($753.00)*	*($355.00)*
Sunday Offering:	$973.00	$422.00	$105.00
Monthly:	145.00	30.00	
Christmas Offering:	10.00		
Holy Day:	20.00	20.00	10.00
Initial Offering:	40.00	25.00	
Catholic Education:		20.00	
Latin America:		20.00	
Donations:		50.00	
Vigil Candles:	29.00		
Dec. Online Giving:	485.00		26.00
Online Giving Fees:	-16.76		-.80

We offer online giving @ https://www.stjohnbaptistvt.com/donate

Second Collections

Jan. 16th: Catholic Education
Jan. 23rd: Church in Latin America

PROLIFE CORNER: "All of us must put our energy and effort into ending the legal protection for abortion. It is, and must be, the primary political objective of American Catholics—it is difficult to imagine any political issue with the same significance as the sanctioned killing of children."
Denver Archbishop Samual J. Aquila – January 22, 2013

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 18th.

Please Pray For: David Bielicki, John Bielicki, Deanna Choquette, David & Ann-Marie Cormier, Paul Darby, Elisabeth Erno, Maryanne Flaherty, Marie B. Howard, Warren Hull, Julianna Hoy, Shari Joyal, Asher Lawrence, **Joyce Menard**, Kim Messier, Frank Parent, Holden Perrotte, Pierre Poissant, Roger Prive, Joel Rasco, Alene Spiekermann, Lucy Stillman, Beverly Sylvester, Nancy Wells, for Expectant Mothers and their unborn children, and for all those who are homebound, in nursing homes, suffering from cancer and other diseases and for those serving in our Military Services and those affected by the Covid-19 Virus.

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased and for all the souls of the faithful departed.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays from 9am to Noon @ St. John the Baptist
Benediction begins at 11:45am
Come spend some time with Jesus in praise and Thanksgiving!

Evening Prayer and Adoration - Holy Hour on Tuesday evenings with Deacon George. Exposition at 7 p.m., Evening Prayer at 7:40 p.m. followed by Benediction. Please feel free to stop by for some quiet time with the Lord. Also live-streamed on Facebook.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. John's – Saturday 3:15pm to 3:45pm
St. Anthony – Sunday 7:15am to 7:45am
Anytime by Appointment

The Christmas decorations will be coming down this Sunday, January 16th after the Morning Mass at St. Anthony. We are looking for volunteers to help in this task. If you can help, we really would appreciate it.

Marriage Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, with Bishop Coyne. Catholic married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) 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 January 31, 2022.

If you are not attending the celebration at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington and would like to be recognized in our parishes on World Marriage Day, February 13, 2022, please notify us via email or call the office at 802-933-4464 with your name, date of marriage, church of marriage and Anniversary being celebrated. We will then notify the diocese for a signed certificate from Bishop Coyne. Deadline for submission is January 28, 2022.

MASKS ~ Out of compassion for our neighbors who may be compromised, we ask that you consider wearing a mask and hand sanitizing when you are at church. If you have health issues that put you at risk, please consider staying home while COVID-19 is on the increase. You may watch the TV or FB Mass. Please be safe.

RELIGIOUS Education

Grades Pre-K ~ 3: 8:30 – 9:45 AM
Grades 4 ~ 6: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Sunday, January 16: Class
Sunday, January 23: Class
Please remember if anyone is sick in your household, everyone should stay home. Please let's be safe.
Karoline Flower at kaflower@comcast.net or 802-370-4219

COMMUNITY FOOD SHELVES

"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink;" Matt 25:35

ENOSBURG FOOD SHELF: Your food, cleaning products and monetary donations are always welcome. Thank you for your support. Financial donations may be made to: "Enosburg Food Shelf"; PO Box 614, Enosburg Falls, VT 05450. Open Thursdays 9am – 12noon.

SHELDON FOOD SHELF: The Sheldon Food Shelf is located at the Sheldon United Methodist Church. If you are in need of food or would like to make a donation, please call 802-933-4487. They will make arrangements to meet with you at any time in a safe uncompromised way. Monetary donations may be made to "Sheldon United Methodist Church" attn.: Food Shelf ~ 953 Northrop Rd., Sheldon, VT 05483.

Diocesan Women's Retreat – An invitation for women who were not able to attend the one given November, 2021.

The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God
Saturday, April 2 ~ 8:30am – 2:15pm
Our Lady of Angels, Randolph, VT

Key Note: Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist
Limited number of attendees, registration deadline is March 11 with $30 payment.
There will be a waitlist in the event of cancellations made prior to retreat.
Contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or (8020)658-6110, Ext. 1131

Annual Diocesan Mass for Life: Please join in praying for the protection of all human life at our annual Mass for Life with Bishop Coyne on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 2022 at 9:30AM at St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier. Rosary for Life just prior at 9 AM.
*Immediately following Mass is the **Rally for Life** presented by Vermont Right to Life. March to the Statehouse. Presentations on Prop.5 with a catered luncheon to follow at Governor's Ballroom of the Capitol Plaza Hotel. $20 for this event. More info coming at www.vrlc.net.*

Annual "9 Days for Life" Prayers and Actions can be found on https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup
Novena begins January 19 – 27.

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Upcoming Weekends in New England:
February 25-27, 2022
May 6-8, 2022
August 12-14, 2022
November 11-13, 2022

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2021

Gifts to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal may be made until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2022. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, please visit: vermontcatholic.org/giveonline

PARISH PROGRESS AS OF 1/12/2022
St. Anthony ~ 106% ~ $365.40 over goal
St. John the Baptist ~ 80% of $18,974.35 (3,714.35 needed)
St. Mary ~ 64% of $2,789.20 ($1,010.20 needed)

Christ Our Hope payments and gifts can continue over the next three years. To make an online gift visit: https://www.christourhopevt.org/donate

Our Parish Goals and Progress: (updated 1/12/2022)
St. Anthony – $7,027 raised toward goal of $39,909 ~ 18%
St. Mary - $2,502 raised toward goal of $21,200 ~ 12%
St. John's - $25,965 raised toward goal of $106,442 ~ 24%

Birthday Thanks and Appreciations "I was just recovering from the overwhelming Christmas packages and surprises, and then I got the birthday shock!!! Just a note to thank you all for how nice and supportive you are. It was fun to be in your midst celebrating my birthday. God Bless you all!" ~ Fr. Romanus

Prayer for the Unborn

O, Mary, Immaculate Mother, we beseech you by the joy you experienced in the birth of Jesus, your divine son, to take, under your motherly protection all the babies not yet born. Obtain for them and all human life the grace to survive in this Abortion oriented society. Watch over them always. Pray that from the very moment of conception, when they receive God's gift of life, their hearts and spirits pure and innocent may respond to the beating of the eucharistic heart of Jesus and attach themselves to him forever.

Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
January 15–21, 2022
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

'Look me in the eye'

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light." — Mt 6:22

My mother was a great observer when it came to solving which child was naughty. She would say, "Look me in the eye and tell me what happened." I could never get away with anything, even as an adult. I also learned that it was easier to tell the truth than to attempt to perpetuate a lie.

I find looking into the eyes of children easier than looking into the eyes of strangers; perhaps because there is a fear of what the other person might discover about me as they look back.

In the eyes of children, there is an innocence and trust, until it is broken or taken. Our faith teaches us to have a moral compass, a moral conscience, where we do good and avoid evil: "The education of the conscience is a lifelong task," notes the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law."

As parents — and a faith community invested in teaching our children — we might try to rely on our own experiences to guide us when fostering both justice and mercy in our children. We might attempt to share stories of our youth, when we were hurt by friends, picked on for what we wore or could not afford. We might have been the ones to do the hurting, choosing to fit in with the popular or cool kids, as the temptation to do evil was wrapped up in a well disguised package. We may continue to find these same temptations, disguised differently to lure us into keeping up with our neighbors or trying to help our children by being their "friends" and not following up on the ground rules we set to guide them. Our children witness our actions and model what they see. What exactly are we doing to set the example?

> Take the time to look into the eyes of your children every day. Talk about the day and listen.

Our children experience far greater temptations and dangers than ever before that can prey upon them at school, at home, at soccer or dance. The battle is real. It began with Adam and Eve and continues today. Our faith, the truth of God's love, is our saving grace.

"Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." — Mk 10:15

Take the time to look into the eyes of your children every day. Talk about the day and listen. What is God trying to tell you at this moment in this conversation?

Choose a time to sit together and look at each other, maybe over a meal. Our children deserve our time, love and closeness. Turn off all distracting media. We all deserve this focused attention, this relationship with one another as God is present during these times too.

Practice forgiveness and how to reconcile with one another. Model the behavior you hope to instill in your children. It is not always easy, and you can always turn to God for guidance to help you find the words to say, "Please forgive me for _____. I was wrong. Will you forgive me?" This carries more weight than just saying, "I'm sorry."

We are called to be in communion that begins at home. Parents are the first teachers of their children. God, our Father, desires this for us, His children. We can support one another, beginning at home, and bring this into the larger community. Together we can make a difference for both our children and one another as we grow in our faith.

"Act justly, love kindness, walk humbly with God." — Mi 6:6-8

— Terri McCormack is coordinator of marriage and family life for the Diocese of Burlington.

Upcoming Events

01|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 SJVGoodNews@gmail.com**

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|05 SATURDAY
A Puzzle to Common Sense: The Conversion of Fanny Allen
Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 12:30 - 3 pm

The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph lay associates are hosting a presentation by Fr. Michael Carter, SSE on Fanny Allen. Come learn insight into some local history. A light lunch will be served.

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.

02|22 TUESDAY
Saints and Sinners
Online • 7 pm

Join us in February when Fr. Robery Murphy 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.**

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CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

JANUARY 16–22, 2022

HOLY MATRIMONY

Being married in the Catholic Church makes us Holy in our sacramental bond as we give ourselves freely, fully, faithfully, or fruitfully. How do you inspire your spouse to honor you in your marital relationship? Share this with each other and pray together every day using a prayer of your choice.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

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THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER…

Last week each of you were asked to go to Mass, and choose a parishioner to pray for. Look for this person in Mass this week, and when you are at home share with each other why you chose him or her. Pray for these people everyday together, and encourage your family to talk to God throughout the day to be there for this person.

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