

Sunday, Mar 17, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Let's stay here!

Sometimes it can be a virtue not to be moved. Martyrs resist the lure of preserving their lives by renouncing their faith, and so go to their deaths. Heroes stare down villains in defense of the weak under their protection. But standing your ground can also be a cover for simple stagnation. Especially when you're actually sitting on the couch and enjoying its satisfying cushions. The spiritual life of saints is kinetic: willing to be transformed in shape, size, and dynamism depending on need and circumstance. Explore the fluidity of the Spirit's motion in your life. Let yourself be moved.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1 or Philippians 3:20-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36 (27). "Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Monday, Mar 18, 2019

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Mercy me

"Have mercy!" How many times have you heard that expression? Today's gospel goes to the core Christian belief in mercy and forgiveness, concepts so central that Pope Francis declared 2016 a Year of Mercy. Cyril of Jerusalem is known for his insightful religious instruction and for having been immersed in controversies. Three times he was exiled over political and church differences, and three times he was granted mercy and reinstated as Jerusalem's bishop. Who do you know in need of mercy? Take a step to be an agent of mercy today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230). "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Tuesday, Mar 19, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

Got fava beans?

In some parts of the world, especially in Italy, it is customary to carry blessed fava beans in observance of St. Joseph Day. In New Orleans you might run into a parade. Just about anywhere you'll meet people wearing red. And today is Father's Day in Spain and Portugal, all to honor Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary. Most Catholic churches have a window or statue dedicated to the saint. If you're an old-time Catholic in Poland and your name is Józef, tradition holds that you throw a party for your friends and neighbors. Whatever your name, why not wear red today, put fava beans in your pocket, and maybe throw a party?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

Wednesday, Mar 20, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Support your local prophet

The Israelites knew one thing about their prophets: They spoke the true word of God whether the message was welcome or not—and frequently it wasn't, provoking resistance, even to the point of eliminating the prophet to silence the voice they didn't wish to hear. Jesus encountered opposition as well. Plenty of people—especially powerful people—wanted to get him out of the way, but he and his gospel live on. Do you hear prophetic words

spoken today in our world? How are they received? How do you receive them?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232). "It will not mean the loss of instruction from the priests, nor of counsel from the wise, nor of messages from the prophets."

Thursday, Mar 21, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Tips for growing faith

Trees figure prominently in the Bible and often serve as symbols of our faith. Those who first heard the words of scripture—being people living on the edge of the desert—were quite aware of the special care trees require to grow strong and bear fruit: Droughts and floods, weeds and critters, and even the occasional curse from an angry messiah can kill a tree in short order. Care for your faith as you would a sapling. Weed and water and protect it against the elements. And be mindful of the seeds of faith you plant in others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233). "He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream."

Friday, Mar 22, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

In praise of water

Today, like every Friday during Lent, Catholics abstain from eating meat in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. On this day of abstinence, let's remember a form of sustenance—one that no living thing can survive without—a form of sustenance that's in danger: water. Today is World Water Day, an annual observance of the United Nations used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. God has charged us with stewardship of creation—what can you do to support water conservation today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234). "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Saturday, Mar 23, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

The patron saint of entitlement?

Writers, artists, and poets have tried to capture the overwhelming love of the Prodigal Father waiting in the famous parable for his errant son to return. When he gets a glimpse of him, he abandons all dignity and runs to cover his son with kisses. Less attention is given to the elder son, the obedient, hard-working one who never abandoned his father in the first place. Why is he not the focus of the parable? Perhaps because we find his attitude selfish or entitled? And yet, is not the elder son often the model for many of us? We may strive to do the right thing, but with the expectation that our fidelity entitles us to special treatment. There is another chance for the elder son, though, as later in the story the father goes out to meet him, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (235). "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours."



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

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Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor
Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

Parish Office

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed on Wednesday

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM
Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM
Baptism: Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least one month in advance.
Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

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



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16	4:00 P.M.	Fredo Guarino birthday remembrance by family
Sunday, March 17	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, March 18	9:00 A.M.	Albert Romano by Herb & Patti Castellini
Friday, March 22	9:00 A.M.	Paul Sherman 18 th anniversary by family
Saturday, March 23	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, March 24	8:30 A.M.	Geraldine Ackley by Pauline Albanese



Ruth Hebert	Patrick Kendall
Richard Temple	Mike Temple
Anne Rule	Frank Klymn
Peter Dailey	Theresa Lund
Sister Alice Vincent	Nicole Paro
"Aunt" Bunny Hurst	Evelyn Biron
Pat Coutermarsh	

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after that time, please contact the parish office.

Message from Fr. Rick:

Second Sunday in Lent March 17, 2019

This second Sunday in Lent the Church gives us a glimpse, coming attractions as it were of what awaits us at the end of our journey in faith.

"He will change our lowly body to confirm with His glorified body"

"While He was praying, His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzlingly white"

We are now in the Second week of Lent. The ashes placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday faded away a long time ago. Our Lenten resolves to pray more, to exercise patience, to get to Mass more frequently and on time are becoming harder to keep up; after all we are in Lent but none of the distractions, none of the routine of life goes away, indeed our Lenten penances get absorbed as just one more chore on our daily "to do" list.

To arouse us from our lethargy the Church holds out to us the vision of the Lord Transfigured in glory that His chosen witnesses Peter, James and John were permitted to see. To sustain us, to encourage us when life gets hard, when Lent gets hard, as it so often does, remember Jesus who offers to us redemption and a sharing in His glory!

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens Chris Field and Baron Tang and for our Candidate Josh Baker, their spouses and families as they continue to move towards their full incorporation into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil (April 21st this year).

Fr. Rick

Sanctuary Lamps will burn for:

Saint Anthony
Parishioners
& friends



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,500.00
Offertory collection March 9 & 10:	\$ 3,776.55
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 879.00
Home Missions/Black & Native American:	\$ 718.00

**Thank You for Your Support
of Saint Anthony Church!**

Low Gluten Altar Bread: If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

Parish Office: The parish office will be closed Monday, March 18; open regular hours the remainder of the week.

CLI Survey: Blank copies of the 16-page CLI survey are available at the parish office. Completed copies should be returned to the office. We will mail the surveys to CLI to meet the March 31 deadline.

Easter Flowers: Donations to help with the decoration of the church at Easter are appreciated. The Easter Masses will be offered for the intentions you list. Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance of the church. We appreciate your generosity.

Parish Lenten Faith Enrichment: This Lent, Saint Anthony Parish offers a Catholic Faith Enrichment group study on the foundations of the Mass. There are three more 90 minute sessions on Wednesdays through April 3. Sessions run 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Coffee and Donuts will be provided! What better way to walk our Lords Passion than to more fully understand the source and summit of our Catholic Faith? Sign up for one or all sessions by calling Joanne Collins, 802-295-2225, ext. 3 or Info@SaintAnthonyChurchWRJ.org, or Chris Noble at 619-865-2680 or chris.d.noble@gmail.com.

Word on Fire Engage at Saint Anthony for Lent! Looking for something to deepen your Catholic Faith during Lent? Would you like to know more about an aspect of the Catholic faith? Do you want to walk with Jesus "online" as Bishop Baron visits the Holy Land and explains the Gospel? Sign up now for the Word on Fire online Library. The highly acclaimed series of online Catholic Faith enrichment presentations from Bishop Robert Baron is available to all members of Saint Anthony Parish at no cost during the season of Lent. If you signed up last year, your membership is still active. For information or help signing up, contact Chris Noble at 619-865-2680 or chris.d.noble@gmail.com

Baby Bags: The Hartford DCF-Family Services staff has requested that our Wednesday Night Crafters supply more filled baby bags for the Vermont newborns who must go directly into foster care. The generosity of Saint Anthony Parishioners enables us to fill these bags! Most needed are: newborn clothing (onsies, tops, etc.), receiving blankets, car seat blankets, bibs, towels and washcloths, and small/travel-size baby shampoo and baby powder. All items should be *new*, either purchased or handmade, for newborns.

Please leave items at the entrance of the church, or bring to the rectory during working hours. Thank you for your support of this project! Contact Charlotte Merrill (802) 295-2145 or dcmerrell@myfairpoint.net with questions.

Wednesday Night Crafters: The Wednesday Night Crafters will be starting up again **soon!** We will meet every week in the Religious Ed building starting May 1 at our regular time of 6:30 p.m. We'll be working on the baby bags and also on fun, charming, decorative items for our Annual Christmas Bazaar. As always, no experience or materials are needed, just willing hands and a joyful heart! All materials are provided. Any questions please contact Charlotte Merrill (802) 295-2145 or dcmerrell@myfairpoint.net

Vermont Catholic Men's Conference HERE: Saturday, March 23, 9:00 AM, Mass with Bishop Christopher Coyne. The keynote speaker is Eric Sutulovich, former NFL Coach who comes to us via Catholic Athletes for Christ. Cost is \$40.00 (\$20.00 for those 21 and younger). Registration is now open at vermontcatholic.org/men.

Joy in Ministry HERE: A Lenten Retreat Day for all parish ministers at St. Anthony Parish Wednesday, April 10th from 9:30 - 3:00. For anyone who ministers in the parish, including religious education leaders, music directors, parish volunteers, ushers and other parish staff. Facilitated by the Diocesan Dept. of Evangelization & Catechesis. For information or to register contact Deacon Phil Lawson at (802) 846-5813 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Haven: The most needed items this week are soup, cereal/oatmeal, black beans, canned tuna/chicken and pasta. Non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.