

Sunday, Apr 07, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Woman, liberated

The church needs a “deeper theology of women,” Pope Francis has acknowledged, one recognizing the “feminine genius.” Religious institutions, no different from secular ones, struggle with issues of gender equality—which often translates into viewing women as problems to be solved. As in the time of Jesus, women continue to be blamed for feelings that arise in men regarding them: from desire to confusion to exasperation to violence. Sexism isn’t just a political football. It’s a sin, as the U.S. bishops declared in 1988, that “violate[s] the basic tenets of our faith.” Like Jesus says, go and sin no more.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11 (36). *“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”*

Monday, Apr 08, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Log on to Catholicism

Thanks to the Internet, we can tell everyone what we think of movies and restaurants, the local plumber or even the parish down the street. Just leave a recommendation on Facebook—or a diatribe on Yelp. Though reviews are sometimes written out of frustration, they’re often (or should be) offered with the good intent of helping others discover something useful or avoid a bad experience. As Catholics, we’re called to offer the world a spiritual testimonial, by the example of our lives and the witness of our faith in action. Aim for a five-star rating!

TODAY’S READINGS: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20 (251). *“I testify on my behalf and so does the Father who sent me.”*

Tuesday, Apr 09, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Cross purposes

The idea of homeopathic medicine is that one can use a small amount of a pathogen to fight off what, in full strength, would make you ill. In mainstream medicine a similar idea lies behind immunization. In both cases the very thing that can cause disease becomes the means of healing. The bronze serpent that Moses crafted to cure his people if they looked at it, as well as Jesus lifted on the cross and drawing all people to himself, evoke the same idea: The very instrument of bitterness and death, through grace, becomes the source of life. During your Lenten prayer spend some time simply gazing at a crucifix, not to dwell on the agony of Jesus but upon the “wondrous love” and healing that the sign of the cross has become.

TODAY’S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). *“When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM.”*

Wednesday, Apr 10, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Is your response programmed?

Pavlov’s dog taught a humbling lesson: how easily behavior can be manipulated and controlled. Ring the dinner bell, you salivate. Pass the donut shop and you reel at the thought of a Bavarian cream. In the biblical book of Daniel, citizens were obliged to worship a statue each time the king’s band played the Idolatry Theme Song. Most folks got into the rhythm. Three men said no and wound up in the furnace. Do you trust heaven enough to

“just say no” when everyone around you embraces the patterns of fashion or materialism?

TODAY’S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253). *“Be ready now to fall down and worship the statue I had made, whenever you hear the sound of the . . . musical instruments.”*

Thursday, Apr 11, 2019

MEMORIAL OF STANISLAUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

An unimpeachable witness

One of the engaging things about saints like Stanislaus from centuries ago (b. 1030) is the legends that spring up about them—perhaps not true in a literal way but often carrying kernels of wisdom of a deeper order. Bishop Stanislaus is said to have brought a man who had been dead three years back to life in order to foil a land-grabbing plot of a nefarious king. Given three days to produce a witness to the church’s claim on the land, he prayed ceaselessly before calling the seller of the land from the grave to testify on his behalf. The take-away? God hears and responds to your fervent prayers.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254). *“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.”*

Friday, Apr 12, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

No time like the present

This is the fifth Friday of Lent and Easter is a little more than a week away. As you take stock of what Lent has been for you, do you feel God’s peace, no matter what is happening in your life? Or do you feel you missed the chance to grow closer to God with practices of prayer, fasting, or generosity to others? If you feel peace, be grateful. If you do not, all is not lost. Make the intention to give this day to God, to fast from something that will make you mindful that God is with you, and ask for the strength and peace only God can give.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 18; John 10:31-42 (255). *“My God, my rock of refuge, my shield . . . my stronghold.”*

Saturday, Apr 13, 2019

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN I, POPE, MARTYR

The pitfalls of power

Separation of church and state is a relatively recent idea. For much of its history the church was closely entangled with the secular powers that be. Religious issues were frequently political, and political ones religious. This relationship could be risky for both sides. The seventh-century Pope Saint Martin I, for example, started out as a diplomat. As pope he convened a council to condemn a heresy, but when the Christian emperor weighed in on the matter, Martin refused to accept the imperial decision and on the emperor’s orders he was eventually kidnapped and banished and died shortly thereafter. Over the centuries the church has learned to be careful about becoming too involved with secular power. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said about his retirement, “The path of power is not the road of God.”

TODAY’S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). *“It is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish.”*



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

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Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 7, 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, April 6	4:00 P.M.	Dorilla & Arthur LaRose by Fleury, Kramer, LaRose families
Sunday, April 7	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, April 8	9:00 A.M.	Joseph Albanese by Pauline
Friday, April 12	9:00 A.M.	Ed Cooke by Myra Poland & Steve Landon
Saturday, April 13	4:00 P.M.	Elizabeth Radicioni by Walter
Sunday, April 14	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



Patrick Kendall Theresa Lund
 Evelyn Biron Pat Coutermarsh
 Peter Dailey Anne Rule
 Sister Alice Vincent

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 one month, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Lamps
 will burn for:
 Saint Anthony
 Parishioners
 & friends



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,500.00
Offertory collection March 30 & 31:	\$ 3,553.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 932.00

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

Message from Fr. Rick:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

“... Has no one condemned you ...? Neither do I condemn you, only go and sin no more.” The amazing encounter between Jesus and the woman caught in adultery raises an interesting and profound question about the reality and the seriousness of sin. Jesus exposes the hypocrisy and the malice of the Scribes and Pharisees who would see this woman stoned to death just so they could in turn expose Jesus for being “soft on sin.” He will not further humiliate this poor woman exposed to the ridicule and contempt of others. But He also will not dismiss as unimportant her sin. “Go” He says to her, “and sin no more.” He shows mercy (unlike the Scribes and Pharisees) and He challenges her to rise above her sin and live a new kind of life nourished by the grace of this unexpected mercy.

We matter to God and what we do (both good and bad) matters also.

Our virtuous deeds matter so too our sins because **we matter**. God will not make light of our sin because He will not make light of our lives. We never hear another word about this woman but I like to think that she did, indeed “go and sin no more”.

Encouraged by that same mercy may we too “go and sin no more.”

Fr. Rick

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.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **James (Jim) Stuart**, brother of a parishioner, who died this week.
 May his family find solace in their faith and in the promise of eternal life with our heavenly Father.*

Spring Campaign: Our parish Spring Campaign gets underway this weekend! ***This is a major fundraiser for our parish.*** We hope we can count on your usual generosity. ***All donations will stay in the parish,*** and will be a great help with our general operating expenses. All donors will be eligible to win a beautiful granite garden bench (donated by Mt. Ascutney Memorials/ Knight Funeral Homes) or a \$100. cash prize. Just enclose your donation in the envelope provided and mail it to the parish, drop it in the offertory basket, or drop it off at the rectory office. Please be sure to include your name and contact information, and ***return by Sunday, April 28, 2019.*** Thank you for your support of our parish!

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

Joy in Ministry Retreat: A Lenten Retreat Day for all parish ministers is taking place at St. Anthony Parish **this Wednesday, April 10th** from 9:30-3. For anyone who ministers in the parish. To register contact Deacon Phil Lawson **ASAP** at (802) 846-5813 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

New Bulletin: Soon we will be introducing a new and expanded weekly bulletin. Due to the expected increase in editing time, we will require that all items be submitted no later than the close of day Monday of bulletin week. Names for our ‘Prayers List’ will be accepted any time. All inserts (full page sheets), that are to go into the bulletin will need to reach the office by Friday, **one week before** the desired bulletin. We appreciate your cooperation.

RCIA: As our R.C.I.A. Catechumens **Chris Field** and **Baron Tang**, and Candidate **Josh Baker** proceed through their final preparations to receive their Sacraments and enter fully into the Catholic Church, please keep them and their spouses in your prayers.

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting is this Sunday, April 7th at noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. You are cordially invited to join us. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with questions.

Meeting: Since the Knights of Columbus regular April meeting night, the third Sunday of the month falls on Easter Sunday, the April meeting will be held on the **second** Sunday, April 14 in the rectory basement, at 7:00 PM. Up for discussion is the State Convention on April 26-28, and plans for the Spring Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, May 4.

Good Friday Collection: The diocesan collection taken on Good Friday, April 19 is for the Holy Land. *“Few places in the world are as precious to Catholics as those where Jesus Christ, our Savior, walked and taught ... lived and died.”* ***Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.***

Holy Week Schedule – The Holy Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m., **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** at St. Francis of Assisi, Windsor
 Good Friday, April 19th, **3:00 p.m., Passion of the Lord** at St. Anthony Church
 Holy Saturday, April 20th, 8:00 p.m., **Easter Vigil Mass** at St. Anthony Church
 Easter Sunday, April 21st, 8:30 a.m., **Easter Sunday Mass** at St. Anthony Church

Please note that **our Good Friday liturgy** will be held at **3:00 p.m.** This is a change from last year.
All are invited and encouraged to attend these very special liturgies.

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.