



Saint Anthony Church
15 Church Street
White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 6	4:00 P.M.	Sarah & Bernard Murray by Lorraine
Sunday, July 7	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, July 8	9:00 A.M.	Esther Laura Rule by Larry & Marilyn White
Friday, July 12	9:00 A.M.	Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony by JLD
Saturday, July 13	4:00 P.M.	Ralph E. Funari by Knights of Columbus
Sunday, July 14	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



Martha Brock
Elizabeth Wheeler
Ray Plante
Sister Alice Vincent
Patrick Kendall
"Aunt" Bunny Hurst
Nicole Paro
Theresa Lund

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:
Jenna Carroll



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,500.00
Offertory collection June 29 & 30:	\$ 3,631.00
Peter's Pence:	\$ 973.00

**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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: This weekend we welcome from Worldwide Marriage Encounter Lynn & Gary Root on Saturday and Rachel & Michael Kuban on Sunday. They will speak for several minutes at the end of Mass. We welcome them to St. Anthony Parish.

"The kingdom of God is at hand for you." Welcome God into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are November 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT and July 12-14, 2019 in East Windsor, CT. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

Peter's Pence: Thank you for your generous support in last weekend's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link.

Mission Appeal: Next weekend, July 13-14 we will receive a speaker from the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette, Tanzania to speak at our Masses. This is part of the Mission Appeal program. *A second collection will be taken to support their efforts.*

At present, the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette has great challenges that are facing our orphanage such as shortage of ample funds for buying food, clothes, school fees and medical services to our orphans. Our community has been struggling for four years to build St. Bonaventure English Medium school. The good news is that two classrooms, an administration block, one dormitory for the girls and boys are already in use. Our next priority is to build two classrooms and one dining room for the underprivileged children whom we serve. We believe that this effort will empower the children by giving them a good education so that they will be able to carry on their own lives in the future. Thank you for your support.



Totus Tuus: *Totus Tuus* is a fun and energetic parish-based summer catechetical program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting Catholicism through catechesis, Sacraments, and Eucharistic worship. The week-long program meets with grade school (1-8) children during the day and those of high school age in the evening. St. Michael Parish in Brattleboro, VT will be hosting *Totus Tuus* from **this Sunday, July 7th to Friday, July 12th**. For more information, please contact Tina at (413) 896-8576. Completed registrations may be returned to St. Michael's rectory office at 47 Walnut Street, Brattleboro. If a family is in need, full and partial scholarships are available.

Third Order of Mary: The upcoming and subsequent meetings will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Lebanon, NH. The next meeting will be this Sunday, July 7 at 12:00 p.m. The Third Order of Mary cordially invites you to join them. They pray the Rosary, the Hail Mary, and the *Memorare* daily, as well as meditating on Sacred Scripture and the life of our Blessed Mother. They meet on the first Sunday of each month to pray the Rosary and other Marian prayers, and to support one another in our journey to take on the mind and heart of Mary. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with any questions.



Haven: Summertime is a busy time for us all, with vacations and fun warm-weather activities. But we ask that you not forget that there is no vacation from hunger and hurting for those who are in precarious housing situations. Kids do not have access to school breakfasts and lunches, and it is more difficult for families to stretch their food resources to cover those extra meals. The food shelf continues to see an increase in the number of families we are serving. Tell your neighbors about us, and ask for their help. ***Garden produce is always welcome (please bring directly to the Haven.)***

Haven: The most needed items this week are pasta, black beans, cereal/oatmeal, canned tuna/chicken and soup. Haven 'Wish List' items include ponchos or raincoats for adults, shampoo, razors & shaving cream, facial tissues (Kleenex), and deodorant. 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.



The Inland See: There is no *The Inland See* this week. Each year, the diocese produces a special, 12-page, color issue which focuses on the recent ordinations to the priesthood for the Diocese. They are intended to be in replacement of *The Inland See* for the weekend of July 6-7.

Please enjoy reading Bishop Coyne's homily from the Ordination Mass held at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington on June 15th of this year:

Bishop Coyne's homily for Ordination Mass

I was ordained a priest in 1986 and served in my first assignment at St. Mary of the Hills Parish in Milton, Mass. When I was in seminary, I took a number of courses on preaching: the history of Catholic preaching; public speaking basics; technique, content, and theory of preaching; etc. I also had two "practicum" in which we practiced preaching our own homilies in front of classmates and instructors. One of the practicum I took was with an instructor, Fr. McGrath, who was famous (or infamous depending upon how you looked at it) for the brutality of his comments in criticism of the student's preaching. He started off our first session by telling us that we were all adults, we had limited time, and he was not going to waste that time by telling us what we did well but only what we did not do well. He was true to his word. His classes were brutal. But, I learned a lot.

So I came out of seminary believing I was well prepared for preaching in a parish. I had all these plans for how I was going to preach and what I was going to say. I was all set and ready to preach.... Thank goodness, I lucked into a parish where the people were just as critical of my homilies as Fr. McGrath was. Not that they were unkind, they just had their opinions about the homily and my preaching and they weren't hesitant to tell me so. This was especially true of the Franciscan sisters who lived in the

parish convent. They had a 6:30 a.m. Mass everyday and it was normally up to me, as the junior priest, to celebrate that Mass. If I didn't have the parish 7:30 Mass, I could stay for a bit of breakfast with the sisters and it was there that I would often hear a few words or quite a few words about my preaching.

I learned a lot from the loving criticism of my fellow Catholics. They told me that "I talked at them at times rather than with them," that my homilies were too heady, too much about "theology" and not enough about Jesus. There was a lot more they said but the most important thing was that they humbled me. I realized that, in spite of what I learned in the seminary or from all the other homilies I had ever heard preached, my education and formation on how to become an adequate preacher was only getting started. Since then, I have and continue to be a student of the art of preaching.

Kevin and Robert, in a few moments you will stand before this assembly and answer five questions concerning your commitment to the duties of priestly ministry to the people of God. One of the questions you will be asked is, "Do you resolve to exercise the ministry of the Word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith?" It is that question I wish to ponder in light of the challenges we face in the Church today. As to the other four questions, I know you will celebrate the Church's Sacraments and her Liturgy worthily and well. I have seen you assist at the Mass as deacons. I know that you are committed to the Liturgy of the Hours and daily prayer as well as being men faithful to the Church's Doctrine and Magisterium. I encourage you to continue to do so. But I want to most sincerely encourage you to be men of the Word of God who will serve the Word wisely and worthily especially in the task of preaching.

You are aware, as am I and your brother priests, that we are no longer an established Church but a missionary Church. The culture landscape we face today is very different than that of even twenty-five years ago. Many people have never been exposed to any faith in God at all. They need to hear the Word of God. Many of those who have heard the Word of God before and have been part of our faith are leaving and they are not coming back. This is especially true of young people. When people are asked why they stopped coming to Mass on Sunday they give many answers: the Church is intolerant; I'm too busy; I can pray on my own; the abuse crisis; etc. But one major reason is bad preaching. Now that category of "bad preaching" covers a lot: "the priest was all over the place;" "no point to what he was saying;" "all he did was scold us;" "he talked in a monotone;" "it was boring;" "all he did was tell jokes;" "he always talks about himself;" "it was like a catechism lesson;" "it was too long;" "I couldn't understand him;" "it wasn't real at all;" "all he did was talk politics;" etc. I've heard them all. Not about me, of course. But I've heard all the complaints. I've sat through bad preaching and know exactly what they are talking about. There is nothing that will drive people away from church faster than bad preaching.

If we are serious about being a missionary Church and carrying out the New Evangelization, then we must be serious about our ministry to the Word of God. We must be afire for the Word, enthusiastic about our preaching. We must see the call to preach the Word of God as a matter of spiritual life and death. Now this doesn't mean that we become some sort of homiletic cheerleaders, but that our preaching comes out of our hearts, out of the conviction that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life and that the fullness of salvation is found in and through His Church. Our preaching must be sincere. And when it is, the people know it.

There's a story told about Blessed Damien of Molokai, a 19th century Redemptorist priest who ministered to a group of people who, because they had Hansen's disease ("leprose"), were exiled on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. He spent many years with them and eventually contracted the disease

himself. When he did so, he noted how his preaching became so much more effective because he no longer spoke to the people of his parish as “you lepers” but “we lepers.” When we preach we must see ourselves as part of the audience as well. It must be as if we are preaching in front of a mirror. The priest must be a man aware of his own need for salvation and of his own experience of salvation in the person of Jesus Christ and his Church. The stories he tells, the words he offers of mercy and encouragement and faith are words that he knows and lives. They must be the words from his heart.

This also means that you and I must know the stories of our people. In order to be effective preachers we must know to whom we are speaking. And our people must feel that we know who they are as well. Most of our work in preaching the Word of God is not done in the pulpit but in the parish. We cannot be preachers who prepare our homilies simply in the comfortable confines of the rectory or the chapel. The 20th century Protestant preacher Karl Barth used to say that the preacher has to have the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other. We might say that today the preacher must have the Bible in one hand and a digital tablet in the other. One thing I try and do every week is read the Scriptural texts for the Sunday to come on the Sunday I just finished. Then I spend the rest of the week studying the Scriptures but also paying attention to the signs of the times around me.

Kevin and Robert, I encourage you to be practitioners of the Word of God, even beyond what you will normally be doing in your life as a priest. In your ministry you will be immersed in Scripture – the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily readings at Mass, reading at Wakes and funerals, Communion services and the celebration of the Sacraments. There is quite a bit of Scripture every day in the busy life of a priest, but it is not enough. An attorney deals with the law every day, but she still needs to study the law beyond her everyday practice. A doctor practices medicine every day, but he still needs to study and research medicine beyond his day-to-day work. Would you want to go to a doctor who hasn't cracked a book in twenty years? So it is for us. While we are immersed in Scripture all day, we still need to read it, study it and ponder it, especially in preparation for the Sunday homily. I have found in my preaching that the people of God want you to break open the Word of God for them and allow them to see how it will help them live the good life of faith. This means you must know the story of faith found in Scripture and the story of faith found in them.

In your formation as a priest you have been encouraged to keep the practice of a “holy hour” of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. I wonder if we may consider a “holy time” each day with the study of Scripture as well? This could be a *lectio* from Scripture itself, literature about Scripture, readings on the art of preaching, readings of others preaching, especially the Fathers of the Church and the saints, even research within digital media. It doesn't have to be about next week's homily. All knowledge of Scripture serves the act of preaching in one way or another.

My brothers, you have often heard it said that the bishop is the chief shepherd of the people of God entrusted to him and that priest is a sharer in that shepherd's care. Give them that shepherd's care. When the people of God come to Mass and the Sacraments, they are entitled to be fed well. When they walk through the doors of our churches, they are entitled to the Church's liturgy. When they come to the holy feast of the Mass, they are entitled to be fed with the finest of spiritual foods. Feed them not only with the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist, but also with the Word of God in Scripture, prayer and preaching. Let the Word of God, rich as it is, dwell in your hearts so that it may overflow in an abundance of praise and thanksgiving for your own salvation and that of others and may God bless you in the ministry of service that you are undertaking.

+Burlington Bishop Christopher J. Coyne

Sunday, Jul 07, 2019

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace to all who enter

A compelling prayer is recommended in the Liturgy of the Hours for Sunday nights: “Lord, we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the deadly power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace.” Who wouldn’t want their home sweet home, apartment, or dorm room to share in such a blessing? The world is desperate for peace, but it doesn’t start at the international level. Seek peace in your home and in your heart. Make this prayer your own.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 (102). *“Into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’”*

Monday, Jul 08, 2019

Dream on

In the world of Jewish scripture, dreams were sometimes considered revelations from God. In the New Testament Gospel of Matthew, God guides the early life of Jesus through the dreams of Saint Joseph and the Magi. These dreams came to people; they didn’t ask for them. Dreams sometimes still feel that way. Although they can take puzzling or even frightening forms, dreams can also reveal deep truths and remind us that what we consider most important is to some extent invisible to the conscious mind. Strive to grow, then, in knowledge of both God and yourself.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). *“Jacob . . . came upon a certain shrine . . . and lay down to sleep at that spot. Then he had a dream.”*

Tuesday, Jul 09, 2019

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Patience is indeed a virtue

Patience is held up by the church as one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, an aid to us as we grow in our desire to do good. Patience is also a witness to hope, especially in the midst of suffering. It is this virtue that spoke to Augustine Zhao Rong, one of 120 Chinese martyrs who suffered and died for their faith. A soldier leading a bishop to his martyrdom in Beijing, Augustine was so moved by the bishop’s patience that he asked to be baptized. He gave himself to the Christian faith knowing full well what could happen. Some years later, he too was killed for his faith. How powerful is the gift of patience! How might we allow this gift to move us this day?

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). *“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.”*

Wednesday, Jul 10, 2019

Service begins at home

Perhaps you entertain grand dreams of how to live out your Christian vocation. Foreign missions or cloisters in the desert appeal to the romantic side of your nature. Why not give your life over to God’s service in a blaze of excellent fervor? On your way to holy perfection, however, it’s always a good idea to make a stop that’s more accessible and just as worthy: right where you

are. Can you love and serve the people already given to you in your family, neighborhood, and parish? Before you dash off to the save the world, share a little of that love at home.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). *“Do not go into pagan territory . . . Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”*

Thursday, Jul 11, 2019

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

The big reveal

Today’s first reading is a story that has delighted and inspired for generations: Joseph and the many-colored coat. Catholics see Joseph, the story’s hero, prefiguring Christ. This story of jealousy, betrayal, and redemption lives on in art, cartoons, books, even a Broadway musical. A favorite is the big reveal when Joseph’s brothers discover his true identity. If you pay attention, you may find big and small “reveals” that God has prepared for you, surprises that form you into a better disciple.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). *“I am your brother Joseph, whom you once sold into Egypt.”*

Friday, Jul 12, 2019

Check your trust fund

Spontaneity and trust are hard to cultivate and maintain, and it gets harder as responsibilities grow. We have become accustomed to planning and more planning. Not wanting to be caught off-guard, we struggle to trust the moment. In the midst of planning a vacation, for example, you might become bogged down in detail—and forget that the purpose of the trip was to relax! Imagine your potential if you could only trust more. Tonight at dinner say a spontaneous prayer, trusting that God will give you the words.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). *“Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you a great nation.”*

Saturday, Jul 13, 2019

MEMORIAL OF HENRY

A spirited king

Emperors on the whole haven’t been the best role models for Christian humility, but Henry II (972-1024) appears to have been an exception. His first public act after being named Holy Roman Emperor was to pray for humility. When Henry traveled across the empire, he stayed in monasteries, which he also helped to found and fund. Upon arrival, he is said to have spent the first night of every visit in a prayer vigil. Henry wasn’t perfect—he mixed church and state in ways that caused both to suffer—but his commitment to monastic communities not only strengthened religious life but also served social needs, because the monks would go out into the surrounding villages to tend to the sick and needy. We could do with more leaders who shared Henry’s priorities!

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). *“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”*

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



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