



Remember your loved ones in the Holy Mass; they will be ever grateful to you!



PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HURTING

especially..., Marion Casarico, Stanislaw Kosiorek, Judy McCullough, Phyllis McCullough, Roman Pejski, Janice Brown, Richard Church, Pam Corcoran. Sophia Scicutella, and Rita Morin



MASS INTENTIONS

We have many open slots for weekday Mass intentions for your loved ones

Mass stipends for your intentions are wonderful remembrances and tributes to loved ones, both living and deceased. Please call the parish office to have a Mass celebrated for the souls of the ones that you love (802-728-5251).

Saturday, November 30

St. E ♦ 3:00 PM - Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
St. E ♦ 4:00 PM Mass – Intentions of Mary Johnson

Sunday, December 1

OLA ♦ 9:00 AM Mass – Intentions of Fr. Gratton (By parishioners of OLA & OLV)
St. A ♦ 11:00 AM Mass – Intentions of the Parishioners
Norwich U. ♦ 6:30 PM – Mary Bissonnette+ (by Msgr. Michael DeForge)

Monday, December 2

St. A ♦ 11:00 AM Mass – Funeral Mass for Madeline Tortolano

Tuesday, December 3

St. A ♦ 5:00 PM – Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
St. A ♦ 8:00 AM Mass – Intentions of seminarian Robert J. Murphy (by St. A./St.E. KofC Council #10241)

Wednesday, December 4

Norwich University ♦ 7:30 PM Mass – Randall Bissonnette+ (by Msgr. Michael DeForge)

Thursday, December 5

St. A. ♦ 8:00 AM Mass – No Intention
St. A ♦ 24 HOUR ADORATION (finishes at 8:00 AM the next morning)

Friday, December 6

St. A ♦ 8:00 AM Mass – No Intention

Saturday, December 7

St. E ♦ 3:00 PM - Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
St. E ♦ 4:00 PM Mass – Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday, December 8

OLA ♦ 9:00 AM Mass – Intentions of Joan Farrington on her birthday (by the Goliard Family)
St. A ♦ 11:00 AM Mass – God’s Healing Hands on Kathy Stratton (by Steve and Cathy Day)
Norwich U. ♦ 6:30 PM – Mary Bissonnette+ (by Msgr. Michael DeForge)

PARISH HAPPENINGS...

- 3 Dec., - 6:30 PM Finance Council Mtg (St. A/St. E.)
3 Dec., - 7:00 PM KofC Meeting (St. A./St. E.)
4 Dec., - 11:00 AM RCIA (St. Anthony Rectory)
5-6 Dec., - 8:00 AM – 8:00 AM 24 Hour Adoration (St. Anthony)
6 Dec., 2:00 – 6:00 PM Christmas Bazaar (OLA)
7 Dec., 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Christmas Bazaar (St. A. & OLA)
7-8 Dec. – Fr. Gratton’s VTARNG Drill Weekend



to all of our visitors at Mass! If you would like more information about our Parishes or would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please ask your neighbor or call the parish office (802-728-5251)



Become a Knight! For more information please contact the parish office (728-5251), or Mark Lefebvre (OLA, Randolph), or Doug Parr (St. A/St. E.). God always rewards us when we take a risk for Him.

24 Hour Adoration! * at St. Anthony*****

From 8:30 AM Thursday, Dec. 5th to 8:00 AM Friday, Dec. 6th.

The worldwide Church has asked us to offer prayers and fasting on Dec. 6th for the sanctity of the Church. Please sign up for an hour or two throughout this 24-hour span, and offer your prayers and fasting for the good for the Mystical Body of Christ in the Church.

Christmas Bazaars:

OLA: Dec. 6th from 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Dec. 7th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

St. A.: Dec. 7th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

OLA Christmas Bazaar Details:

Vendor setup times: Ramona Bohnyak will be at the hall on Thursday, Dec. 5th, from 4-6 PM. Fr. John will be at the hall all day Friday, Dec. 6th, beginning at 9:00 AM.

Bakery Tables: There are people who come to the OLA bazaar solely to buy baked goods and we never have enough, so please bake a bunch!

- Be sure to label your items and note if they contain *nuts*.
- You may drop off your goodies on Friday, Dec. 6th, between 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM AND on Saturday, Dec. 7th, between 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Please do not bring food after 11:00 AM on Saturday.
- We need volunteers to staff the bakery tables and price the donated goods. There is a sign-up sheet at the main entrance to building. We need at least two people for each designated time slot. Please help us out in this regard.

Raffle Tickets: They will be on sale throughout the bazaar and returns can be made right up to the time of the drawing at 2:00 PM on Saturday. You do NOT need to be present to win a prize.

Reminder: The Christmas bazaar is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, and its success depends on everyone doing something to support it. Please help out in every way that you can. Let's make it a smashing success, and thank you for all that you do!

CDA Christmas Bazaar (St. Anthony Hall):

The CDA is looking for:

- Lots of Baked Goods!!! 😊
- Small White Elephant Items

They will also be selling raffle tickets this week and during the bazaar. Please be generous, and be sure to come check this bazaar out—you are sure to have a great time!

**Thank you!**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas wish to thank everyone who contributed to their sock drive. God bless you for remembering those in need!

Coffee Hours: The next few coffee hours at **OLA** parish will be potluck. Please bring something to share with your neighbors, and enjoy some quality time together after Mass on Sunday.

OLA Angel Tree: The opportunity to give needy children a beautiful gift this Christmas is here. OLA will have its annual Angel Tree, providing gift suggestions for children in our area who are in need. If anyone has an artificial tree that they are willing to donate to the cause, just let Rose Lefebvre know. Be on the lookout for the tree with the angels hanging from it! Also, if anyone from **St. Anthony** or **St. Elizabeth** would like to start a tree at their church, please reach out to Rose at 904-404-6508.

St. Anthony Annual Christmas Dinner: Our own chef extraordinaire, Cathy Day, is leading the charge once again to provide one of the most beautiful and memorable Christmas experiences of the season. We have our annual Christmas Dinner (**Dec. 25th**) from **12:30 – 2:30 PM** in the St. Anthony Church Hall. It is completely **FREE**, and open to anyone and everyone! Merry Christmas from Our Lady of the Valley and the Days! If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Fr. Gratton or Cathy Day.

Christmas Crèche: The Crèche (manger) has been set up outside St. Anthony's Church—Thank you to Andrew & Stephen Schneller, Paul Boynton, Dick and MaryAnn Church, and Rosemary Brown for all of your hard work!

Bethel Food Shelf: St. Anthony's will be in charge of running the Bethel Food Shelf on the following dates: **Dec. 9&11**. Please consider volunteering to help serve those who are dearest to the Lord's Heart. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Ann Church at 234-7248.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

<u>Dec. 24th:</u>	<u>Dec. 25th:</u>
4:00 PM – OLA	9:00 AM - OLA
6:00 PM – St. A.	
8:00 PM – St. E.	
Midnight – St. A.	

Calling all kids (and parents):

If you have any children who need religious education, ages 3-6, please contact Rosemary Brown at 234-9522 for class times. If you have any children between 7 and Confirmation age, please call the parish office at 728-5251 to register them in our religious education program. If you would like to be involved in teaching religious education for both parishes, please let Fr. Gratton know.

**Counseling Services Available**

Vermont Catholic Charities offers affordable counseling services to individuals, couples and families. People seek counseling for many different reasons: a crisis, a loss, a major life change, substance abuse, or to improve relationships. With a convenient office in, Rutland our experienced clinician is here to help. We accept private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare and we offer a sliding scale fee. If you or someone you know needs support, please call (802) 773-3379 or (800) 851-8379.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

OLA and OLV Parishes will be holding classes explaining the Catholic Faith. Anyone wishing to become Catholic, or anyone who would like to deepen their faith are welcome to attend. The classes will be held every **Wednesday**, beginning October 9, from **11:00 AM – Noon** at St. Anthony's rectory in Bethel. Classes will continue through to Easter.

Winter Clothing Drive: Our very own parishioner, Sheriff Bill Bohnyak, has helped lead a winter coat/clothing drive over the past few years, and would like our parishes to help contribute to the needs of the poor in our area. **Please drop off any winter clothing—coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, etc.—to either the parish office or the rectory.** Let's make this the warmest winter, yet, for our brothers and sisters who are struggling right now. *"Whatever you did for the least of my brethren, you did for me."* – Matthew 25:40

PRAYER CHAIN: a reminder that we have a Prayer Chain going in our parishes. If you need special prayers or want to pray for other's needs, please contact Rosemary Brown at 234-9522. A separate Information Chain is used to update people of events in the Parish or Diocese, or when special issues arise. For more information on that chain, please also contact Rosemary.

Catholic Daughters of America

is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. They donate to charities, support scholarship programs, and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness." Deeply spiritual, together they share faith, love of God and a distinctly feminine spirituality alluded to by Pope John Paul II when he spoke of the necessity of "feminine genius" in today's world. The program includes concerns of today's church and society as well as issues that affect the well-being of women and children. Come join some amazingly faithful women in our parishes and grow closer to God by serving those most in need! For more information, please call the parish office at 728-5251.

Please continue praying the Living Rosary.

When we give our lives to Jesus and Mary, and invite them in, we will experience a deepening of faith, hope, and love that will flourish in our hearts. Please join us in Praying the Gospel and Changing the World!



The Road to Christmas