



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

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)

Monday, December 9...The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. A ♦ 8:00 AM Mass – Alfred Paquin+ (by Jeanet Paquin)

Tuesday, December 10

St. A ♦ 5:00 PM – Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
St. A ♦ 6:00 PM Mass – Living & Deceased Members of CDA Court St. Anthony #1231

Wednesday, December 11...Pope St. Damasus I

OLA ♦ 9:00 AM Funeral Mass for Michele Roux

Thursday, December 12...Our Lady of Guadalupe

OLA ♦ 8:00 AM Mass – No Intention
OLA ♦ 8:30 – 11:30 AM – Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament

Friday, December 13...St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

OLA ♦ 8:00 AM Mass – Intentions of Mike & Emily Parker
OLA ♦ 8:30 – 11:30 AM – Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
St. A ♦ 6:00 – 7:00 PM – Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament (with Advent Mediations)

Saturday, December 14

St. E ♦ 3:00 PM - Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
St. E ♦ 4:00 PM Mass – Milton Aylward+ (by Mary Johnson)

Sunday, December 15

OLA ♦ 9:00 AM Mass – Rocco & Mary Garbitelli+
St. A ♦ 11:00 AM Mass – Intentions of the Parishioners
Norwich U. ♦ 6:30 PM – NO Mass (Christmas Vacation)



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, Helen Rulon, 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).

PARISH HAPPENINGS...

- 9 Dec., - Noon – 2:00 PM Bethel Food Shelf Volunteering
10 Dec., - 7:00 PM CDA Meeting (St. A./St. E.)
11 Dec., - 11:00 AM RCIA (St. Anthony Rectory)
11 Dec., - 4:00 – 6:00 PM Bethel Food Shelf Volunteering
11 Dec., - 6:00 PM KofC Christmas Dinner (OLA)
11 Dec., - 7:15 PM Parish/Finance Council Mtg. (OLA)
13 Dec., - 6:00 – 7:00 PM Advent Meditations/Adoration (St. A.)



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.

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute their time, talent, treasures, and above, prayers, to all of the events that took place this last week in our parishes!

Thank you for spending time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for our 24-hour Adoration/Fasting for the Church. Thank you for all of your hard work on the Christmas Bazaars. And thank you for simply being you—strengthening our parishes with your deep faith and selfless spirit.

God bless you all! Your pastor loves you very much!



Catholic Daughters of the Americas: 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.

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. Look for the tree with the angels hanging from it! Please have gifts returned by Dec. 15th.

Advent Meditations: Each week during Advent at St. Anthony's Friday night Holy Hour, we will participate in some meditations from various Catholic evangelists and singers. Please join in this quiet reflective time to prepare spiritually for the Birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. This Friday: Come meditate with Donna Cori Gibson as we listen and join in song, singing the Joyful Mysteries to prepare for the Christmas Celebration.

Go Deep This Advent: Both Word on Fire and Dynamic Catholic will forward a free, daily Advent meditation to anyone that subscribes on-line: <https://dynamiccatholic.org/best-advent-ever> <https://www.wordonfire.org> Or simply try reading a chapter from the Gospel of Luke each day, this Advent. Bishop Barron's Advent

videos are on the home page of our website, <https://ourladyvt.org>.

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.

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.	

Life is Precious Trip: Calling all teenagers! Join teens from across the state on a journey to Washington D.C. from **Jan. 23-26, 2020**, where your Catholic Faith will shine as you show that every human life has dignity. You will feed the homeless; take care of the elderly at a nursing home; visit museums; experience Mass with thousands of passionate teenagers; visit the National Basilica; and march for the dignity of all human life. Cost is: **\$175**. If you are interested, please go to: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/life-is-precious-2020/>

**Faith Makes all things possible,
Hope makes all things work,
Love makes all things beautiful**

FAITH

(F) FORWARDING

(A) ALL

(I) ISSUES

(T) TO

(H) HEAVEN

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 hold weekly 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 are held every **Wednesday**, beginning October 9, from **11:00 AM – Noon** at St. Anthony's rectory in Bethel. Classes will continue through to Easter.

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.



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.

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!

