



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

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)

Monday, December 16

St. A ♦ 7:00 AM - Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
St. A ♦ 8:00 AM Mass – No Intention

Tuesday, December 17

St. A ♦ 5:00 PM – Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
St. A ♦ 6:00 PM Mass – No Intention

Wednesday, December 18

St. E ♦ 5:00 PM – Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
St. E ♦ 6:00 PM Mass – No Intention

Thursday, December 19

OLA ♦ 8:00 AM Mass – John McDonnell+ (by Melanie Champniss)
OLA ♦ 8:30 – 11:30 AM – Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament

Friday, December 20

OLA ♦ 8:00 AM Mass – No Intention
OLA ♦ 8:30 – 10:30 AM – Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament
Menig Nursing Home ♦ 11:00 AM Mass – No Intention
St. A ♦ 6:00 – 7:00 PM – Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament (with Advent Mediations)

Saturday, December 21

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

Sunday, December 22

OLA ♦ 9:00 AM Mass – Renè Nadeau+ (by his wife, Norma)
St. A ♦ 11:00 AM Mass – God's Healing Hand on Craig Day (by Steve & Cathy Day)
St. A. ♦ 12:00 Baptism – Lucy Beth Johnson
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).

ADVENT CONFESSIONS...

Sat., 14 Dec., - 3:00 – 4:00 PM (St. Elizabeth)
Sun., 15 Dec., - 8:00 – 8:45 AM (OLA)
- Noon – 1:00 PM (St. Anthony)
Mon., 16 Dec., - 7:00 – 8:00 AM (St. Anthony)
Tues., 17 Dec., - 5:00 – 6:00 PM (St. Anthony)
Wed., 18 Dec., - 5:00 – 6:00 PM (St. Elizabeth)
Thur., 19 Dec., - 9:00 – 10:00 AM (OLA)
Fri., 20 Dec., - 7:00 – 8:00 AM (OLA)
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM (St. Anthony)
Sat., 21 Dec., - Noon – 1:00 PM (OLA)
- 3:00 – 4:00 PM (St. Elizabeth)
Sun., 22 Dec., - 8:00 – 8:45 AM (OLA)
Mon., 23 Dec., - 7:00 – 8:00 AM (St. Anthony)

PARISH HAPPENINGS...

17 Dec., - 6:30 PM
KofC Christmas Dinner (St. A./St.E.)
18 Dec., - 11:00 AM – Noon
RCIA (St. Anthony Rectory)
20 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.



The Catholic Daughters of the America wish to thank everyone who helped make their Christmas Bazaar at St. Anthony Parish Hall a huge

success! Thank you to one and all! Also, 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.

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 Mass Schedule:

Dec. 24th:	Dec. 25th:
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/>

Bible Study: Join us as we go deeper into our faith and understanding of the Mass through sacred scripture. We will use the Ascension Press program, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*. The cost will be \$10.00 per person for materials, but if money is an issue just let Fr. Gratton know. We will meet in the St. Anthony Parish Hall every last Thursday of each month (Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 26, April 30, May 28, June 25). Please register by January 10th, 2020 by picking up a registration form at any of our three churches or call the parish office at 728-5251. All are welcome!

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

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 are 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.

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!

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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.

