



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

### 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)

### Monday, December 23

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

### Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

OLA ♦ 4:00 PM – Intentions of the Parishioners  
St. A. ♦ 6:00 PM – Madeline Tortolano+ (by Geraldine Perry)  
St. E. ♦ 8:00 PM – No Intention  
St. A. ♦ Midnight – No Intention

### Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

OLA ♦ 9:00 AM Mass – John McDonnell+ (by Melanie Champniss)

### Thursday, December 26...St. Stephen, The First Martyr

NO MASS

### Friday, December 27...St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

NO MASS

### Saturday, December 28

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

### Sunday, December 29

OLA ♦ 9:00 AM Mass – Intentions of the Garbitelli Family  
St. A ♦ 11:00 AM Mass – Joseph Bachman+ (by Kitty, Brian, & Sean Scott)  
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 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., 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)

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE...

#### Tues., 24 Dec. (Christmas Eve)

\*30 minute concert before Mass at OLA\*

4:00 PM (OLA)

6:00 PM (St. A.)

8:00 PM (St. E.)

Midnight (St. A.)

#### Wed., 25 Dec. (Christmas Day)

9:00 AM (OLA)

### PARISH HAPPENINGS...

**Wed., 25 Dec., - 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

FREE Christmas Dinner (St. A.)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!!!**

**Welcome**

to all 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)



Calling all Catholic men! Want to be part of a brotherhood that is driven by faith and charitable actions? This

brotherhood is found in every corner of the world and is made up of nearly 2 million Catholic men. Last year alone, it broke records by donating \$185.6 million to charities, and volunteered 75.6 million hours of service worldwide. Come join a group of faithful, Catholic men, and begin your journey closer to God by serving Him and taking care of the poor. 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.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas 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." Catholic Daughter women enjoy each other's company at meetings and work hard for their parishes and communities. 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.

**Coffee Hours:** 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.

**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. 25<sup>th</sup>**) 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!

**Life is Precious Trip:** Calling all teenagers! Join teens from all 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by picking up a registration form at any of our three churches, or call the parish office at 728-5251. All are welcome!

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS:** If you are an adult who has been baptized, received First Communion, went to religious education classes, but for some reason never received the Sacrament of Confirmation—we will be offering a 7-week course for you after Easter. We will meet one day a week and will prepare all adults to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each adult will be Confirmed by Bishop Coyne at the Cathedral in Burlington on Pentecost Sunday (May 31, 2020). If you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity, please contact the office at: 728-5251 or e-mail us at

[ourladyofangelsandvalley@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:ourladyofangelsandvalley@vermontcatholic.org)

**Bethel Food Shelf:** St. Anthony's will oversee running the Bethel Food Shelf on the following dates: **Jan. 6-8; Feb. 3-5; Mar. 2-4**. Mondays Noon – 2:00 PM and Wednesdays 4:00 – 6:00 PM. 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.

**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.



**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!

**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.

