



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

THIS WEEKEND:

Saturday, February 13

St. E ~ 3:00 PM – Adoration/Confessions
St. E ~ 4:00 PM Mass – Sandy Barry+ (from a friend)

Sunday, February 14

OLA ~ 9:00 AM Mass – James Arthur Farrington+ (by Patrice Conard)
St. A ~ 11:00 AM Mass – Intentions of Our Parishioners

NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, February 20

St. E ~ 3:00 PM – Adoration/Confessions
St. E ~ 4:00 PM Mass – Chet Baxter+ (by Rosemary Brown)

Sunday, February 21

OLA ~ 9:00 AM Mass – Intentions of Our Parishioners
St. A ~ 11:00 AM Mass – In thanksgiving to St. Anthony (by JLD)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

In Fr. Gratton's absence, the celebration of Daily Mass is suspended – Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held as follows:

Monday, February 8

St A ~ 7:00 am Adoration

Tuesday, February 9

St A ~ 5:00 pm Adoration

Wednesday, February 10

OLA ~ 5:00 pm Adoration

Thursday, February 11

OLA ~ 8:30 am Adoration
St. E ~ 4:00 pm Adoration

Friday, February 12

OLA ~ 8:30 am Adoration
St A ~ 2:00 pm Adoration

It is our hope to continue and to possibly expand the current hours of Adoration available within our Parish. If you feel called to assist in this area, and want to receive the training, please contact Elizabeth Stuart at the Parish Office about reviewing the protocols.



PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HURTING especially for Marion Casarico, Stanislaw Kosiorek, Judy McCullough, Phyllis McCullough, Janice Brown, Pam Corcoran, Sophia Scicutella, Helen Rulon, Rita Morin, Frank Mojzesz, Bobby Perez, Richard Perez, Cathy Bigelow, Paul & Sue Field, Samantha Field, Sophie Weden, Nancy McNally, Blanche Rea, Joe Fiarkoski, Peg Mollitor, Frank Russell, Shirley Dumont, Alfred Jarvis, & Kitty Scott



to all our visitors! 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 at 802-728-5251

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 17th, 2021
Mass with the distribution of Ashes will be
9:00 am St. Anthony's Church
6:00 pm Our Lady of the Angels

The Year of St. Joseph:

Pope Francis has declared a Year of St. Joseph. In recognition of this, St. Anthony's Church has provided a space to display St. Joseph statuary and iconography. Writing on St. Joseph from two Popes are also available.

If anyone from St. Elizabeth's or Our Lady of the Angels would be interested in creating a similar display, please contact Elizabeth at the Parish Office

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (starting after Ash Wednesday):

OLA – Thursdays starting at 5:30 pm, followed by the KOC supper in the Parish Hall
St E. – Fridays starting at 6:00
St A. – Fridays starting at 6:00 pm with Soup to Go (meatless, of course) available after

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED;

I need someone or several someones to help with a fellow parishioner that is caring for their parent who suffers from dementia. There is an immediate and on-going need for assistance in giving the care giver some much needed time to be able to relax. This would principally be early weekday evenings. Please contact Elizabeth at the Parish Office if this is a ministry you feel called to – 802-728-5251.

A local resident has inquired about getting rides to Mass on Sundays. The person resides on Braintree Hill. If anyone is available to help here, please contact Elizabeth Stuart at the Parish Office.

ARE YOU AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY

COMMUNION? We are working to organize bringing Holy Communion to our home bound members. If you have been commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister and would be interested in bringing Communion to our Parishioners that are not currently coming to Mass, OR if you or someone you know would benefit from having Communion brought to the home, please contact Elizabeth Stuart at the Parish Office (802) 728-5251

The Word Among Us: Copies for Lent are now available at the entrance to the Church.

From the Office of the Secretary:

ALMSGIVING –Why is giving money away one of the practices of Lent?

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

St. Matthew 16:9-24

If I am caught up in the accumulation of money and goods, that’s where my thoughts go, it’s what I worry over, plan for – that’s “where my heart is”. How difficult is it to give away something your heart is attached to? A favorite shirt, skirt, piece of jewelry, pair of skis? How attached to your “goods” have you become? But if I can hold onto my money, my goods, lightly, with an attitude of Stewardship, a belief that all I have is a gift given, not simply to me for my personal benefit, but rather, through me for the benefit of my whole family, my whole Church, my whole world, how would that change my actions when it comes to the money, the treasure, the goods that I tend to accumulate? Would I find it easier to give away what I am currently holding onto? Would it be easier to surrender that favorite skirt, sweater, that balance in my savings account for the benefit of the stranger, to that person who is “the least of these” that we are all called to care for? It’s an internal adjustment and one is one of those areas where I question “am I doing enough?” I live a pretty comfortable life, all things considered, and I confess that I seldom come up to the standard C S Lewis suggests in the quote below. Still a work in progress, I confess.

God bless, Elizabeth

“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them.”

C.S. Lewis (1898–1963)

“Almsgiving, according to the Gospel, is not mere philanthropy; rather it is a concrete expression of charity, a theological virtue that demands interior conversion to love of God and neighbor, in imitation of Jesus Christ, who, dying on the cross, gave his entire self for us.” **Pope Benedict XVI**

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” **St. Theresa of Calcutta**

On-line resources (see our web page for more):

- **THE BIBLE IN A YEAR:** From Ascension Press - Fr. Mike Schmitz’s reflections on the Bible, starting in Genesis and continuing thru the narrative books of the Bible at <https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>
- **BEST LENT EVER** from Dynamic Catholic – this year’s focus is on developing a daily habit of prayer
- **EWTN** (Eternal Word Television Network) has a wide selection of free programing available online at <https://www.ewtn.com/>
- **FORMED.ORG** has movies, formation videos, daily inspiration: <https://formed.org/> (check the Parish website under RESOURCES for sign up information)

THE INLAND SEE –

Upcoming Events: Josh Perry is leading two separate zoom events in the coming weeks: **Monday, 2/15** Lent: The Work of Renewing Our Baptism, and **Wednesday 3/3** Building a Culture of Encounter through Fasting, Prayer & Almsgiving. These are just two of the many events on offer from the Diocese. Check out to the Inland See for dates and details **Vermont Catholic Charities:** *“Since 1929, VCC has helped neighbors in need. Guided by our faith, we do what we do because we are Catholic, not because those we serve are Catholic.”* Check the Inland See for the full article.

Christ Our Hope Campaign:

The Diocesan Capital Campaign is raising funds to help our parishes realize their vision and provide endowment funding for faith formation efforts and Catholic Charities emergency services throughout the state. Please consider giving a gift by donating here: <https://www.christourhopevt.org/>
Progress as of January 22, 2021:

OLA: goal \$79,020, gifts & pledges \$20,977: 27%

OLV: goal \$122,361, gifts & pledges \$52,472: 43%

Sunday Collections (February 7, 2021):

OLA: total collections and gifts: \$1,312.00

Electronic giving: \$255, Sunday collection: \$1,057

Including \$121 Building Fund, \$10 Church in Latin America, \$125 Unrestricted Gift

OLV: total collections and gifts: \$2,604.00

Electronic giving: \$315, Sunday collections: \$2,289

Including \$480 Building Fund, \$35 Fuel, \$25 Catholic Charities Bishop deGoesbriand Fund, \$10 Church in Eastern Europe, \$10 Home Missions