



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

THIS 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)

THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 1

St A ~ 7:00 am Adoration

Tuesday, March 2

St A ~ 5:00 pm Adoration

Wednesday, March 3

OLA ~ 5:00 pm Adoration

St. E ~ 4:00 pm Adoration

Thursday, March 4

OLA ~ 8:30 am Adoration

OLA ~ 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 5

OLA ~ 8:30 am Adoration

St A ~ 2:00 pm Adoration

St. E ~ 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

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NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, February 27

St. E ~ 3:00 PM – Adoration/Confessions

St. E ~ 4:00 PM Mass – Intentions of Our Parishioners

Sunday, February 28

OLA ~ 9:00 AM Mass – Intentions of the Farkoski & Eurbin families (by Joe & Carol Farkoski)

St. A ~ 11:00 AM Mass – tom Chomentowski+ (the Govoni family)



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 & Marion Bourn



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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

OLA – Thursday starting at 5:30 pm,

followed by the KOC supper in the Parish Hall

St E. – Friday starting at 6:00 pm

St A. – Friday 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.

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 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.

From the Office of the Secretary:

St. Joseph, the Worker, St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary, St. Joseph, the Foster Father of Jesus, Patron of the Dying, Patron of the Universal Church, Patron of Fathers, Patron of Immigrants, Patron of the Unborn Child, Illustrious Son of David, Splendor of the Patriarchs, Protector of the Virgin, Zealous Defender of Christ, Guardian of the Redeemer, Mirror of Patience, Terror of Demons, Model of Artisans, Most Just, Most Chaste, Most Pure - these are "some" of the titles of St. Joseph: it's a pretty impressive list, especially in light of how little is actually said of St. Joseph in the Gospels!

In 1870 Pope Pius IX, as an outcome of the First Vatican Council, declares St Joseph to be the Patron of the Universal Church and establishes March 19th as his Feast Day. In 1889, Pope Leo XIII writes an Encyclical commending Devotion to St. Joseph as Patron of not just the Church but also of Fathers and Workers. In the early 1900's, Saint Pope Pius X promoted devotion to St. Joseph, as did his successor, Pope Benedict XV. Pope Benedict particularly called on St. Joseph as the Protector of the Church, which was rebuilding after WWI and, as the patron of the dying for the countless millions killed in the war. Pope Pius XI, often on the annual Feast of St. Joseph (March 19th,) exalted St. Joseph as the Guardian of Jesus, the most chaste spouse of Mary, the worker and the patron of the universal Church, and as a powerful shield against the atheism prevalent at the time. Pope Pius XII, in 1940, invited newlyweds to place themselves under the gentle, protective mantle of the Spouse of Mary; and in 1945, he called upon the members of Christian associations for workingmen to honor Joseph as their model and guardian of their ranks; and in 1955, he announced that the annual feast of St. Joseph the Worker had been instituted. In 1961, Saint Pope John XXII named him the patron of the Second Vatican Council. In 1989 Saint Pope John Paul II writes a lengthy but very complete letter on St. Joseph and his example to us as husband, father, protector, provider, as well as his role in the church as "Guardian of the Redeemer". In 2020, Pope Francis, in his letter on St. Joseph extolling his role as a father, again asks us to go to him, to love him and implore his intercession and imitate his virtues and zeal.

You can easily do a Google search to find these documents for you own reading... some are a little weighty, but none are difficult to understand. Copies have been left at the St. Joseph's display in St. Anthony's Church. Please, come, look over the statues and icons depicting his life, and his dedication to those God put in his care. Read about St. Joseph as a model father, worker, provider, protector. Follow Pope Francis's admonition, "*We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.*"

Let us now make our prayer to him:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen."*

THE INLAND SEE – Upcoming Events: Josh Perry is leading a zoom event on **Wednesday 3/3** *Building a Culture of Encounter through Fasting, Prayer & Almsgiving*. There are many other events on offer from the Diocese. Check out the Inland See for dates and details.

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 February 9, 2021:

OLA: goal \$79,020, gifts & pledges \$20,977: 27%
OLV: goal \$122,361, gifts & pledges \$52,472: 43%

Sunday Collections (February 14, 2021):

OLA: total collections and gifts: \$1,519.00
Electronic giving: \$215, Sunday collections: \$1,304
Including \$352 Energy/Fuel, \$30 Ash Wednesday/Catholic Charities Bishop deGoesbriand Fund

OLV: total collections and gifts: \$1,925.00
Electronic giving: \$85, Sunday collections: \$1,840
Including \$20 Building Fund, \$395 Energy/Fuel

OPERATION GRATTON GIFT BOX: Thank you to everyone who contributed. We managed to mail out just over 65 pounds of coffee, jerky, snacks, notes and goods which should be arriving on Monday, the 22nd. Next delivery will be leaving on Wednesday for anyone that missed this first round. Our hope is to continue weekly shipments for the duration of Fr. Gratton's deployment, so there will be many more opportunities for everyone to contribute.
