



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

THIS 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)

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

NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, March 6

St. E ~ 3:00 PM – Adoration/Confessions
St. E ~ 4:00 PM Mass – Intentions of Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 7

OLA ~ 9:00 AM Mass – for Red Hartigan+ (by Irma Hartigan)
St. A ~ 11:00 AM Mass – for the living and deceased members of the CDA Court St. Anthony



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

On the near horizon:

Thursday, March 4th – St. Anthony’s Parish Council meeting via Zoom

Sunday, March 14th – Daylight Savings Time begins

Wednesday, March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day

Friday, March 19th – Feast Day for St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

Saturday, March 20th – Added hour(s) for Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Angels starting at 11:00 am

Saturday, March 27th – Added hour(s) for Reconciliation at St. Anthony starting at 11:00 am (set up in the Rectory)

Wednesday, March 31st ~ Adoration & Reconciliation 5:00 pm Our Lady of Angels

HOLY WEEK BEGINS – see page 6 for the full schedule

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. 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.”

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 & Maybelle Dumont

Sunday and Ash Wednesday Collections

(February 17 and February 20-21, 2021):

OLA: total collections and gifts: \$1,109.00
Electronic giving: \$215, Sunday collections: \$894
Including \$50 Energy/Fuel, \$121 Ash Wednesday/Catholic Charities Bishop deGoesbriand Fund, \$60 Home Missions
OLV: total collections and gifts: \$2,108.00
Electronic giving: \$425, Sunday collections: \$1,763
Including \$465 Ash Wednesday/Catholic Charities Bishop deGoesbriand Fund, \$280 Home Missions, \$20 Energy/Fuel, \$10 Building

St. Joseph's Table



~ it's the Year of St. Joseph
and March 19th is his Feast Day.

In honor of St. Joseph, the Provider, and because it's the Year of St. Joseph, and since March 19th is St. Joseph's Feast Day, we are creating a St. Joseph's Table in each of our churches. So, between now and the weekend of March 20th, we will be collecting the following things for the local food shelves. On the weekend of March 20th, Fr. Carroll will bless all the collected items prior to their distribution to the appropriate local food shelf. We will need volunteers to take the collections to the various Food Shelves the week of March 21st as well.

Food and goods collected by St. Elizabeth's will be given to the Rochester Food Shelf, the collection from St. Anthony's will be given to the Bethel Food Shelf, the things collected at Our Lady of the Angels will be contributed to the Randolph Food Shelf. Here is a list of the things most needed (things that just fly off the shelf):

POPULAR ITEMS:

Non-perishable:

- Canned fruit (pineapples, peaches, mixed fruit)
- Canned vegetables (carrots, peas, corn, green beans)
- Canned beef stew
- Canned beans
- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Fruit juices (Orange or Apple)

Miscellaneous Items:

- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Hand soap
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

Frozen/perishable (probably not practical for this collection)

- Frozen beef
- Frozen chicken breast
- Hot dogs
- Yogurt

Monetary donations are also always welcome, and checks should be made payable to the local Food Shelf in your area:

Randolph Area Food Shelf
12 Prince Street, Unit 3
Randolph VT 05030

Bethel Area Food Shelf
129 Church Street
Bethel VT 05032

Federated Church of Rochester
15 North Main Street
Rochester, VT 05767

The Homeless in Randolph

There are homeless people in our community. They often seek shelter on cold nights in the laundromat downtown. In the early winter, the manager of one of the laundromats, and a member of one of the community's churches, took action by contacting Capstone, a Randolph based community resource. He also emailed the pastors of all the churches in Randolph, inviting them or a representative from their congregation, to meet with leaders from Capstone to address the situation and brainstorm what the churches would be able to do to help. Fr. Gratton, knowing I work at the shelters provided by the Upper Valley Haven, asked if I would be willing to meet with the group on behalf of Our Lady of the Valley churches.

This group has met every two weeks since mid-December. The closest shelters are in Barre and White River Junction, and although the State of Vermont has housed homeless in motels through cooperation with Economic Services, but Randolph has no local motels and transportation to shelters is nearly impossible to those who need assistance.

What are the local churches willing and able to do? Open their doors and let folks spend the night? Could meals be provided? So many thoughts and questions to be addressed.

I met with Father Gratton just before he left to get a sense of what Our Lady of the Angels parish could do. In his absence, the building would not be available, but could possibly provide financial support or volunteer help by providing a hot meal. As the group continues to meet—the next meeting is Thursday, February 25—I welcome your thoughts about what we as a parish community might offer. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have thoughts, ideas, or questions. Thank you! Jenny Thomas

802-299-5808 (cell—do leave a message, I'll get back to you!) or by email: Thomas.in.soro@gmail.com

NEWS FROM The Inland See

February 27–March 5, 2021 FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

For Lent, ask if one's life is centered on God or oneself, pope says

Lent is a time to reconsider the path one is taking in life and to finally answer God's invitation to return to him with one's whole heart, Pope Francis said.

"Lent is not just about the little sacrifices we make, but about discerning where our hearts are directed," he said, "toward God or toward myself?"

The pope's remarks came in his homily at Mass Feb. 17 for Ash Wednesday. In his homily, the pope said one must bow to receive ashes sprinkled on the crown of the head, which reflects the "humble descent" one makes in reflecting on one's life, sins and relationship with God.

"Lent is a journey of return to God," especially when most people live each day ignoring or delaying their response to God's invitation to pray and do something for others.

"It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends," he said.

"The journey of Lent is an exodus from slavery to freedom," he said, noting the easy temptations along that journey, including yearning for the past, or hindered by "unhealthy attachments, held back by the seductive snares of our sins, by the false security of money and appearances, by the paralysis of our discontents. To embark on this journey, we have to unmask these illusions."

The way back to God, he said, starts with understanding, like the prodigal son, how "we have ended up with empty



Pope Francis elevates the Eucharist as he celebrates Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 17, 2021. — CNS/Guglielmo Mangiapane, Reuters photo

hands and an unhappy heart" after squandering God's gifts "on paltry things, and then with seeking God's forgiveness through confession.

The pope again reminded confessors that they must be like the father in the story of the prodigal son and not use "a whip," but open their arms in a welcoming embrace.

"The journey is not based on our own strength. Heartfelt conversion, with the deeds and practices that express it, is possible only if it begins with the primacy of God's work" and through his grace, the pope said.

What makes people just is not the righteousness they show off to others, "but our sincere relationship with the Father," after finally recognizing one is not self-sufficient, but in great need of him, his mercy and grace.

The pope asked people to contemplate daily the crucified Christ and see in his wounds, "our emptiness, our shortcomings, the wounds of our sin and all the hurt we have experienced."

"We see clearly that God points his finger at no one, but rather opens his arms to embrace us," he said.

It is in life's most painful wounds, that God awaits with his infinite mercy because it is there "where we are most vulnerable, where we feel the most shame" and where he comes to meet his children again.

"And now," the pope said, "he invites us to return to him, to rediscover the joy of being loved."

— Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

POPE FRANCIS'S FASTING SUGGESTIONS

Do you want to fast this lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Upcoming Events



03|01, 08, 15, 22, 29 MONDAYS
Lent with St. Joseph
 Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
 7 - 8 pm

Holy Hour with the Litany of St. Joseph and spiritual reflections on St. Joseph by Brandon Schneider, seminarian. Confessions will be available during Adoration.



03|02, 9, 16, 23 TUESDAYS
Encounter Jesus Bible Study
 via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Each week will focus on a different encounter with Jesus as described in the Gospels which in the words of Pope Francis, "changes our lives... and fills us with joy." Hosted by Deacon Phil Lawson. www.vermontcatholic.org/event/encounter-jesus-bible-study/all/



03|02 - 04|20 TUESDAYS
The Sacraments
 via Zoom • 7:45 - 8:45 pm

Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell to think about and reflect upon the Seven Sacraments. For Zoom information email Greg Caldwell at gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu.



03|03 WEDNESDAY
Building a Culture of Encounter through Fasting, Prayer, Almsgiving
 via Zoom • 6:30 - 8 pm

All are welcome to attend this virtual evening of reflection and conversation, offered by Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship, that will help us consider anew the traditional Lenten disciplines: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Between each reflection, there will be time for conversation and questions, silent prayer and guided meditation, and music. Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/an-evening-of-reflection-building-a-culture-of-encounter-through-fasting-prayer-almgiving/



03|04, 09 THURSDAY AND TUESDAY
Dispel the Darkness — An Evening of Light and Hope
 03|04 - Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
 03|09 - All Saints, Richford

Come rest in the light and the hope of Christ. Whatever the darkness you may find yourself in, come discover the hope of God. Evening will include reflections and prayers led by Deacon Phil Lawson, with music by Bill Gavin. There will be adoration, the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary and an opportunity for confession. This event will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person.



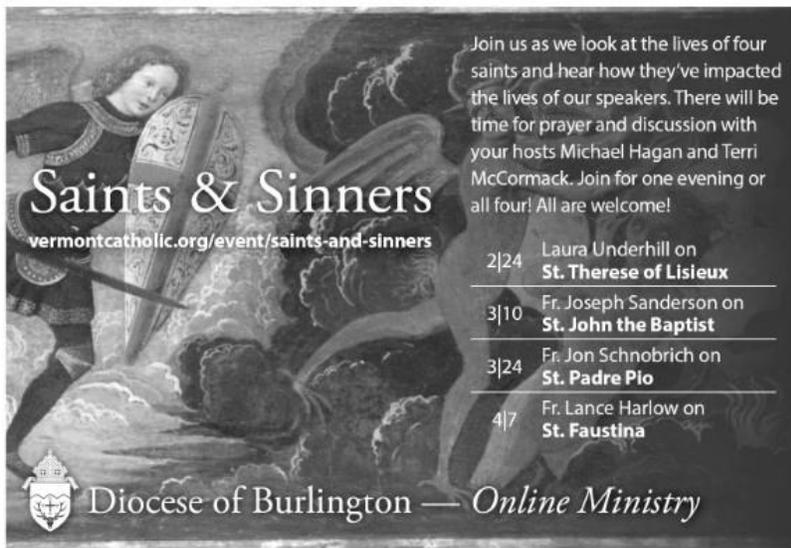
03|10, 24, 04|07 WEDNESDAYS
Saints and Sinners
 via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Sinners as saints? Join us as we look at the lives of four saints and how his or her life can inspire us to live the plan God has for each one of us. There will be time for prayer and discussion with your hosts Michael Hagan and Terri McCormack. All are welcome! Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/saints-and-sinners



03|12, 13, 14 FRI, SAT, SUN
2021 National Catholic Womens Conference
 Online

What if you could be at peace most of the time? Discover women just like you sharing similar struggles, and learn how they're finding freedom in Faith. Learn how prayer enhances your vocation as a mother, spouse, professional, and friend. Experience how God Multiplies our time and energy when we make prayer a priority. Learn how to stop wasting time and energy on guilt, comparison, and resentment and become fully alive as a Catholic Woman. This virtual retreat will have live speakers, prayer rooms, and you will have access to 40+ speakers with a free weekend pass by registering for free: go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021



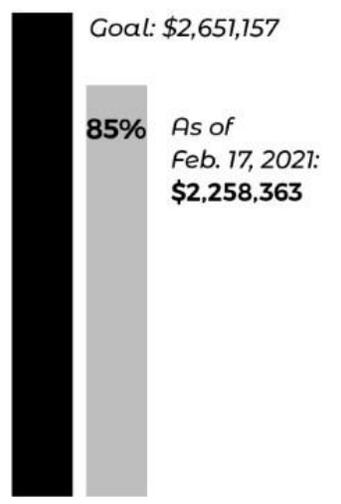
Join us as we look at the lives of four saints and hear how they've impacted the lives of our speakers. There will be time for prayer and discussion with your hosts Michael Hagan and Terri McCormack. Join for one evening or all four! All are welcome!

Saints & Sinners
vermontcatholic.org/event/saints-and-sinners

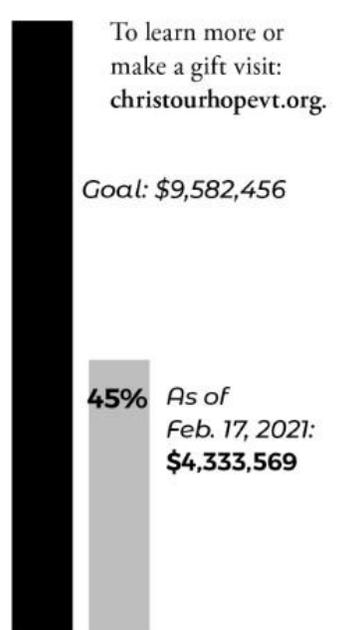
- 2|24 Laura Underhill on **St. Therese of Lisieux**
- 3|10 Fr. Joseph Sanderson on **St. John the Baptist**
- 3|24 Fr. Jon Schnobrich on **St. Padre Pio**
- 4|7 Fr. Lance Harlow on **St. Faustina**

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Holy Week

Saturday, March 27th

11:00 am – 1:00 pm ~ St. Anthony, Rectory
 ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation
 3:00 pm Adoration/Reconciliation ~ St. Elizabeth
 4:00 pm Palm Sunday Vigil ~ St. Elizabeth

Sunday, March 28th

8:00 – 8:45 am Reconciliation ~ Our Lady of the Angels
 9:00 am Palm Sunday Mass ~ Our Lady of the Angels
 11:00 am Palm Sunday Mass ~ St. Anthony
 Followed by Reconciliation ~ St. Anthony

- Palm Sunday Mass – Palms will be distributed by Ushers at the beginning of Mass and blessed by Fr. Carroll during the Solemn Entrance.
- The Passion Narrative will have no participation by the congregation. Everyone will be asked to put down their Missals and participate by LISTENING to the Narrative.

Monday, March 29th

7:00 am Adoration ~ St. Anthony

The Word Among Us: Copies for Lent are now available at the entrance to the Church – these are for your personal use, please take a copy, review the readings for the Daily Mass and dive into the daily meditations.

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 programming 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)

Tuesday, March 30th

5:00 pm Adoration ~ St. Anthony

Wednesday, March 31st

4:00 pm Adoration ~ St. Elizabeth
 5:00 pm Adoration/Reconciliation
 ~ Our Lady of the Angels

Thursday, April 1st – HOLY THURSDAY

8:30 am Adoration ~ Our Lady of the Angels
 9:00 am Morning Prayer ~ Our Lady of the Angels
 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ St. Anthony:
 Church remains open for prayer before the reposed Blessed Sacrament until Midnight. There will be no foot washing.

Friday, April 2nd – GOOD FRIDAY

The Churches will open for individual prayer as follows:

- St. Elizabeth's will be open 12:00 noon until the conclusion of Stations of the Cross
- St. Anthony's will be open all day
- Our Lady of the Angels will be open from 7:00 am until the conclusion of the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 pm Good Friday – the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 Adoration of the Cross will be general and from the pews
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross ~ St. Elizabeth & St. Anthony

Saturday, April 3rd – HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 am Morning Prayer ~ Our Lady of the Angels

Saturday, April 3rd – EASTER VIGIL

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass ~ St. Anthony
 The congregation will not participate in the procession. Candles will be lit from the Easter Candle as it processes into the Church. When it comes time to blow out the candles, please use a "gentle breath".

Sunday, April 4th – EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 am Easter Mass ~ Our Lady of the Angels
 11:00 am Easter Mass ~ St. Elizabeth

The Catechism of the Catholic Church: *"By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert."* (CCC 540)

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."
-Catherine Doherty

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." **-Ven. Fulton Sheen**

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." **-Pope Francis**

