



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

*Matthew 5:17-20, 33-37*

**Mass Intentions**

This Weekend

<b>Saturday</b> <b>February 15</b>	3:30 PM 4:00 PM RIP	Recitation of the Rosary John E. Lynch Sr. By: his family
<b>Sunday</b> <b>February 16</b>	9:30 AM 10:00 AM RIP	Recitation of the Rosary Coleman Coyne By: Charlie & Betsy Bashaw

Daily Masses

Monday February 17	7:00 AM RIP	Fred Sackevich By: Paul Sackevich
Tuesday February 18	7:00 AM RIP	Linda Cochran By: Mary Folsom
Wednesday February 18	7:00 PM RIP	Deborah Gaspardino By: her family (bday rem)
Thursday February 20	7:00 AM RIP	Joseph Donzello By: Dorothy Donzello
Friday February 21	No Mass	

Next Weekend

<b>Saturday</b> <b>February 22</b>	3:30 PM 4:00 PM RIP	Recitation of the Rosary Michael Shaughnessy By: Kevin & Judi Cray
<b>Sunday</b> <b>February 23</b>	9:30 AM 10:00 AM RIP	Recitation of the Rosary Karen Eve Augusta By: Johnny Yuma

Readings for the Week of February 17, 2020

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-37/1 Cor 2:6-10 /Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37  
**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-5/Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-7/Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-6/Mk 8:34 – 9:1  
**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19  
**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

**Parish Support**

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

Weekend of February 8, 2020 & February 9, 2020

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 1354.00
<i>Envelopes</i> \$ 586.00	
<i>Loose Donations</i> \$ 768.00	
Votive Candles	\$ 22.00
	\$ 1376.00

**Last Year’s Offertory Collection**  
**February 3, 2019 \$ 1330.00**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

Lector: Ed August  
 EMHC: Don Shaughnessy  
 Greeters: Marlene O’Connor, Mary Griswold & JoAnn Marino

**Sunday February 23, 2020**

Lector: Ed Smith  
 EMHC: Tom Ronning  
 Greeters: David & Julie Sines & Ellen Podgurski



Saint of the Day~Saint Juliana of Nicomedia~February 16<sup>th</sup>

Saint Juliana is said to have suffered Christian martyrdom during the Diocletian persecution in 304. She was popular in the Middle Ages, especially in the Netherlands, as the patron saint of sickness.



But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 2  
*Thessalonians 3:3*

The office will be closed Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in Observance of President’s Day. We will re-open Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>.



*Pray for Healing and Comfort*

**Especially for:** Constance Burns, Carole Zinter, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Warren Peschl, Daniel Bryant, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr. Fr. Al Dagnoli, Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy & Bob Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hinds, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippo, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hinds, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Frank Anderson, Kathy Mearthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor. When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God. (Copyright © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

**Lenten Retreat ~****Accompanied on the Way**

Retreat day for all Parish Ministers

9:30 am to 3:00 PM. A Lenten

Retreat day for anyone who works

for or ministers in the parish including: Administrative assistants, bookkeepers, religious education leaders, maintenance personnel, music directors, parish volunteers, ushers and other parish staff. Retreat facilitated by the Diocesan Department of Evangelization & Catechesis.

*Saturday, March 7, Immaculate Heart of Mary Williston*

*Wednesday, March 11, Ascension, Georgia*

*Wednesday, March 18, St. Stanislaus, West Rutland*

This is a **free retreat** to register please call Valerie Peck 846-5813 or go to [vermontcatholic.org/retreats](http://vermontcatholic.org/retreats)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****Knight of Columbus #753**

Did you know, Father Michael J. McGivney

founded the Knights of Columbus on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism? Today, these principles serve as the foundation of our Core Values: Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence, and Respect. These Core Values guide us everyday in situations that we may encounter. For more information on how to join the Knights of Columbus please call Grand Knight, Tom Ronning (603) 313 - 8839.

**Catholic Life Conference**

Coming **March 21, 2020** to the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield! The Catholic Life Conference is preparing a fabulous day for all Catholics, men and women, young

and old, alike. Featuring speakers Scott Hahn, Hudson Byblow, and Trish Short, plus a full children's program including the performance of the famously wacky duo, Popple. Conference cost is \$50.00 for adults and \$15 for students and children, with a household maximum of \$150. Register at [www.catholiclifeconference.org](http://www.catholiclifeconference.org) or pick up a brochure in the church to mail in your check. Get ready for a day to fill you up and change you forever!



**3rd Annual Catholic Men's Conference - Saturday, March 28th** St. Anthony's Church - White River Junction. Price is \$40.00 per person, under the

age of 21, \$20.00 per person. The keynote Speaker is retired Air Force Captain, Guy Gruters. Cpt. Gruters is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 1/2 years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic. Other speakers include Monsignor John McDermott and Mr. Paul Kendall. There will also be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship, and Mass with Bishop Coyne. Registration and more information at [www.vermontcatholic.org/men](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/men)

Please pray for the soul of Georgette Savoy who has passed. There are no services planned at this time. May she rest in the peace of Christ's love

**On this day in 600 AD ~****Fun Fact**

Pope Gregory the Great issued a papal decree declaring "God Bless You" as the proper response to a sneeze.

