

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” *Matthew 5:38-48*

**Mass Intentions**

**This Weekend**

**Saturday** 3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary  
**February 22** 4:00 PM RIP Michael Shaughnessy  
 By: Kevin & Judi Cray

**Sunday** 9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary  
**February 23** 10:00 AM RIP Karen Eve Augusta  
 By: Johnny Yuma

**Daily Masses**

Monday 7:00 AM RIP Ann Desruisseaux  
 February 24 By: Helliwell Family

Tuesday 7:00 AM RIP Georgette Savoy  
 February 25 By: Parishioners of St. Charles

Ash Wednesday 7:00 AM RIP Mary Schait  
 February 26 By: Sharon Williams

7:00 PM RIP Norman LaCoille  
 By: The Ronnings

Thursday 7:00 AM RIP Alfred & Lottie Green  
 February 27 By: The Green Family

Friday 5:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
 February 28

**Next Weekend**

**Saturday** 3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary  
**February 29** 4:00 PM RIP Francis Coyne  
 By: Charles & Betsy Bashaw

**Sunday** 9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary  
**March 1** 10:00 AM RIP Dennis Nauceder  
 By: Theresa Nauceder

**Readings for the Week of February 24, 2020**

**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23  
 Mt 5:38-48

**Monday:** Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-11, 23/Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2/  
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or  
 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

***Parish Support***

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

***Weekend of February 15, 2020 & February 16, 2020***

Weekly Offertory:		\$ 1431.10
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 805.00	
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 627.10	
<i>Fuel &amp; Heat</i>		\$ 847.75
<i>Easter Flowers</i>		\$ 100.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>		\$ 26.50
		<b>\$ 2405.35</b>

**Last Year's Offertory Collection**  
**February 17, 2019 \$ 2548.00**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

Lector: Terry Ryan  
 EMHC: Brian Kelly  
 Greeters: Sandi Gaspardino, Terri Bates & Marie Perrault

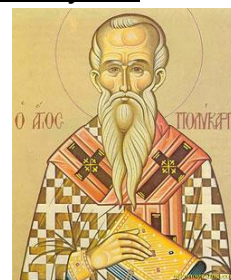
**Sunday March 1, 2020**

Lector: Chris Hodsdon  
 EMHC: Kate Aldrich  
 Greeters: Theresa Nauceder, Paul & Betsy Mercier

**Stations of the Cross will start on February 28<sup>th</sup> and run through Lent, ending on April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Saint of the Day ~ Saint Polycarp ~ February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

(AD 69 – 155) was a 2nd-century Christian bishop of Smyrna. According to the *Martyrdom of Polycarp*, he died a martyr, bound and burned at the stake, then stabbed when the fire failed to consume his body. Polycarp is regarded as a saint and Church Father in the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental



Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches. His name means "much fruit" in Greek. Both Irenaeus, who as a young man heard Polycarp speak, and Tertullian record that Polycarp had been a disciple of John the Apostle. John had ordained him bishop of Smyrna. Though many people had tried to kill him, was not martyred but died of old age on the island of Patmos.

*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 Hindes, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippo, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hindes, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy Mcarthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elysse 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth. The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible? The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness. (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**

During Lent, our Knights of Columbus Council is conducting a "40 Cans for 40 days of Lent" program. The goal is for each family to put aside just one can of non-perishable food for every day of Lent. Then, bring seven cans to Mass each weekend and place them in the boxes located at the back of the church. The Knights will collect all donations and deliver them to our local food pantry. If preferred, families may place monetary donations in an envelope labeled 40 cans and place it in the collection basket. 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)

Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and Mar 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.



**On this day in 1896 ~ Fun Fact**

1896 – The Tootsie Roll was introduced by Leo Hirshfield, in New York

