



SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Put out the welcome mat

There's an old saying, "You can't go home again," taken from the title of a novel by Thomas Wolfe. It means things change and sometimes people get disconnected from their pasts. During this Year of Mercy, Catholics are called upon to remedy this notion and welcome back anyone who has been away from the church or who feels alienated for any reason. Open your heart and arms and invite everyone to come together for Christ's own return as well as ours to an eternal home.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29 (57)*. "I am going away and I will come back to you."

MONDAY, MAY 2
FEAST OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Devotion will see you through

Back in 325, it must have seemed to Athanasius that life was nothing but conflict and headache. As a leader of the early church of the influential city of Alexandria, he had heresies to put down and emperors to resist. He was known as *Athanasius Contra Mundum* (Athanasius Against the World) but soon after his death he was called "Pillar of the Church" by early leaders who followed. He was known as a pastoral man of deep devotion, with the heart of a monastic. Make sure you have devotional practices that sustain you when the going gets tough.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a (291)*. "I have told you this so that you may not fall away."

TUESDAY, MAY 3 FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
Show me the way to go home

Philip and James were called by Jesus to join the band of followers we have come to know as the apostles. The relics of these two men were rediscovered together during a 19th-century reconstruction of Rome's Basilica of the Twelve Apostles. Tradition holds that James was clubbed to death for preaching the Good News; today he is considered the patron saint of the dying. You could think of Philip as the patron saint of all who need direction. His human need for guidance and reassurance is encouragement to never give up—even at the risk of appearing foolish—in your efforts to find the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561)*. "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 EASTER WEEKDAY
God's mercy knows no limits

After his visit to "pagan" Athens, Saint Paul wrote, "As I walked around looking carefully at your shrines, I even discovered an altar



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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inscribed, "To an Unknown God," at which point he goes on to preach the Risen Christ. Our church has moved well beyond persecution of those who believe differently or do not believe at all—and beyond mere tolerance as well, to nonjudgmental acceptance. Pope Francis said, "This is the fundamental thing—that God's mercy has no limits . . . The issue for those who do not believe in God is to obey their conscience. Sin, even for those who have no faith, exists when people disobey their conscience." Does your personal attitude toward nonbelievers reflect God's mercy?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15 (293)*. "In Him we live and move and have our being, as even some of your poets have said."

THURSDAY, MAY 5
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
A history lesson to remember

"Never again!" is a phrase that refers to the atrocity of the Holocaust and a call to guard against such a horror being repeated. But atrocities are happening in today's world, to scores of people who are persecuted, driven from their homes, and killed because of who they are. Writer Anne Roiphe asserts, " 'Never again!' is not a tribal statement. It is a prayer for the safety of all peoples, everywhere." On this Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, remember this phrase in your prayers and let it drive acts of mercy to all those in need today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53 (58)*. "Repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

FRIDAY, MAY 6 EASTER WEEKDAY
Honor those who brought you the gospel

Saint François de Laval (1623-1708) was the first bishop of New France, a territory that included most of what is now Canada, much of upper New England, and all the Mississippi Valley. He was committed to evangelization and education and was a great pastor, especially among the native peoples. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980 and granted "equivalent canonization" on April 3, 2014 by Pope Francis, [who said on the occasion of the canonization](#), "Honoring those who endured suffering to bring us the gospel means being ready ourselves to fight the good fight of faith with humility, meekness, and mercy in our daily lives. And this bears fruit." Who brought the gospel to your home? Honor them and you will bear fruit.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295)*. "Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

SATURDAY, MAY 7 EASTER WEEKDAY
Sing Alleluia!

Tradition has it that Saint Gregory the Great heard angels chanting the first three lines of the Marian antiphon, *Regina Caeli*, on Easter morning. "Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven. / The One you were worthy to bear / has risen as he said. / Pray for us to God," with each line followed by "Alleluia!" That last word—Hebrew for "praise God!"—even sounds joyous, especially after not hearing it all of Lent. Pulled out your rosary lately? Let Mary share with you her exultation, and let a joyous mood wash over you today, for others' sake. You can hear this brief chant [here](#).

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296)*. "The Father himself loves you, because you have loved me."



Saint Anthony Church
 15 Church Street
 White River Jct. Vermont

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 1, 2016

Father Raphael Nyabenda
 Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne
 Bishop Emeritus: Most Rev. Kenneth A. Angell

Parish Office

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
 Closed on Wednesday

Secretary: Mrs. Joanne Collins
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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Weekday: Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM
Holy Days: 8:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
 Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45 PM
Baptism: Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least a month in advance.
Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least 6 months in advance.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 30	5:00 P.M.	Jeannette Fournier by Joan & Marcia Scanlon
Sunday, May 1	8:00 A.M.	George & Anna Savery by the estate
	10:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, May 2	8:00 A.M.	Ursula & Edmond Dulac by the estate
Tuesday, May 3	8:00 A.M.	Weekday Mass
Wednesday, May 4	8:00 A.M.	Deceased members of the Esposito family by the estate
Thursday, May 5	8:00 A.M.	Holyday Mass
Ascension of the Lord	5:30 P.M.	With Thanksgiving for Our Blessings
Saturday, May 7	5:00 P.M.	For our Moms, Grandmas, & Godmothers, living & deceased
Sunday, May 8	8:00 A.M.	Jeannette Albanese by Gary & Marian Falzerano
	10:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



James Dubuque	Richard Temple
Rose Temple	Michael Temple
Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M.	Sylvia Dolan
Clint Noble	Frank Klymn
Shawn Schriber	Harold Fournier
Sean Hamilton	Louis LaBounty
Real Fournier	Mary Mayette
Vicky Chambers	Tessie Baribeau
Jerry Holm	Pam Marmon

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please call the rectory office at 295-2225 or contact us by email at Info@SaintAnthonyChurchWRJ.org

Low Gluten Altar Bread: If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

**St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those
who are visiting with us this weekend.**

Month of Mary: The month of May is dedicated to our Holy Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are all encouraged to pray the rosary daily during May.

Sanctuary Lamps
will burn for:

Mary A. Jaros



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,700.00
Offertory collection April 23-24:	\$ 3,347.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$ 735.00
Building Repairs (April):	\$ 317.00
Fuel & Energy (April):	\$ 422.00

**Thank You for Your Support
of Saint Anthony Church!**

Religious Education: May 1st, class for grades 1-8, 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM followed by May Crowning. **First Communion** is Sunday, May 1st at 10:30 AM.

Last Chance: Our parish **Spring Campaign** ends this weekend. This is your last chance to contribute before the drawing. All donors will be eligible to win a beautiful granite garden bench (donated by Mt. Ascutney Memorials/ Knight Funeral Homes) or a \$100. cash prize. Winners will be announced in the bulletin next week. We appreciate your generosity, and thank you for your continued support of our parish!

Office Closed: The parish office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, May 2-3, and closed as usual on Wednesday. We will re-open Thursday, May 5th at 11:00 a.m.

Ascension: This Thursday, May 5th is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. Our Masses are at 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Minister & Counter Schedules: Requests for the upcoming Minister and Counter schedules, which will include June, July, and August, should reach the office by Sunday, May 15th. You may e-mail or phone our office, or drop a note in the collection basket or in the mail. **Thank you for your service to Saint Anthony Church!**

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting of the Third Order of Mary is this Sunday, May 1st at 12:00 noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. You are cordially invited to join us. We pray the Rosary, the Hail Mary, and the *Memorare* daily, as well as meditating on Sacred Scripture and the life of our Blessed Mother. We meet on the first Sunday of each month to pray the Rosary and other Marian prayers, and to support one another in our journey to take on the mind and heart of Mary. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with any questions.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Thank you for your generous response to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your support will truly make a difference and help **strengthen the Church at home.**

Thank You: Thanks to all who attended the Stuffed Roast Pork Dinner last Saturday to support the Knights of Columbus. We appreciate the time and effort of many people. Thanks to all who provided desserts, helped with publicity, served, set-up, clean up, and especially our behind-the-scenes help. We hope everyone enjoyed their meal!

Catholic Bible Study: Our bible study series meets Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the rectory meeting room (downstairs). Looking for something special that will make Scripture "come alive and personal"? **Now is your time!** Come to one or all sessions. Contact the parish office or Chris Noble at 619-865-2680, or chris.d.noble@gmail.com for details.

Wednesday Night Crafters: We meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Religious Ed building. We'll be working on various craft items. **All are welcome, no skill needed, and all supplies are provided.** Any questions please contact Charlotte Merrill (802) 295-2145 or dcmerrill@myfairpoint.net.

Baby Bags: The Wednesday Night Crafters are collecting items now, which should be new, either purchased or handmade for newborns. Please place any items you can donate at the entrance of the church, or bring to the rectory during working hours. Thank you very much for your support of this project!

Haven: The top five needs for this week include cereal, pasta sauce, brown rice, yogurt, and cheese. All non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs.

Respect Life: "Little did I know that God was there, all along, offering me his love... The power of forgiveness is life-altering. I am happy again and the people whom I love sense that." - "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities (www.goo.gl/J2WGnW)

John Michael Talbot is coming to Saint Michael's College for 2 special evenings of Healing and Hope, May 9th & 10th at 7:00 in the Saint Michael's Chapel. No tickets are required. This event is co-sponsored by the **Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and Saint Michael's College.**