

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We pray our faith

Faith is lived. But it's also prayed. Today Catechetical Sunday considers the theme, "Prayer: the Faith Prayed." Perhaps the most distinguishing thing we Catholics do is gather to pray: at Mass and sacraments, the blessing before meals, the Liturgy of the Hours, or to share a Rosary. Prayer isn't always formal or complex. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux called prayer a surge of the heart, a simple look toward heaven. Saint Francis de Sales wittily declared, "Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer each day except when we're busy—then we need an hour." Renew your commitment to daily prayer.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:10-13 (135)*. "It is my wish, then, that in every place [the people] should pray, lifting up holy hands."



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

Halfway there

Januarius, patron saint of Naples and a third-century bishop, was martyred during one of the persecutions of Christians common in the ancient Roman empire. Today, a cathedral in Naples contains a vial kept in a reliquary said to hold some of the saint's congealed blood. Three times a year the vial is removed and the blood liquefies. In March 2015 during Pope Francis' visit to Naples, the blood half liquefied when the pope kissed the reliquary. Cardinal Crescenzo Sepe of Naples declared, "The blood has half liquefied, which shows that Saint Januarius loves our pope and Naples." Pope Francis responded, "We can see the saint only half loves us. We must all spread the word, so that he loves us more!" Let's help spread the word!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18 (449)*. "No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lamp stand, so that those who enter may see the light."

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIN TAE-GON, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Courage of convictions

Martyrdom means bearing witness to the truth with one's death. There have been a multitude of Christians—from the first martyr Saint Stephen up to the present—who have been willing to die rather than give up their beliefs. Although most Christians aren't tested to the point of making this ultimate sacrifice, each still must choose to take up the cross and endure hardship and struggle. When faced with challenges, look to the martyrs for strength and support in keeping the faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21 (450)*. "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

The little we know is enough

History has dimmed some of what we know about Matthew the Apostle. He may or may not have been the author of the gospel

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that bears his name. Possibly he was called Levi. Probably he was martyred but we are not sure. And we do not know when he died or where he is buried. What we do know is that Matthew was one of the first apostles and before that, he had been a tax collector. Those two facts tell us that Jesus was not afraid to reach out to those who were looked down upon, the scorned and the outcasts. He calls those who are imperfect to come and follow him. So you and I have no excuse. We may feel we are not worthy, but we cannot hide behind that. All are called to follow.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643)*. "I have come to call, not the self-righteous, but sinners."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Bedazzle the mundane

To us, everyday life may sometimes feel mundane, but not to God. "It is possible that God says every morning, 'Do it again' to the sun; and every evening, 'Do it again' to the moon," G.K. Chesterton wrote. "It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them." Perhaps to God, all things are new—beautiful creations set to dazzle the world. Try to enter each day in the same mindset, ready for goodness and steeped in grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9 (452)*. "Even the thing of which we say, 'See, this is new!' has already existed in the ages that preceded us."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Believe the miracle of a tender heart

Few American Catholics would recognize the name "Pius of Pietrelcina," but say "Padre Pio" and eyes light up with reverence. Given the name Pio (Pius) when he became a Capuchin Franciscan, he is often venerated as having the sacred stigmata, the marks of Jesus' Passion on his own body. The church maintains neutrality over miraculous signs, but there is no argument over Padre Pio's kindness, compassion, and mercy—all for the love of Christ. Such compassion is a genuine miracle in our times, when all of us are wounded—not by the marks of Christ, but by hardness of heart. Perform a miracle today—soften your heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22 (453)*. "But who do you say that I am?"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Maternal mediator

Mary, the mother of God, the mother of the church, the mother of all living—your mother—like any good mother, is on her children's side. She intercedes on your behalf to bring you to the gifts of salvation. There are many Marian prayers to choose from: the Hail Mary, the Memorare, or say a whole Rosary. Call upon her by her many titles—Blessed Virgin, Queen of Heaven—or speak to her simply from the heart. No matter what, she's always there. Go ahead and honor her. Let her lead you to her son.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45 (454)*. "They were all amazed at his every deed."



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

White River Jct. Vermont

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 18, 2016

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor

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

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM

Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Religious Education

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

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 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.



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

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Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, September 17 | 4:00 P.M. | Genevieve Cleveland 6 th anniversary by her daughter |
| Sunday, September 18 | 8:30 A.M. | The People of Saint Anthony Parish |
| Monday, September 19 | 9:00 A.M. | Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony |
| Friday, September 23 | 9:00 A.M. | Janice Chambers White by Mom |
| Saturday, September 24 | 4:00 P.M. | Mary & Joseph Jaros by family |
| Sunday, September 25 | 8:30 A.M. | The People of Saint Anthony Parish |



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| Vicky Chambers | James Dubuque |
| Jacqui Neuwirth | Richard Temple |
| Rose Temple | Michael Temple |
| Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M. | Anne Schelewa |
| Frank Klymn | Father Raphael |
| Sean Hamilton | Sue Lashway |
| Linda West | Harold Fournier |
| Mary Mayette | Esther Danielson |
| Nancy Flaherty | Toni-Ann Gour |

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 contact the parish office.

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.

Message from Fr. Rick,

I spent just over two weeks in Florida visiting with my mother and siblings. My Mom has her good days and not so good days. But generally remains very tired and eating very little. On the plus side however she remains very alert and attuned to what is going on around her. Of course, none of us know how long this will go on. It could be just a few weeks or it could go on for months. It is all in God's good hands. Many of you have kindly asked for my Mom's address in Florida so here it is:

Mrs. Esther Danielson
2696 Golf Lake Circle
Unit 322
Melbourne, Florida 32935

Sanctuary Lamps will burn for:

"Aunt" Maggie Scelza &
Uncle "Bucky" Scelza



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need: \$ 3,750.00
Offertory collection Sept. 10-11: \$ 3,832.21

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

Catechetical Sunday: This Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. Mass we will commission our new Catechists. They are Diane Usher, Brigid Lynch, Maria Dailey, Chris Noble, Sean Hamilton, and Julie Hamilton. Please pray for them as they embark on this important endeavor for our parish.

Religious Education: Registration forms have been mailed. If you have not received a form please contact the parish office. The forms are available on the table at the entrance of the church. Classes start **next weekend**; grades 9 & 10 will meet next Saturday from 5-6:30 PM, grades 1-8 will meet next Sunday from 9:30-10:30 AM.

St. Anthony's Christmas Bazaar: December 3 & 4, 2016 - Start Preparing Now! As you are reaping the bounty from your gardens, please keep the Saint Anthony's Christmas Bazaar in mind and put aside some of your special delectables for the food table. These home-made items are always highly sought after! Questions? Please give Jim or Vicki Flanagan a call. Home 802-295-1116, or on our cell phones: Jim 802-738-4602; Vicki 802-738-4600.

Wednesday Night Crafters: The Wednesday Night Crafters will begin meetings in the Religious Ed building this week, September 21 at our regular time of 6:30 p.m. We will meet every Wednesday through October 26. As always, everyone is welcome (no skill needed) and all materials are provided.

This year we are looking for wonderful hand made caps, scarves or mittens, baby blankets, baby sweaters, etc. In the past few years our **Christmas Bazaar** has not had many of these items donated. They are always good sellers, anything from kids to adult men's sizes and everything in between. We need the terrific people in the parish who are knitters to think about us when knitting weather arrives.

Meeting: The Knights of Columbus will meet Sunday, September 18, in the rectory basement at 7 PM for the 3rd Degree. We will discuss calendar for council activities for next year including Membership and Retention.

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

Second Collection Next Weekend: Catholic University is the only institution of higher education founded by the U.S. bishops and chartered by the Vatican. It is the national university of the Catholic Church, charged with the responsibility of educating the young men and women from our community, from our country, and from far-reaching corners of the globe. The National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. will be taken up next weekend. We appreciate your support.

Jubilee for Catechists and School Teachers: September 18 at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington. Catechists, school teachers & students invited to celebrate and pray for Catholic educators. It's an opportunity to gather, honor each other and ask for God's Mercy as we embark on a new school year. This is not a Mass, but a prayerful celebration honoring those who support our faith through education. Light refreshments.

Bishop's Fund: You will soon be receiving Bishop Coyne's final request for the 2016 Appeal. The Appeal is the main source of support for ministries too large for individual parishes to maintain. For updates on works within our diocese, and from Bishop Coyne, please visit vermontcatholic.org, or bishopsfund.org. Thank you.

Three Days of Celebration: A "Triduum" marks the 170th anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of La Salette. **Friday, Sept. 16, 6:30 PM,** Mass followed by Candlelight Procession & social. **Saturday, Sept. 17, 6:30 PM,** Mass, La Salette Associates' renewal of promises. Candlelight Rosary Procession. **Sunday, Sept. 18, 11:00 AM,** Mass, Rosary Procession, and Hillside Devotions with Bishop Peter Libasci, Bishop of Manchester. All events held at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 410 NH Route 4A, Enfield.

Haven: The top five needs for this week are cereal, soup, shelf-stable milk, black beans, and cheese. Garden produce is always welcome. Non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you.