



SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Reveal yourself

The story of Jesus' death and Resurrection is the defining one of our faith. It is the reason we gather to break bread every week. It's the reason we love our neighbor, feed the poor, work for justice, and struggle to forgive our enemies. Each of us has a defining story as well, an encounter or experience that reveals our highest selves, our deepest compassion or originality, our incomparable imagination or sense of humor. It's the story that demonstrates most clearly and profoundly who we really are. Jesus "made himself known" in the breaking of the bread. How do you make yourself known?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46)*. "How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!"

MONDAY, MAY 1 MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH THE WORKER
Let's get to work!

The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker may have been instituted on May 1 partly for political reasons (to counteract communist influence), but the feast's recognition of the dignity and sanctity of labor has deep roots in Christian tradition. Unfortunately our high-tech culture doesn't honor manual labor as much as it should. E. F. Schumacher, in his book *Small Is Beautiful*, suggests that a "great part of the modern neurosis may be due to this very fact: for the human being . . . enjoys nothing more than to be creatively, usefully, productively engaged with both his hands and his brains." Today, in honor of Saint Joseph, plant a seed, make dinner from scratch, or fix something that's broken.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58 (559) or Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273)*. "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures."

TUESDAY, MAY 2
MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
One and same

Each Sunday we recite the Nicene Creed, which Saint Athanasius was instrumental in formulating and defending at great risk to his life. When the Nicene Creed was originally drawn up in 325, the chief threat was Arianism, which denied that Jesus was fully God. Arius, a priest of the time, preached that God created the Son, which meant the Son was separate from the Father and not divine. Athanasius offered this argument: Consider the sun and the light streaming from it. Are they not of the same substance and the same essence? The physics might be off, but the theology is sound: Jesus and the Father are one in a way that is as inseparable as light from light.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35 (274)*. "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger."



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

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
Still don't get it?

How would you like it if someone published an account of your on-the-job training? That's what happened to the apostles, whose gospel appearances usually signal someone about to get Jesus' message wrong. Philip is shown as a hopeless literalist who keeps misunderstanding Jesus. He and his fellow apostles provide great inspiration for those of us who feel we're slow to "get it" and not in the same league as the "greats" like Mother Teresa or even the local leading lights in our parish. Jesus showed great patience with the apostles, and he's pleased to offer the same to you and me.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561)*. "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do."

THURSDAY, MAY 4 EASTER WEEKDAY
Say what?

Catechesis is one of the essential ministries of the church. We do it formally, for example, in religious education classes and the Rite of Christian Initiation, and informally through daily interactions with others—our children, neighbors, and coworkers. It can, however, be discouraging work. Fortunately Saint Augustine offers some advice, especially for those times when we are feeling ineffective. First, we are not as terrible as we think we are; second, we should persist; and third, we do the best we can and *let God speak through us*—because in truth God is doing the teaching. We are merely God's instrument. What would your day be like if you thought God was trying to speak through you all the time? What would you say? What *wouldn't* you say?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276)*. "They shall all be taught by God."

FRIDAY, MAY 5 EASTER WEEKDAY
Speak up for good

Speech is not to be underestimated. It can bring life, and it can bring death. When God speaks, the words result in life: water, animals, human beings, mercy, and compassion! Mary followed in God's footsteps with a single word—*Yes!*—that resulted in her bearing the Christ child in the world. On the other hand, some of our words can be death-dealing. Saul, a persecutor of Jesus' followers before his conversion, "breathed murderous threats" that resulted in much fear, injury, and death. How will you use the power of speech to nurture life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277)*. "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

SATURDAY, MAY 6 EASTER WEEKDAY
Lend a hand

In many households, parishes, and workplaces, there is one person without whom things simply couldn't function. Whoever that might be in your environment (maybe it's you!), being the essential person is an exhausting proposition. In the early church, poor Tabitha was deemed so necessary to her community that the widows of her town couldn't let her go even after she died—Saint Peter was obliged to bring her back to life! The "indispensables" are useful to have around but they could use our help. Let's offer our assistance with prayers, resources, and kind words of gratitude.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278)*. "She was completely occupied with good deeds and almsgiving."



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street
White River Jct. Vermont

Third Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2017

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor
Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

Parish Office

Hours

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

Secretary: Ms. Joanne Collins
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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

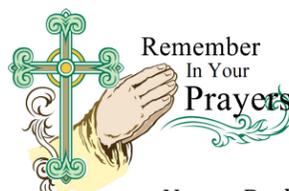
Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 29	4:00 P.M.	Dick Philbin by John & Sheila Aubin
Sunday, April 30	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
	2:00 P.M.	Confirmation
Monday, May 1	9:00 A.M.	Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony by JLD
Friday, May 5	9:00 A.M.	In Thanksgiving
Saturday, May 6	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, May 7	8:30 A.M.	Rose Motyka by Ted & Elona Kurosad and family



Vicky Chambers	Nancy Parkerson
John Delap	Frank Klymn
Linda West	Christian Thompson
James Dubuque	Mary Mayette
Betty Leonard	Michael Fleming
Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M.	Richard Temple
Rose Temple	Michael Temple
Sean Hamilton	Janice Jordon
Steve Heavisides	Real Fournier
John George	

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.

Sanctuary Lamps
will burn for:

Elnora Smith



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,750.00
Offertory collection April 22-23:	\$ 4,271.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 1,572.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$ 774.00

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

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.

We welcome to our faith community Sullivan Vashel, son of Sarah and Tom Vashel, who was baptized here on Saturday. May he be blessed with a long life, overflowing with faith.

Haven: This week's top five needs are peanut butter, pasta sauce, tuna, soup and canned tomatoes (diced, whole, or stewed). Non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

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

Third Sunday of Easter

"...Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how He was made known to them in the breaking of bread."

In reflecting upon this Gospel account of the encounter with the risen Lord Jesus that first Easter Sunday with two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus; two phrases immediately leap out at me: "on the way" the two disciples meet their Lord and Master "on the way: i.e. they are on the road, on a journey. More profoundly they are in the midst of daily life with its routine, its trials, tensions, and tragedies. It is there, "on the way" that they meet their Lord who accompanies them 'on the way'.

Secondly Jesus is made known to them in the 'breaking of bread'. In the culture of first century Palestine bread was not served in loaf form as it is now, it was served as a round, flat bread (think "pita" bread or a "wrap"). Bread was broken and pieces distributed to those gathered for the meal. To "break bread" was a simple but powerful gesture familiar a daily occurrence, but rich in meaning a sign of fellowship.

For the early Christians, no less then for us Jesus is "made known", He is recognized in and through and by way of His Church when bread is broken and shared. The bread that is His body and blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

Fr. Rick

Spring Campaign: Our Spring Campaign has drawn to a close. A total of **\$4,250.00** was given to support the parish through this annual fundraiser. The winner of the beautiful granite garden bench (donated by Mt. Ascutney Memorials/ Knight Funeral Homes) was **Raymond & Carol Rivard**. The \$100. cash prize was won by **Margo Howland-Mastro**. Sincere thanks to all who participated in this parish fundraiser. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

Office Hours: The parish office will be **closed** Monday and Tuesday, May 1 & 2. We will re-open Thursday, May 4 at the usual time.

Confirmation: This Sunday four of our young people will be confirmed in the faith. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit. **Confirmation will be held here Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the Confirmation Mass.**

Schedule Requests: Requests for the upcoming Minister and Counter schedules will include June, July, and August. All requests should reach the parish office by Sunday, May 14th. You may phone or email the office, or drop a note in the collection basket or in the mail. **Thank you for your service to our parish!**

Third Order of Mary: The Third Order of Mary meets on the first Sunday of each month, and the next meeting of the Third Order of Mary will be held on Sunday, May 7th 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 and other Marian prayers and meditate on Sacred Scripture and on the life of Our Blessed Mother, and support each other in our journey to imitate the mind and heart of Mary. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with any questions.

Second Collection Last Week: Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give. Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Bishop's Fund: Did you know that there is a new Department of Liturgy and Worship, whose Director, Josh Perry, will assist parishes in their Liturgical Celebrations? As we focus on the New Evangelization, and ask those in the community to come back and be a part of our Church Communities, this will help every parish to plan and generate a warm, inviting, and spiritual atmosphere. Please check bishopsappealvt.org to view Josh's plans for the upcoming year, and to make your pledge. **Next week's In-Pew Commitment Phase will be an opportunity to pledge early, saving valuable time and resources.** We'd love to hear from you, so please open your hearts in prayer. Any gift, no matter the size, truly does count.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month: The Diocese of Burlington remains committed to helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families heal and find peace. If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse by a clergy member or a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the Diocese Victim Assistance Hotline (toll free) at 866-485-2488. Your story needs to be heard.