

SHUTTERSTOCK



SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
Your calling awaits

Jesus calls us by name to follow him. The question for any Christian then becomes, How? What path will lead me closest to God? What way can I best serve? Determining one's calling, or "vocation" (from the Latin *vocare*, "to call"), is not always easy. But each of us can take certain helpful steps: 1) pray and reflect on what you feel drawn to and where your talents lie; 2) talk to a pastoral minister or spiritual director; 3) confide in trusted friends or family members who can help you consider your options objectively; 4) commit yourself to various practices (Eucharist, service, establishing and maintaining healthy relationships) that will strengthen your spirit and keep you from becoming self-absorbed.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10 (49)*. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

MONDAY, MAY 8 EASTER WEEKDAY

Clean up your act

The notion of what is "clean" and "unclean" is important in Judaism, especially among Orthodox Jews. Purification rituals are observed for a variety of occasions, and many of them require the ritual washing of the hands, or at times a full immersion. Some say that Baptism represents a form of ritual purification adapted from Judaism, and that even the dipping of fingertips in holy water upon entering church is part of that tradition. The apostle Peter, however, helped the early church develop a different definition of purity. Spend some time today reflecting on what helps you feel "clean and pure" spiritually, and then practice it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18 (279)*. "What God has made clean, you must not call profane."

TUESDAY, MAY 9 EASTER WEEKDAY

The good book is also a good read

If you want to focus on what the church is really about, learning a little something about the first decades and centuries of the church can help, such as reading the Acts of Apostles, the book in scripture that tells the early church's story. Things like preaching and proclaiming the message of Jesus, believing and being faithful, teaching, and gathering together. It's doing things like these that make people Christians, then and now.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280)*. "It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians.'"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 EASTER WEEKDAY

Lighten up

Here's a practice you can incorporate into your daily prayer. At the end of your day, recall anything that happened during the day that still troubles you. Rather than carry over the residue of that worry into the next day, try this: Imagine Jesus standing in a beam of light. Now imagine placing your worries into that circle of light—into Jesus' care. This is a way to practice trust and faith. Try this on a daily basis, and more of your life will be brought out of the darkness and into the light of Christ's love and care.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281)*. "Everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness."

THURSDAY, MAY 11 EASTER WEEKDAY

Add a dash of forgiveness

Home cooking is great, but sometimes we are hurt the worst by the folks who share food at our table. Our spouses, our siblings, our children, and our grandchildren often betray the family trust and cause us pain that's hard to forgive. But just as Jesus forgave his closest disciples, those who betrayed him, denied him, and abandoned him in his hour of need, we have the power to forgive our family members for their offenses against us. Peace, like charity, begins at home.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282)*. "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me."

FRIDAY, MAY 12 EASTER WEEKDAY

Listen up

In the gospels Jesus' words are often directed to a particular group of people—to the Pharisees and scribes, the crowd, his disciples. Most of us regularly hear the word of God in a large group, the liturgical assembly where, Vatican II reminds us, the presence of Christ is as real as the Eucharist. But faith can also be enlivened in other gatherings such as Bible study groups, small Christian communities, a men's or women's group, in the family. Paying attention to what Jesus says when we pray with an open Bible, or with a group of believers, can help to assure that we are becoming more transparent to the Christ within.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (283)*. "Whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

SATURDAY, MAY 13 EASTER WEEKDAY

Hang in there

Persecution has been part of the life of Christians since the church began. Paul and the first disciples faced beatings, imprisonment, mockery, and derision. Yet something about their experience of God was so compelling that they couldn't help but preach and live the Good News. The early disciples persevered and, as scripture records, they were "filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Today we still face emotional and sometimes physical persecution from folks who don't quite get the gospel, including those with "high standing" in our lives. Let us pray for the courage of our foremothers and forefathers to resolutely live the gospel.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284)*. "[They] . . . stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their region."



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street
White River Jct. Vermont

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 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

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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

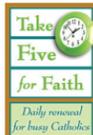
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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

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
Monday, May 8	9:00 A.M.	Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony by JLD
Friday, May 12	9:00 A.M.	Weekday Mass
Saturday, May 13	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, May 14	8:30 A.M.	Elnora Smith by friends



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

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

In this season of spring, of Easter surrounded as we are by signs of new life all around us the Church reminds us that Jesus comes to bring us life, abundant life, His life.

But what does this life He offers us look like? St. Peter tells us it begins with Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and the reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

It is marked by patience in suffering for He suffered for us on the cross so that “we might live for righteousness” which is to say so that we might be holy.

To be holy is to be free. Not free to do whatever we want, but free in the authentic sense of being free to do what is right. This is what it means to have life and life in abundance.

Fr. Rick

Sanctuary Lamps
will burn for:

“Aunt” Maggie
Scelza



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,750.00
Offertory collection April 29-30:	\$ 3,351.60

**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.

Confirmation: Congratulations to those students of Saint Anthony Church who were Confirmed here last Sunday. They are *Eric Hazen, Andrew Knight, Luke Patriquin, Yeabsira Miles*. May they be truly blessed with the Holy Spirit.

Office Delayed Opening: The parish office will have a delayed opening Thursday, May 11th. We will open at 1:00 p.m.

Minister & Counter Schedules: Requests for the upcoming Minister and Counter schedules, which will include June, July, and August, should reach the parish office by Sunday, May 14th. 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!*

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.

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting of the Third Order of Mary will be this 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, 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.

Second Collection Next Week: The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) provides vital funding for our brothers and sisters living in countries that were once under communist rule. Restoring the Church, in both its structures and its spiritual life, has been difficult, but with your support we can help build a brighter future for this region. Your donations make a difference for those still struggling in the aftermath of communist rule. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year, or if you can increase your contribution. For more information about the collection and who it supports visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Bishop’s Fund: Next weekend will be the In-Pew Commitment Phase, so please come to Mass prepared to make a sacrificial offering. “Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” (Hebrews 13: 1-25) The New Evangelization is calling for us to work together to be stewards of time, talent, and treasure, and bring so many Catholics back home, to Mass. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Cor. 5:17). Visit the Bishop’s Annual Appeal website for news about the new diocesan Department of Worship (think enhanced liturgy!) Please consider responding to the 2017 Appeal to be a part of something so big, so important.

New Evangelization Summit!: God is calling you and me. On May 12-13, Vermont will be hosting our VERY first *Live-Streamed* New Evangelization Summit out of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada joining thousands of others throughout North America. We will be gathering at Holy Cross Church in Colchester from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM (May 12) and 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (May 13) to hear speakers like Bishop Robert Barron and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. The cost of \$35 per person will cover materials, snacks and lunch on Saturday. For more information and to register visit <https://www.newevangelization.ca/> Please contact Deacon Phil Lawson at 802-658-6110 Ext. 1453 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org with questions.

Haven: This week’s top five needs are peanut butter, pasta sauce, tuna, soup and canned tomatoes (diced, whole and stewed). Any non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. **Wish List** items include 6’x8’ waterproof tarps, shampoo, bar soap and laundry soap. Thank you!

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