



**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Pearls come with a price**

Pearls are unlike other precious materials: Metals and gems are formed in the earth; pearls come from a living creature. Also, pearls do not need to be cut or polished—they're beautiful just the way they are. The actual science of how they are formed is profound: Pearls begin as an irritant inside the heart of the oyster, which secretes layer upon layer until the source is encased in lustrous coatings. What a perfect Christian metaphor for the redemptive value of suffering—that trials leave one with treasure.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 4:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 (109)*. "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls."

**MONDAY, JULY 31 MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST**  
**The order of the day**

Before he came on the world stage as Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio had already put in 53 years of service to the church as a Jesuit. The Society of Jesus founded by Saint Ignatius of Loyola has served the church for nearly 500 years, with Jesuits currently working in 112 nations in a variety of apostolic ministries. The election of Bergoglio to the papacy allows for greater visibility for all religious orders. Give thanks for all the women and men in consecrated religious life who have dedicated their lives to the People of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35 (401)*. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast."

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1**

**MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**  
**A whole lot of love**

Saint Alphonsus (1696-1787) practiced law for a time, became a priest, and eventually founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists). His clear and reasoned thinking—a remnant from his days as a litigator—served him well as a moral theologian. His persuasive and hope-filled preaching drew many to the church. "Has not God in fact won for himself a claim on all our love?" argued Alphonsus. "From all eternity he has loved us." Remember to love God back just as much.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43 (402)*. "Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness."

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 MEMORIAL OF EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP**  
**Don't sweat the small stuff**

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli (d. 371) lived at a time when bishops were elected by acclamation of the people. The people of Vercelli, in modern-day Italy, chose Eusebius because of his humility and his commitment to unity at a time of great division in the early church. Eusebius emphasized the faith that unites us rather than the opinions that divide us. When you find yourself in a disagreement with someone, ask if you are clashing over fundamental truths or merely over personal opinions and preferences. If we pray for humility, we will be able to find a way to reconcile our differences.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46 (403)*. "When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3**  
**Travel light**

Most tabernacles these days are pretty fancy places, far removed in size and style from the original dwelling place of God, which was a tent in the desert. Moses built it, but the master architect was God, who delivered the blueprint on Mt. Sinai. It served as the dwelling place of the Most High, but it had to be lightweight and portable if it were going to accompany the Israelites on their wanderings in the wilderness during the Exodus. It does us well to remember that God does not need a fancy house to feel at home and travel among us. We are a pilgrim people, and it is good to stay in touch with our roots.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53 (404)*. "Moses . . . spread the tent over the Dwelling . . . and the glory of the Lord filled the Dwelling."

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST**  
**Hang in there**

Saint John Vianney (1786-1859), known as the Curé of Ars, started out as a farmhand and catechist who needed extra time in his studies for the priesthood because he wasn't the most brilliant student. He was not at first authorized to hear Confessions, but later he would spend 10 to 16 hours a day hearing the Confessions of the 100,000 people a year who trooped to visit him. Sometimes it's necessary to struggle, even fail, before you find your true calling. When you get to the place where your gifts match what's needed, though, you'll know. There, in the words of author Frederick Buechner, "your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58 (405)*. "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house."

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**

**MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MARY MAJOR**  
**Build on your faith**

Exploring architecture is a great way to grow in your Catholic faith. Not only are there different styles of Catholic church buildings but there are also different classifications. The type of structure you may know best is the parish church, but there are also oratories, crypts, cathedrals, and basilicas. Each has its own particular characteristics. A basilica, for example, signifies a church that has a place of honor because of its historical and religious importance. Look up a church like the Basilica of Mary Major and see what light it can shed on your Catholic faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12 (406)*. "It shall be a jubilee for you."



# Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street  
 White River Jct. Vermont

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 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](mailto: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

<b>Saturday, July 29</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>
<b>Sunday, July 30</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Elnora Smith</b> by Herb & Pat Castellini
Monday, July 31	9:00 A.M.	<b>Duncan James Littlefield</b> by the John Usher family
Friday, August 4	9:00 A.M.	<b>Greg Blood</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> anniversary by Joan, Chris & Jeremy
<b>Saturday, August 5</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Elizabeth Radicioni</b> by Walter
<b>Sunday, August 6</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>



Joe Baldassini	Frank Klymn
Edmond Gaudette	Diane Laroche
Katie Powell	Gerard Tellier
Sr. Alice Vincent, C.S.J.	Rosa Maria Santos
Susan Lashway	Samuel Yahoub
Richard Temple	Rose Temple
Michael Temple	Sean Hamilton
Mary Mayette	Vicky Chambers
Nancy Parkerson	John Delap

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:

Diane Laroche



### Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,750.00
Offertory collection July 22-23:	\$ 3,434.00
Parish Assistance Fund (April-June):	\$ 380.00

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

### Message from Fr. Rick

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend we hear the conclusion of our Lord's teaching on "the kingdom of heaven".

In this world the kingdom is a developing mystery, weeds and wheat, treasure and junk, the good and wicked all thrown together.

Each and every day, many times a day God calls, He invites, He challenges.

May we respond to His call and, with the help of His Grace available to us through His sacraments forsake sin and repent and rejoice to receive His gift of forgiveness and life.

Fr. Rick

**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.

**Next Week:** Starting next week, Take Five for Faith daily meditations which appear on the back page of our bulletin will no longer include artwork, as per notice by TrueQuest Communications, our supplier of the publication.

**Schedule Requests:** Requests for the upcoming Minister and Counter schedules will include September, October, and November. All requests should reach the parish office by Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**PINS Back-to-School Supplies Due This Weekend:** Thank you to all who have given thus far! This is the last weekend of the PINS back-to-school supplies collection for distribution to children in foster care. **Please bring donations to the church or to the rectory office by this Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>,** after which they will be taken to Family Services and distributed at the Foster Family Picnic. Thank you in advance for your extreme generosity towards these children in need!

**Pray the Rosary:** On the fifth Sunday of the month, July 30, the Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in praying the rosary. In July, they will be praying the rosary before Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please meet forty-five minutes before Mass in the pews nearest the tabernacle at the front of the church. Rosary will be prayed at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, July 29, and 7:45 a.m. Sunday, July 30. We hope to end the Rosary so participants will have 15 minutes to reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary before Mass.

**Third Order of Mary:** The next meeting of the Third Order of Mary will be this Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the home of Mary Wood, 250 Cross Street, Quechee, VT. **Please note the change in location.** 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 Mary Wood (802) 295-5227 with any questions.

**Bishop's Fund:** In "Serving God in all Things," we can use our stewardship to inspire holiness, because we are self-giving. In this Year of Creation for the Diocese of Burlington, please consider being a part of this great effort to keep our diocese moving forward in discipleship, best described as many hands guided by Christ. Many are familiar with ministries supported by the Annual Appeal in past years. You are invited to see the progress made by Bishop Coyne's 2017 initiatives at [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org).

As of 7/28/17 with a parish goal of \$36,876.00, our total pledged amount is \$20,832.50 (\$15,574.50 paid.) The average pledge is \$208.33. We have now reached over 56% of our parish goal in pledges.

**Assistance to Our Neighbors in Need:** As a parish, we have opportunities to support those in our community who are in need, both through our prayers and our financial help. Saint Anthony Parish provides donations to the food shelf at the Haven on an ongoing basis. We publish the weekly list of needs in the bulletin and collect donations in the basket at the entrance to the church. This parish project helps year round.

We also have a fund that allows us to provide individuals and families financial assistance for emergency needs such as fuel, shelter, clothing and other essentials. Donations to replenish our Assistance Fund allow us to continue to provide for these needs. A check made out to Saint Anthony Church marked "Assistance" will ensure your donation is used for this purpose. Thank you for your generosity.

**Haven:** This week's top five needs are white or brown rice, canned veggies, tuna, can openers and pasta. 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.