

## Sunday, Sep 24, 2017

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Ours is not to know

Life is a puzzle; there are so many things we do not understand: Why is there evil? Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do some people live to a ripe old age while others die before they've had a chance to live? Why can't we seem to get along? Why are some people fabulously wealthy or healthy or fortunate or all of these while others struggle simply to survive? Oddly, there is some freedom in not having all the answers. We don't have to be able to see the whole picture in order to know that "all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well," as the medieval mystic Julian of Norwich put it. Practice surrendering to the mystery.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a (133). "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

## Monday, Sep 25, 2017

### Quantum hints of God

In her *Revelations of Divine Love*, 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich describes how she came to understand that God is light, "our endless Day." Seven centuries later, physicist Bernard Haisch came to the same understanding: "The solid, stable world of matter appears to be sustained at every instant by an underlying sea of quantum light," which Haisch concludes gives "Let there be light" profound meaning and a clue to the nature of God and the mysteries of the universe. The light that shines within you is God. Let others see that light in everything you do.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). "No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand."

## Tuesday, Sep 26, 2017

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

### Let's care for one another

Cosmas and Damian are said to have been brothers, perhaps even twins, who were trained as physicians. Tradition says that, motivated by Christian charity, they would take no money for their services. They are the patron saints of doctors, surgeons, druggists—and twins. While most healthcare professionals are not in a position to refuse payment, there are other ways to make healthcare accessible to all. The USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development established criteria for fair and just healthcare reform: a truly universal health policy with respect for human life and dignity; access for all with a special concern for the poor and inclusion of legal immigrants; pursuing the common good and preserving pluralism including freedom of conscience and available options; and restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of payers. What can you do to bring these reforms to life?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450). "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

## Wednesday, Sep 27, 2017

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

### There's always more to be done

Toward the end of his life, Vincent de Paul (1580-1660) sat with one of his many wealthy patronesses, who recounted all the good

works of charity Vincent had initiated and supervised throughout his priesthood. She asked him what else he could possibly hope to do. "More," he replied benignly. His relentless enthusiasm for the relief of human suffering was infectious and led to the founding of the society that bears his name by layman Frederic Ozanam two centuries later. In his name—and through your generosity—the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to do "more."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). "Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the Good News and curing diseases everywhere."

## Thursday, Sep 28, 2017

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

### Live generously

Legend surrounds the brief life of Saint Wenceslaus I, duke of Bohemia (907-935), originally venerated because of his martyrdom but most remembered today because of a Christmas carol from the 16th century that celebrated him as a model of generosity. Separating fact from fiction may be difficult after 1,000 years, but your own track record with regard to generosity should be easier to tally. Will anyone sing praises of your generosity a millennium from now? A hundred years? Ten minutes after you're gone? If not, what can you do today to start building your own lasting legacy?

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). "Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"

## Friday, Sep 29, 2017

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

### Eyes on the prize

According to Saint Augustine, the word *angel* (from the Greek *angelos*—"messenger") is basically a job description—that is, angels serve as messengers of God's purposes. They are reliable, says Jesus, because they "always beheld the face of my father in heaven." We can trust such messengers because they do not lose sight of God. Today we celebrate the feast of three archangels—Michael, who spoke regularly to the prophets; Gabriel, who announced the births of John the Baptist and Jesus; and Raphael, whose name means "God has healed." Let's learn from them to keep our eyes on God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51 (647). "You will see heaven opened and the angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

## Saturday, Sep 30, 2017

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Dig deep

Saint Jerome (c. 340-420) lived out his dictum: "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ." At the encouragement of the pope he made a new translation of the Old Testament into Latin and revised the existing translation of the New Testament. He also wrote commentaries on biblical books, including the prophets. He knew that the more deeply one explores scripture, the closer to Christ one gets. And to get the message of the Bible makes us messengers ourselves, just like Saint Jerome. What can you do to deepen your knowledge and understanding of scripture—and also of God—and pass that along?

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men."



# Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

White River Jct. Vermont

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 24, 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](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, September 23</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Betty Radicioni</b> by Walter
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>
Monday, September 25	9:00 A.M.	<b>Julie Preston</b> by the Philbin family
Friday, September 29	9:00 A.M.	<b>Arthur, Dorothy and Mary Dunley</b> by the estate
<b>Saturday, September 30</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Louis &amp; Helen Landry</b> by Lorraine
<b>Sunday, October 1</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>



Linda West	Susan Lashway
Ronnie Baldassini	Edmond Gaudette
Frank Klymn	Gerard Tellier
Dolor Lambert	Diane Laroche
Pat Rodriguez	Nancy Parkerson
Sr. Alice Vincent, C.S.J.	Sean Hamilton
John Delap	Mary Mayette
Vicky Chambers	Richard Temple
Rose Temple	Michael Temple

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.

**Haven:** This week's top five needs are peanut butter, pasta, cooking oil, sliced bread and oatmeal. Garden produce is always welcome (*please bring directly to the Haven.*) *Wish List* items include personal care items, paper towels, dish detergent, recycled grocery bags, tissues & toilet paper and laundry detergent. 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.

Sanctuary Lamps  
will burn for:  
  
Jamie Klymn



### Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,610.00
Offertory collection September 16-17:	\$ 3,280.40
Hurricane Aid – Irma:	\$ 1,637.00

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

### Message from Fr. Rick

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A Generosity We Can't Comprehend

This is the central point of the strange and even disturbing parable of the workers in the field. A parable that offends our sense of justice and fairness. But justice, fairness is **not** the point of the parable. The point of the parable is the unfathomable generosity of God extended to everyone who turns to Him in sincere faith and repentance.

#### This Is Good News Indeed!

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of my Mother's death. Since then I and my siblings have been sustained in our sorrow by the kindness, prayers and support of so many. Including my dear parishioners here in the Upper Valley most of who never knew our Mom. On this 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary I wish to acknowledge with gratitude your kindness, your support and above all your prayers.

Father Rick

**Second Collection:** As the only institution of higher education founded by the U.S. bishops and chartered by the Vatican, Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church, charged with educating the future leaders of the Church, the nation and the world. This National Collection is critically important to the operation of the University and to the growing needs of the Church nationally and locally. Your gift will strengthen and broaden the education of those who will lead the future Church. *Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.*

**Religious Education:** Our Religious Ed program starts this weekend. Classes for grades 1 thru 5 are Sunday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Religious Ed building. There is a new time for Middle School classes. Grades 6 thru 10 will meet Sunday evening from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the rectory basement. If you have not yet registered your child, please contact Julie Hamilton ASAP. You can reach Julie by calling (802) 295-3989, or email [juliehamilton130@comcast.net](mailto:juliehamilton130@comcast.net).

**Wednesday Night Crafters:** Fall meetings are happening every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Religious Ed building. Everyone is welcome (and needed!). We have many things to accomplish before the Christmas Bazaar. Projects require all levels and types of skill, and any willing hands. We provide all the materials required. Any questions can go to Charlotte via e-mail ([dcmerrill@myfairpoint.net](mailto:dcmerrill@myfairpoint.net)) or phone (802-295-2145).

**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, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Bishop's Fund:** As of September 21<sup>st</sup> St. Anthony parishioners have pledged over 75% of our parish goal of \$36,876.00 to the Bishop's Fund. This represents pledges of \$27,821.50, with \$21,129.50 paid; an average of \$206.09. Thank you!

**Action for Ecological Justice: Celebrating a Year of Creation:** Join Bishop Coyne at this one-day conference hosted by the Catholic Church of Vermont as part of the Year of Creation. Consider our call to be the global disciples who care for all of God's creation by discussing the connections between environmental degradation and human suffering and what each of us can do to aid our neighbors in need. Inspired by Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, with a firm foundation in Catholic social teaching, the day promises meaningful conversations about the state of the created world and how we can work together with hope for the future. **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM at St. Michael's College, General: \$35, Student: FREE, breakfast & lunch included. Register & info: [vermontcatholic.org/actionforecojustice](http://vermontcatholic.org/actionforecojustice).**