

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

On behalf of Old South Church, Mt Ascutney Hospital and Sled Dog Disco, we would like to say Thank You to Mascoma Savings Bank for their continued support in always lending a helping hand to the community and to the Windsor Rotary for consistently offering their assistance whenever and whenever needed.

Thank you to the generosity of our donors who contributed and participated in the WSESU School Supply Drive. We received 64 individual donations from Windsor, Hartland, Weathersfield and West Windsor along with a few friends across the river! We raised \$4,933 along with a grant for \$1,750 which allowed us to cover the cost of calculators for the 5th - 12th graders. We purchased \$6,400 worth of school supplies to help alleviate costs for families for 455 students who qualified for free/reduced lunches.

We would not have been able to reach our goal without everyone willing to work together! This was truly an outpouring of love and support from our wider community. Neighbor helping neighbor! It is our privilege to have been a part of this initiative. Thank you, again!

A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, we place our hope in You to guide the Catholic Church in Vermont to renew our parishes, and engage our youth; to form lay leaders and serve the most vulnerable among us.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, help us build a vibrant Church in this time and place and for generations to come.

Seeking the intercession of our first bishop, Louis de Goës Briand, we pray this through Christ Our Lord, Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

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September 20, 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Father Charles Danielson

OFFICE HOURS: Tues. & Sat. 9:30am—1:00pm

PARISH SECRETARY:

Christine Porter

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JOIN US AT MASS!

We will no longer continue registration for weekend Masses. Please just feel free to come as you are able. However, if possible, groups of three or more should contact Christine in the parish office to be sure seats are arranged for you before you arrive.

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: Ron Hamel, Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: (currently on hold)

Sundays 9:15-10:15 for Grades K-7

Sundays 5:30-6:30 for Grades 8-10

NEW PARISHIONERS: Are welcome and urged to register with Parish Office

Finance Council: Richard Fenton 885-3598 – Ginny Fox 436-2831 — Frederick Lord 356-6496 –
Andrew Robbins 738-3512 John Scanlon 484-9427

Parish Council: Barbara Barbour 299-7117 – Joyce Corbin 484-3329—Janet Farley 674-6065 –
Mary Anne Mesropian 674-9284 — Colleen DeSchamp 484-5245 – Steve Giroux 674-9509



WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Thursday
Mass 9:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

HOLY DAYS

As Announced

RECONCILIATION

11:15-12:00 noon

FUNERALS, MARRIAGES,

BAPTISMS

By arrangement

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass intention said for a friend or loved one, please contact the Parish office. There are many dates currently available.

TV MASS & SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

For the weekly schedule of Diocesan activities, including daily Mass at 12:05pm and Sunday Mass at 10:00am on Sunday, live rosary at 11:15am visit www.vermontcatholic.org/spiritualresources

Additionally, televised Masses can be seen on Windsor On Air Comcast Channel 8 & 1081 at the following times every week: Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 5:00 am, 7:00 am, and 5:00 pm and on WCAX-TV Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers:

Peg Grimard, Dale West, Jan Lepisko, Lisa Moeller, Kathy Whited, Rhonda McFarland, Theo Shyne, Christiane Zue, Claire Harlow, John Hofmann, Elinor Garcia, Nancy LaBounty, Officer Kevin Valencia, Sandra Carney, Joan Schuyler, Renee Bowling, John Ayers, David Dillon, Joseph Farley, John Scanlon, Ron Poulin, Archer David Ruzik and Mark Curtis.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Ford Geno, Stephen Titus, Peter Barbour, Priscilla Spencer, Bill Moeller, Betty Lemire, Jackie Avery, Tom Baker, John M. Lynch, Nancy Hamilton, Janet McClellan, Pat Terry, Jean Hunt, William Tansey, Wesley Hrydziusko, Peter Kilfeather, Masie Ayers, Kacey Leavitt, John Crump, Gerald Lepisko, Father Raphael Kakwavu Nyabenda, Paul Koch, Peter Toepfer, Phil Turgeon, Shirley Bates, Hugh Duling, Phil Salzano, Anne Juzwiak, Nancy Levesque, Joan Lemire, Freida Leneau, Nancy Marsden, Nancy Hall, Earl White Sr., and Charles Rushia

OFFERINGS **Offerings Report for FY 2021**

Weekly Offertory for September 6, 2020: \$2,249.00
(corrected—last week's number did not include online giving)
Weekly Offertory for September 13, 2020: \$1,922.00
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$18,634.00
Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$21,462.54

Donations/Fees received in addition to Offertory:
September 13, 2020: \$95.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$ 892.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (\$935.12/wk): \$10,286.32

In addition to regular offertory, the donations received included \$20.00 for Mass intentions, and \$75 for memorial gift.

In addition, \$91.00 was collected for the Catholic University of America

MASS ATTENDANCE

August 29	58
September 6	50
September 13	65

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 09/19 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday 09/20 10:30am
For the repose of the souls of George and Tammy Lamantea by Marie Carmichael

Tuesday 09/22 9:00am
NO MORNING MASS

Thursday 09/24 9:00am
For the intentions of Larry Collier

Saturday 09/26 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday 09/27 10:30am
For the repose of the soul of John Kelczewski by Jim and Barbara Kelczewski

Message from Fr. Rick,

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It's not fair!"

The wail of every 3 year old, every adolescent, every and any adult confronted with some inequity or other, large or small, trivial or major.

"It's not fair!"

Our human perceptions of what is just are pretty firmly set in place, and when they fail to meet our standards, boy are we quick to cry out "It's not fair!"

How very different, even radically so, is God's standard.

In the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, a generous landowner (God) distributes wages to his laborers with breathless abandon.

No matter if they worked a full day or just a couple of hours, all receive the same generous wage.

Why?

Well, because God's ways are not our ways. Salvation (the wage received by the laborers) is, above all else, a gift, freely given without considerations of how hard or how long one has worked the landowners fields.

So long as there is a harvest to be gathered in, workers will be sent out. No matter how long they have labored, when "Gabriel sounds his horn" they will be amply rewarded for their labors in the Master's field.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2020

This Sunday, September 20, 2020, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday under the theme of "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

DAILY ROSARY APOSTOLATE

The Diocese continues to offer a daily Rosary online. Individuals from around the diocese have been joining Valerie Parzyck in leading each day. Interested in leading a rosary? Here are the details: "I would love it if you would schedule a time with me to record a Rosary. What does that look like exactly? It's very simple! You email me with convenient times for you and once it is scheduled, I will send you a link to Zoom for the appointed time. You may choose to show your face or, if you'd prefer, I can show slides for each mystery while we pray. If this is something you would like to participate in, please contact me. You can email me with a time that works for you and we can schedule it. Please email me at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org "

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Due to COVID, our year ended rather abruptly last year. We are moving forward in September; however, Religious Education is going to look quite different for a while. For the most part, we will be meeting via an online platform as a family. The theme for this year's classes will be "No Place Like Home - Faith Formation as a Family". We will gather for about an hour to spend time with each other, praying and inviting God into our daily lives. We will complete a short lesson and prayer activity together. I'm looking forward to this becoming a special time together that families look forward to and can grow with. Dates and times TBA dependent on availability. If we haven't already reached out to you, and you are interested in Religious Education for your child, or if your child is slated to receive a Sacrament during the 2020-2021 year, please reach out to Christine at the office or via email at youngsongsings@gmail.com to set up your personal schedule for the year. Registration forms will be available on our website soon.

Confirmation, which had been postponed due to the pandemic, is scheduled to be held here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Saturday, October 31st at 1:00pm. Due to spatial concerns, our parishioners will be unable to attend. However, we ask that you keep these young candidates in your prayers. Their classes will take place separately from the classes listed above. Information will be emailed separately to those families.

CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN

Proverbs 28:27: "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse."

God calls us to support the most vulnerable among us and the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign offers us the opportunity to do that. A portion of the dollars raised will fund an endowment for Catholic Charities so it may expand its ability to serve the needy. This is a pressing need because Catholic Charities cannot serve on average 70 families or 280 people per month.

Beyond that need, the campaign offers great hope at home here at St. Francis Parish. Sixty cents of every dollar will come back to us so we may address our furnace needs.

While considering your gift, it's worth remembering that a key provision of the CARES Act states that a donor may deduct 100% of any gift to a qualified charity against their 2020 adjusted gross income. Please note this deduction expires at the end of 2020.

Soon volunteers will begin making outreach calls to discuss the campaign and answer questions. Please be receptive to their call and take time to talk with them. Remember, these are your fellow parishioners, your neighbors, your friends, your brothers and sisters in Christ. They are serving God in their volunteer role.

To learn more about the campaign visit:
christourhopevt.org or <https://vimeo.com/437684366>