

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 27, 2020
26th 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, Christiane Zue, Claire Harlow, 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:

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 20, 2020: \$2,197.00
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$20,831.00
Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$23,413.68

Donations/Fees received in addition to Offertory:
September 20, 2020: \$200.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$ 1,092.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (\$935.12/wk): \$11,221.44

In addition to regular offertory, the donations received included \$200.00 for Mass intentions.

In addition, \$50.00 was collected for the Catholic University of America

MASS ATTENDANCE

September 6	50
September 13	65
September 20	76

MASS INTENTIONS

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		
Tuesday	09/29	9:00am
For the health and well-being of Gina Kicinski		
Thursday	10/01	9:00am
For the intentions of Ryan, Stephanie, Riley and baby Henning Family		
Saturday	10/03	6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish		
Sunday	10/04	10:30am
For the repose of the soul of Gail Bowers by Myra Poland		

Message from Fr. Rick,

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few weeks ago, I preached on the Gospel account of Jesus' absolute insistence on the need we have to forgive those who have wronged us. This weekend, we have another example of Jesus giving us Commandments that could not be clearer: Faith if it is real, genuine, is expressed in action, or can we really call it faith? Hence the two sons: The father gives each an order, "Go out and work in the vineyard today."

The first son says, "No" but afterwards changes his mind and goes.

The second son says at once, "Yes"; but he never does. Despite his initial refusal, it is the first son who actually does the father's will. For "... afterwards he changed his mind and went."

He "changed his mind."

That is what conversion is at root, a change of heart, a change of mind. How wonderful a sign of God's mercy that He affords us everyday opportunities to likewise "change our minds" and do as the Lord commanded.

Likewise, too, it may be that another brother or sister in faith is struggling; our own turning back to God might well be the example and encouragement they need to turn back to the Lord and be saved!

Ponder this: An Angel can not change its mind. Angelic intelligence so much greater than is human intelligence. An Angel, unlike a human being, understands immediately all the implications involved in the choices they make. Thus, Angels never have to reconsider their choices.

Sounds nice, until you realize that the demons, for example, are forever locked in their choice to turn from God. We are indeed blessed to be able to turn back to God whenever we stray.

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

Hebrews 13:16: *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."*

Soon you'll receive your request to support the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. Until then, please prayerfully consider what you may do and the impact of a successful campaign for St. Francis Parish and the Diocese. Note that a portion of our support will help us to heat the Church with a new furnace, which we all know is so desperately needed.

When a volunteer calls to discuss the campaign, please take a few minutes to talk with them. Remember, success comes only through prayer, dedication and sacrifice from our faith family.

Don't forget, to stay current with all campaign news please visit [https://www.christourhopevt.org/!](https://www.christourhopevt.org/)

Also, watch a very moving message from Bishop Christopher Coyne here: <https://vimeo.com/437684366>