

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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October 11, 2020
28th 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 are glad to see more and more folks coming back! Please be sure to sit only in seats designated to allow for proper social distancing. And remember your masks! Thank you!

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: Ron Hamel, Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

The new classes are just beginning. Contact Christine Porter for scheduling.

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.

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., Charles Rushia and Mark Curtis

OFFERINGS

Offerings Report for FY 2021

Weekly Offertory for October 4, 2020: \$2,601.00
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$24,892.00
Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$27,315.96

Donations/Fees received in addition to Offertory:
October 4, 2020: \$75.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$ 1,187.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (\$935.12/wk): \$13,343.56

In addition to regular offertory, the donations received included \$50.00 for Mass intentions, \$25 in memory of Mark Curtis

In addition, \$40.00 was collected for the Priest Benefit Fund and \$20 for World Mission Sunday

MASS ATTENDANCE

September 20	76
September 27	74
October 4	80

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	10/10	6:00pm
For the repose of the soul of Mark Curtis by Helen George		
Sunday	10/11	10:30am
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish		
Tuesday	10/13	9:00am
NO MORNING MASS—Clergy Day of Prayer		
Thursday	10/15	9:00am
For the repose of the soul of Mark Curtis		
Saturday	10/17	6:00pm
For the Hannah and George families by Helen George		
Sunday	10/18	10:30am
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish		

Message from Fr. Rick,

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This parable has always been, for me anyway, one of the strangest... What are we to make of this curious story Jesus tells us?

To put the parable in context: Saint Matthew places this parable alongside other parables in which Our Lord is illustrating the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven. The citizens of this Kingdom are those who hear and fulfill God's Word. Their status in that Kingdom is not determined by any worldly standing: Priest, Levite, or ordinary worshipper, all are welcome and included if they serve with humility and joy, living in such a way as to merit to hear those words "Come, good and faithful servant... "

Everyone is invited, but we must come prepared, "properly dressed," as it were.

Thus, we will give evidence of how serious we are about living as Citizens of the Kingdom.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Our Confirmation class has been gearing up to receive the Sacrament at the end of the month. We have met both virtually and in-person and are looking forward to the day. Confirmation is scheduled to be held here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Saturday, October 31st at 1:00pm along with Our Lady of the Snows Parish.

We ask that you keep these young candidates in your prayers as they prepare to be Confirmed and also as they begin a journey with an exciting new youth ministry program. Look for them helping in various areas of the Church as lectors, ushers, and generally becoming an involved presence here in our community!

Christine has emailed any family with a child in K-8 who responded to her previous emails and set the schedule of religious education with those families directly. If you are interested in Religious Education for your child, and you have not contacted Christine or if your child is slated to receive a Sacrament during the 2020-2021 year, please reach out to Christine at the office by phone at 802-674-2157 or via email at youngsongsings@gmail.com to set up your personal schedule for the year. Registration forms are now available on our website.

The theme for this year's classes will be "No Place Like Home - Faith Formation as a Family". We will spend time with each other, praying and inviting God into our daily lives. We will complete a short monthly 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.

WREATHS

The Church will be selling wreaths again this year as a fundraiser. We do not yet have the final cost but we are hoping it will be the same as last year. This year, wreaths will all be pre-ordered. More information to come.... Please support our Parish! Any questions, please call Crikett French at 802-674-6605.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Francis will be hosting a craft fair this year on Friday, November 20 and Saturday November 21 from 9am to 3pm. It will look a little different this year as we work to ensure this event is done safely. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks.

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 "

CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN

Hebrews 10:34: "For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one."

We wish to thank everyone who has made a commitment to the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. Your support will help us to purchase the new furnace so desperately needed. Addressing this critical improvements will help strengthen St. Francis parish in preparation for the next challenge that comes our way.

Once you determine your gift, please complete your pledge card and return to St. Francis or mail it to the Diocese. You may also take advantage of online giving by visiting the campaign website: <https://www.christourhopevt.org/donate>.

Please don't forget you can join Bishop Coyne on **Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 3-4 p.m.** for a virtual chat to learn more about the campaign and its importance. To register for the Zoom event please visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org/events>.

Be sure to watch a very moving message from Bishop Coyne from a few weeks ago here:

<https://vimeo.com/437684366>