

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 17 & 18, 2021
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Father Charles Danielson

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

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JOIN US AT MASS!

We have been working hard to ensure your safety. If you haven't yet come back, we encourage you to do so. Hopefully, you will notice all that we are doing to make sure that our Church building is a safe space. We are glad to see more and more of you coming back! Thank you!

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: Ron Hamel, Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Classes will resume in September.

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

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.

PRAYER FOR THE WEARING OF MASKS

“Holy Spirit, whose very breath brought creation into existence, Grant me the grace to wear this mask, with all its discomforts and inconveniences, in wisdom and charity. Help me to bear this cross which I carry for the most vulnerable among us. Hold us all close in your care and bring this pandemic to a swift end. Amen.”

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.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

PANDEMIC HOME BLESSING

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger to whom we turn in our distress: In faith we pray make this home a sanctuary from illness and disease, and keep far from it all anxiety and fear. May Christ dwell here, among us and within us. Bless those who reside here. As we face restrictions and quarantines, help us seek your face. Grant us the courage to follow the heart of your Son, who often retreated to quiet spaces to seek solace and intercede on behalf of others. Look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying. Give strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders, and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

As we continue to open up, I want you to know that we at St. Francis Parish are here for you. We miss you. We invite you to come back to Mass if you have been away, even if it is one of our weekday Masses with fewer people present. We have been adamant about our safety procedures and feel confident that this is a safe space for you. For Catholics, the Sacraments are instituted by Christ to give us grace. Pope Francis reminds us that Communion is not a reward for good behavior but medicine for the sick. We all need Christ's help during these times. Take time out each day for your own prayer. Pray as a family before meals. Join in the online offerings that our diocese offers. I am here for you and pray daily for you. This is my duty and blessing as a parish priest.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 07/17 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday 07/18 10:30am
For the repose of the soul of Earl A. White, Sr by Earl and Kathleen White

Tuesday 07/20 9:00am
NO MORNING MASS

Thursday 07/22 9:00am
NO MORNING MASS

Saturday 07/24 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday 07/25 10:30am
For the intentions of the family of Ryan and Stephanie Henning

MASS ATTENDANCE

June 20	78
June 27	96
July 4	82
July 11	109

OFFERINGS

Offerings Report for FY 2021-2022

Weekly Offertory for July 11, 2021: \$1,965.00
Weekly Offertory Goal: TBA by Finance Council

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$3,577.00
Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$ TBA by Finance Council

Donations/Fees (fuel fund, stipends etc.) received in addition to Offertory: \$30.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$ 30.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (TBA/wk): TBA by Finance Council

In addition to the above, monies were also collected for the following:
\$100.00 Black and Indian Missions, \$30 for _____ (ask parish secretary for more info about this donation/fee)

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, Sandra Carney, Joan Schuyler, Renee Bowling, John Ayers, David Dillon, Joseph Farley, John Scanlon, Ron Poulin, Archer David Ruzik, Doreen Aube, Christine Porter, Lisa Bianconi, and Marianne Kepler.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: William Tansey, Peter Kilfeather, Masie Ayers, 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, Mark Curtis, Margaret Rising, Florence Parent, and Officer Kevin Valencia

THANK YOU!

Last week, we had a very good week! Mass attendance was up 20%! And...our weekly collections met the needs of the Parish to support our basic bills for the first time in months! Our financial needs remained steady during the pandemic, but like many families, we as a Parish did not take in enough to cover our bills in the last fiscal year. Again thank you for your continued generosity. This fiscal year is off to a great start!

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.

Message from Fr. Rick,

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank you to all of you, my good and faithful parishioners! So many of you took time last weekend to extend good wishes and prayers for my 29th Anniversary of Ordination, and I am grateful to you all! Looking ahead, I will be out of state beginning Thursday, July 22 returning August 3rd. I will be in Florida (a.k.a. God's Country) for the baptism of my niece's son and taking time off. I have not had much "vacation time" in quite a while because of the pandemic, so when this opportunity arose, I took advantage of it.

In my absence please welcome Fr. "Skip" Baltz, a retired priest of our Diocese who has graciously agreed to cover weekend Masses for me the weekends of July 24th-25th and July 31st-August 1st. I will be back in Windsor Tuesday, August 3rd.

NEW PEW CARDS & HYMNAL UPDATE

We have placed new pew cards throughout the Church. These cards contain the prayers and responses used throughout Mass. Please leave these at your seats so that everyone can share this easy to use reference guide throughout the Mass during the coming weeks.

We have brought out the Gather Hymnals for use in the pews during the summer and fall. New Breaking Bread missals will be available with the new liturgical year in November.

FATHER RICK AWAY

Father Rick will be away from the parish for the Baptism of his nephew beginning July 22nd and returning on August 3rd. Weekend Masses will still take place as usual. Please welcome Father Skip Baltz at 6:00pm Masses on Saturdays and 10:30am Masses on Sundays. Weekday Masses will not be held. In the event that you need a Catholic priest for a funeral or other emergency, please contact Father Mike Augustinowitz at Our Lady of the Snows at 802-457-2322. Please keep Father Rick's entire family in your prayers.

FAMILY CHAMPIONS

Looking for ways to connect spiritually as a family? Check out the Diocesan Family Champions page for some ideas. Last week's challenge encouraged us to consider how Jesus sent out his disciples two by two as they traveled to teach others. As a family, we were encouraged to think of games that are better played with others, and choose two games to play. As a bonus, we were encouraged to invite someone over to play! Try it!!!!

Check out all of the champion challenges, past and present: <https://vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/marriage-family/family-the-domestic-church/>

COVID UPDATE

As of June 14, the Vermont Department of Health announced that there are no longer any state Covid-19 restrictions or requirements for Vermonters or visitors to follow. Since vaccination rates in Vermont are at 80% and Covid-19 cases are low, churches may remove all Covid restrictions and return to the regular celebration of Mass and all other pre-pandemic parish activities. As we at St. Francis move past the pandemic, please be aware that some people may still choose to greet you at the Sign of Peace simply with a nod of the head or a smile.

Bishop Christopher Coyne has announced that each Catholic who has reached the age of reason is once again obligated to attend Sunday Mass. It is his hope that we see participation as something we want to do, not something we have to do - a sacred obligation we choose in freedom! There are times and circumstances when one cannot be present: injury, ill-health, mobility issues, age, and now personal safety issues that are still present due to COVID-19. Children who have not been vaccinated and people whose health is compromised so that they have to avoid any risk of contagion may in freedom chose not to attend Sunday Mass.

With the lifting of all the protocols needed in response to the pandemic, masks are no longer required in St. Francis church for those who are vaccinated. However anyone who feels anxious about going without a mask may certainly continue to wear one. Also children and adults not yet fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks. Please be respectful of the choices people make for themselves or their children regarding wearing masks or not wearing them. Hand sanitizers remain at the entrance to the church and in the sanctuary and their continued use is encouraged.

If at any time you have any questions, please call the Parish office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 802-674-2157. God Bless You all!

COMMUNITY DINNERS COMING BACK THIS FALL WITH YOUR HELP

We are exploring resumption of the community dinners for September. These may be organized in a different way than before because of Covid restrictions. Details are still being worked out. We are looking for volunteers to help make food and serve food once a month as a St. Francis team. Community dinners are held on Wednesdays and we would be responsible for one Wednesday a month. Time commitment approximately 4:30-6:30pm. This is an opportunity to help decrease food insecurity in our community and to work in collaboration with other churches and community groups. It is both meaningful and fun. Please contact Jill Lord at jill.m.lord@mahhc.org if you are interested in joining our team. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference!

HOSPITALITY—USHER MINISTRY

Our greeters provide hospitality in their welcome in addition to the valuable service of collecting our Offertory gifts at Masses. If you have a welcoming spirit and a smile and can make a commitment of even once a month, contact Len Zabilansky at lenzab@comcast.net or 802-236-4671 for details of this important ministry. Please prayerfully consider. We need your help. *Thank you!*