

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Monsignor  
Richard G. Lavalley  
**Pastor**

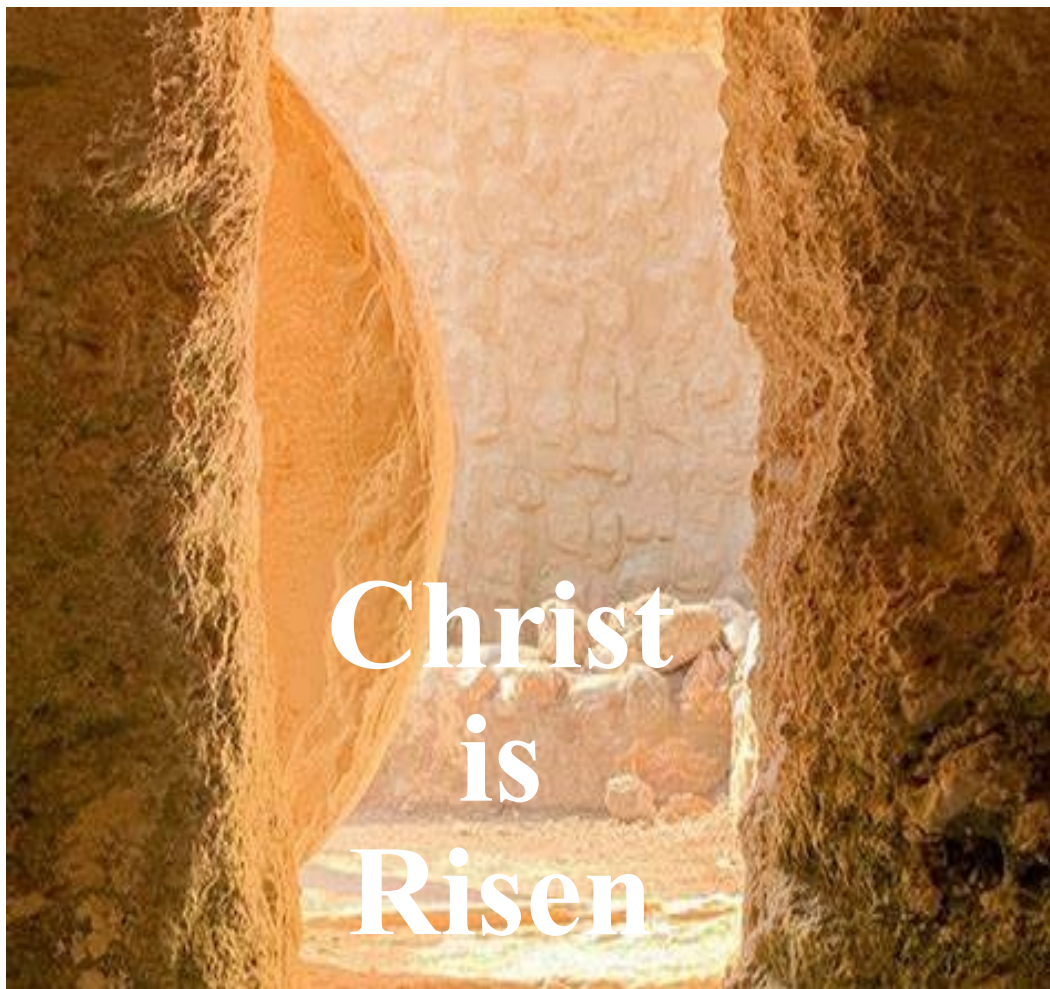
Reverend  
Joseph Sanderson  
**Parochial Vicar**

**Saint Francis Xavier School**  
Eric Becker, Principal  
Pre-School through 8th grade  
**655-2600**

**Director of Faith  
Formation**  
Jordan Easley  
**503-8241**

**Our Lady of  
Providence**  
Residential Care  
Facility  
**655-2395**

**St. Francis Xavier Cares**  
Sharon Brown, RN  
Parish Nurse  
**922-2958**



**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday : 4:00 PM  
Sunday : 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday - Friday : 8:00 AM

**Confessions**  
Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 PM  
Anytime by appointment  
**St. Vincent de Paul Center**  
Phone: 655-3006  
Open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Tuesdays and Thursdays

## **Baptisms**

Parent classes required. Please call the rectory for more information.

## **Marriage**

Plan six months in advance.  
Contact the rectory. Attend Pre-Cana classes

## **Registration**

New parishioners and newly married couples should register by calling the rectory as soon as possible.

## **TELEPHONES**

<b>School</b>	<b>After School</b>
<b>655-2600</b>	<b>655-4660</b>
School Website: <a href="http://www.SFXVT.org">www.SFXVT.org</a>	

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

April 24–30, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



When the Covid-19 pandemic hit last year, more and more people began to — or increased — work from home. With it came both advantages and challenges: the former including not having to get “dressed up” for work, saving on transportation costs to get to work and eating a more nutritious lunch out of the refrigerator rather than eating at a fast-food restaurant with coworkers.

But there are challenges too, like not lingering too long at the breakfast table with loved ones, not getting distracted by household chores and not going to the cupboard for snacks too often.

Our work habits may have changed, but we can — and always can — draw inspiration from St. Joseph the Worker who probably did much of his work right at home.

Maybe he would have liked to spend more time in conversation with his wife, Mary, or instructing and laughing with his son, Jesus. But Joseph had a job to do — support his family — and he would have disciplined himself to get his carpentry projects done.

St. Joseph is an example of the holiness of human labor, the dignity of which is seen as participation in the creative work of God.

## *Feast of St. Joseph the Worker • May 1*

May 1 is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. In 1955, Pope Pius XII established the feast day to foster deep devotion to St. Joseph among Catholics and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists. He said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”

May 1 is also May Day (International Workers’ Day) and reflects Joseph’s status as the patron of workers.

In the Litany of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus is referred to as the “glory of home life” and “model of artisans.” He was a carpenter, a working man: “Is this not the carpenter’s son?” (Mt 13:55).

St. Joseph also would have known what it was like to be out of work, as he took his family and fled to safety from King Herod in Egypt, leaving his own work behind. So whether you are not working, working at home or working at your job site, St. Joseph the Worker can be a model; he can show us how to infuse our work — or search for work — with faith, with hope and with love.

VTC • Cori Fugere Urban

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There will be parish food drives for local food shelves throughout the diocese on:

**Saturday, May 1 & Sunday, May 2**

*Please contact your parish for more information.*





## Upcoming Events

04|28 WEDNESDAY

### Vermont Catholic Professionals Virtual Event

Zoom • 8 - 9 am

Our April guest speaker is Mary Anne Sheahan, Executive Director — Vermont Talent Pipeline Management Program, Vermont Business Roundtable. Learn more: [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-professionals-virtual-event-2/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-professionals-virtual-event-2/)

05|01 SATURDAY

### Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Rosary, Confessions, Mass at 8:30 am.

05|08 SATURDAY

### Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Rosary starts at 8 am followed by Mass, Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio.

05|08 SATURDAY

### Food Drive at Cathedral of St. Joseph and St Mark Churches

Burlington • 9 - 11 am

The Knights of Columbus de Goesbriand Council # 275 is conducting a food drive at both churches, with drop-off in the parking lot of nonperishable food items to benefit the North End Food Pantry. Please consider making a donation.

Worldpriest Annual Global

# ROSARY RELAY

Friday, June 11, 2021 • 2 p.m.

- Live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
- Rosary to be led by Bishop Christopher J. Coyne
- Join us on [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) or [facebook.com/DioBurlington/](https://facebook.com/DioBurlington/)
- Learn more about the Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay at [worldpriest.com/annual-global-rosary-relay/](http://worldpriest.com/annual-global-rosary-relay/)
- Questions? Email Valerie Parzyck at [vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org)
- How many Vermonters can we get praying the Rosary together? *Join us to find out!*



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



APRIL 25 – MAY 1, 2021

## CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

### CARING IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

Take this online quiz, offered by Dr. Greg Popcak and his wife Lisa, to determine how you can work together to discover solutions to conflict: [www.catholiccounselors.com/catholic-counselor-quizzes/healthy-marriage-habits-quiz-5-caretaking-in-conflict/](http://www.catholiccounselors.com/catholic-counselor-quizzes/healthy-marriage-habits-quiz-5-caretaking-in-conflict/)

[vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge](http://vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge)

CHRIST OUR

Hope

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Goal: \$2,651,157

**87%** As of  
April 12, 2021:  
**\$2,300,676**

Thank you to all those who have made a gift already. We ask those that can to please consider making a gift. You can make a gift online at: [vermontcatholic.org/donate](http://vermontcatholic.org/donate)



# Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 26, 2021</b>
8:00 AM	Crowley & Cauchon Families <i>by Family</i>
11:00 AM	Mass at Our Lady of Providence Chapel <i>No public attendance at this time</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 27</b>
8:00 AM	Rita Murphy Pomerleau <i>by James Fry</i>
11:00 AM	Mass at OLP Chapel <i>No public attendance</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 28</b>
8:00 AM	Thom Muir <i>by Deacon Tom &amp; Robin McCormick</i>
11:00 AM	Mass at OLP Chapel <i>No public attendance</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 29</b>
8:00 AM	Phillip Dezotell <i>by M/M Waltur Dezotell</i>
11:00 AM	Mass at OLP Chapel <i>No public attendance</i>
<b>6 to 7 PM</b>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 30</b>
8:00 AM	Doris St. Jacques <i>by Family</i>
11:00 AM	Mass at OLP Chapel <i>No public attendance</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 1</b>
4:00 PM	Rosie Plunkett <i>by Ann &amp; Tom Hubbard</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 2</b>
7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Deslaurier Family
9:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
11:00 AM	Larry Fortier <i>by Knights of Columbus St. Stephens Council #2284</i>

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## PARISH SUPPORT

April 11, 2021.....	\$ 7,002.00
Online Giving Offertory (71 Givers).....	\$ 2,884.00
Weekly Average (July 1st Week 40).....	\$ 7,892.44
Weekly Goal.....	\$ 8,500.00
School Support.....	\$ 1,319.00
Online Giving School (34 Givers).....	\$ 784.00

**Thank you for your continued support**

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### Daily Rosary Apostolate

One way we can increase our holiness is to incorporate the Rosary into our daily prayer life. Each day the Diocese of Burlington offers a recitation of the Rosary featuring a member of our Vermont diocesan community.

"The Rosary is the weapon for these times." May we grow together in holiness and protection from all evil.

### Special Rosary Relay

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 11), the Diocese of Burlington will be participating in a worldwide Rosary Relay led by

Bishop Coyne at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington. Beginning at midnight on Friday, June 11th, various locations from over 100 different countries will start praying the Rosary at every half hour, passing it along to the next location until finally the entire world will be encircled in the Rosary just before midnight of the next day.

Please email me at [vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org)



## The Winooski Knights of Columbus

The Winooski Knights of Columbus meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 7 PM. Any man 18 years of age or older wishing to join the Knights should contact; *Grand Knight Greg Clairmont at 343-8446 or listandsellvt@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight Greg Bolger at 660-9044 or [gbolger@ccnne.com](mailto:gbolger@ccnne.com)* For additional information about the Knights of Columbus visit our web site [www.wkofc.org](http://www.wkofc.org) and "like" our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Winooskikofc2284](http://www.facebook.com/Winooskikofc2284)

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**"For I was hungry and you gave me food"**

**Matthew 25: 35-40**

Our St. Francis Xavier parish community is partnering with the new Winooski Food Shelf to help feed our neighbors in need. This parish is an extremely valuable partner in providing the consistent donations of food to the many people coming for assistance. The WFS is grateful for your sustained commitment of providing donations each week and your generosity continues to serve families in need. There is a strong need right now for toiletries such as shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors. Non-perishable food items for distribution such as cereal, tomato paste, and canned food are always appreciated.

**Collection boxes are placed in the church vestibule and delivered to the Food Shelf each week.**

*Your donations may also be dropped off at: J & J Market 12 Malletts Bay Ave. or at Commodities Market on Winooski Falls Way.*

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### Act of Love

O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all-good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen

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### Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God My Guardian Dear To whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side To light and guard to rule and guide. Amen

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### Prayer at Genuflection

Jesus, my God I adore thee here present in the sacrament of your love.

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## The St. Vincent DePaul Center

The St. Vincent DePaul Center is **Open** and in accepting summer clothing. *No Winter clothing please.*

Volunteers needed, please call 655-3006 if interested.

The Center will accept donations.

Tuesdays 9 AM to 3 PM.

Thursdays 9 AM to 3 PM.

*We are so delighted to be open and serving others!*

**Christ to the Homebound**

Please contact the rectory if you or a loved one are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

We are excited to renew this ministry.

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**The CARES Catholic Network: St. Francis Xavier Health & Wellness Ministry**

**Compassion, Advocacy, Respite, Education, Service**

We are three Mercy Associates who are working with the Parish Nurse to collect and redistribute medical equipment in an effort to help those in need have a better quality of life. We are seeking wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes, adult diapers, bed pads and other related equipment (good condition only, please). If you have any equipment that you would like to donate or if you are in need of equipment, please call 863-8508 or 578-9920 and ask for Monique.

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**Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church**

We have begun the **CHRIST OUR HOPE** campaign that will benefit both our parish and the entire Catholic Church in Vermont. The campaign will build up our diocese through vibrant parishes, strengthening our faith formation efforts and serving the poor.

This will be an important campaign to not only implement the pastoral priorities identified in the recent Diocesan Synod but help rebuild our parishes and communities that were affected by COVID-19 pandemic.

*To date our parish has contributed \$113,549.00.*

*Thank you for your generous support.*

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**Father Gratton Promoted**

Father Scott Gratton, a priest of the Diocese of Burlington currently serving as a chaplain with the Vermont National Guard in Saudi Arabia, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

In an April 7 letters to parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Bethel and Rochester and Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Randolph — where he had been serving before his deployment — Father Gratton said he has been busy in Saudi Arabia, traveling to visit soldiers and bring them religious support! “No matter what happens; no matter how long the distance may be; no matter the length of time — remember that our strength comes from the Eucharist and that our God binds us to His Heart every time we dare to approach the altar,” he wrote. “The Lord has bound our hearts together in the Eucharist, so do not miss me too much, for I am already there with you, sitting at the feet of Christ, waiting, with you, to follow Him wherever He leads next.”

**Our Lady of Providence Residential Care Community**

*Our lady of Providence Residential Care Community welcomes applications for residency.*

Our Lady of Providence Residential Care Community, a 46-bed, private room and bath facility, is located in Winooski and sits on a 2 ½-acre lush property is now welcoming applications for residency.

With the motto: “With love, we care,” the facility offers an array of services, ranging from weekly housekeeping and laundry to daily spiritual guidance and support and free, scheduled transportation.

The homey atmosphere at Our Lady of Providence combined with a dedicate and caring staff make for an unbeatable combination. In addition to the above mentioned amenities, the facility also provides delicious meals and medical support, including 24-hour, daily nursing care.

Please consider visiting our facility and taking a tour. We think that you will discover that Our Lady of Providence is the best kept secret in Chittenden County.

Please visit our website, [OurladyofProvidence.org](http://OurladyofProvidence.org) or call 655-2395 for more information.

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**FORMED**

*FORMED* is an online platform providing Catholic content movies, children’s shows, bible studies, etc., from Catholic organizations & individuals. Please make use of this resource. Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and sign up as a parishioner. Enter “Saint Francis Xavier Church” for the parish name. Make sure you select Saint Francis Xavier Church, Winooski VT. **Enjoy!**

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**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Radio IS ON THE AIR! Tune to 105.5 FM 24 hours a day/7 days a week**

This is YOUR radio station, so please be an active listener. Our success depends on it! The more people listen, the sooner our communities will hear about it and listen themselves and come back to The Church. So preset your radio dial and find your favorite shows! Visit our website at [WRXJ1055.org](http://WRXJ1055.org)

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**Joy to share St. Francis Xavier School**

We encourage you to visit our friends and alumni Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SFXAlumni](http://www.facebook.com/SFXAlumni).

Also, you may go to our school website at [www.sfxwinooski.org](http://www.sfxwinooski.org)

**Happy Easter!**



