

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

30 Union St., P.O. Box 46,
Windsor, Vermont 05089

Tel: 1-802-674-2157 Fax: 1-802-674-9416

August 17 & 18, 2019
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Father Charles Danielson

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

PARISH SECRETARY:

Christine Porter - adminstfrancis@comcast.net

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: Ron Hamel, Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

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 – Frederick Lord 356-6496 – Andrew Robbins 738-3512
John Scanlon 484-9427 – Ginny Fox 436-2831

Parish Council: Barbara Barbour 299-7117 – 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

Saturdays 11:15-12:00

FUNERALS, MARRIAGES,

BAPTISMS

By arrangement

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 08/17 6:00pm
For Gerry and Agnes Grimo in celebration of their 25th Anniversary by Christine Porter

Sunday 08/18 10:30am
For the Parishoners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Tuesday 08/20 9:00am
No Morning Mass

Thursday 08/22 9:00am
No Morning Mass

Saturday 08/24 6:00pm
For the Parishoners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday 08/25 10:30am
For the intentions of Father Robert Little by Jean Harlow

MASS ATTENDANCE

July 28	115
August 4	143
August 11	135

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The goal for St. Francis of Assisi Parish from the Diocese is \$16,809. As of August 13, \$7,639.00 has been pledged, bringing us to 45.45% of our goal!!! We ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, which supports programs that impact every parish, school, and ministry in the Diocese.

OFFERINGS

Total Offertory for the weekend of
Sunday, August 11, 2019 was \$1,998.00

Monies collected last weekend included...
\$162.00 for Holy Day, \$50 for electrical repair,
\$110 in memory of and luncheon for Shirley Bates

Offertory collections for previous weeks:
August 4: \$1,910.25 incl. \$90 for religious education, \$20 for rest area bake sale, \$70 for electrical repairs, \$64 for votive candles

July 28: \$1650.00 incl. \$50 for electrical repair, \$45 for Mass stipends, \$60 for bulletin ad

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers: Peg Grimard, Dale West, Jan Lepisko, Nancy Levesque, Lisa Moeller, Kathy Whited, Joan Lemire, Rhonda McFarland, Theo Shyne, Christiane Zue, Claire Harlow, John Hofmann, Elinor Garcia, Nancy LaBounty, Officer Kevin Valencia, Sandra Carney, Freda Leneau, Joan Schuyler, Renee Bowling, John Ayers, and Zach Husband.

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 Himiltom, Janet McClellan, Pat Terry, Jean Hunt, William Tansey, Dorothy Cummings, Wesley Hrydziusko, Peter Kilfeather, Masie Ayers, Kacey Leavitt, John Crump, Gerald Lepisko, Father Raphael Kakwavu Nyabenda, Paul Koch, Peter Toepfer, Phil Turgeon, and Shirley Bates.

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Message from Fr. Rick,

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus: a source of division.

How can this be; after all isn't Jesus our Prince of Peace?

How can He be a source of division?

Because, more than any other figure in history Jesus, presents us with a choice; to follow Him or not.

"Who do you say that I am?"

He asks you. He asks me, "Who do you say that I am?"

A well known non-Catholic Evangelist famously laid out a multiple choice answer to our Lord's haunting question by suggesting three possible answers:

Lord, liar or lunatic.

In the face of the incredible claims He makes about Himself, clearly demonstrating by His words and actions that He is, in fact, God, the Son made flesh, the God-man. And so every life, every person is compelled, like it or not to make a choice. Jesus: Lord, liar or lunatic?

Who do you say that I am?

FATHER RICK AWAY

Please note that Father Rick will be away from the Parish beginning Tuesday, August 20th, returning Thursday, August 22nd. There will be no morning Mass on either Tuesday and Thursday. The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH PICNIC!

Save the date for our Annual Parish picnic: Sunday, September 15th immediately following the 10:30am Mass. Games, activities, and food! Please bring a dish to share.

RAFFLE TICKET NOTICE - PLEASE READ

As we were going through the raffle receipts, we noticed that someone gave us the wrong end of the raffle ticket. Instead of filling out the stub and giving it to us, they gave us the long end with no contact info. If you purchased ticket numbers 0139, 0140, 0141, 0142 or 0143, please fill out and bring us the half of the ticket you have so we can exchange it for the other half. Tickets are still on sale after each Mass and any parishoner is welcome to take some tickets to sell to their neighbors and friends as well. The drawing will be held at the Parish picnic.

NEW WEBSITE!

At long last, we have a new Parish website! You can find it at <https://stfranciswindsor.org>. While we maintain all content and have editing control, the general design of the website will resemble others throughout the Diocese. The adoption of one, consistent, high quality and secure website platform for all parishes addresses all five of the 2018 Diocesan Synod recommendations for communication.

PARISH AWARDED GRANT FUNDING

We are honored to be the recipient of a Parish Grant through OCP (Oregon Catholic Press—a major publisher of Catholic liturgical music) in the amount of \$900! This money will be used toward the much needed tuning of our organ and piano. We were chosen out of hundreds of applicants, all of remarkable merit. We are grateful to have this opportunity to enhance our instruments, and to make our music ministry even stronger.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

It's that time of year already! Time to register your kids for religious education classes for the 2019/2020 school year. Classes for K-7th grade will be held on Sunday mornings and classes for 8th-10th grade will be held on Sunday evenings. To register, please fill out a registration form, located in Fellowship Hall, or see Christine Porter in the parish office. If you have any questions, or would like more information about the upcoming year, email Christine at adminstfrancis@comcast.net or call her at 802-674-4483

Church bulletin advertising is a simple, effective, affordable, trustworthy way to attract new customers while partnering with and supporting your Church. Consider an ad on the back cover of our bulletin for just \$60 for the year, or \$120 for a double size ad! Contact the parish office if interested or for more info...

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Many thanks to JAM for their donations toward our raffle!

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