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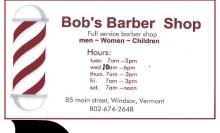
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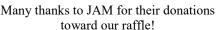
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## ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT

The St. Nicholas Project is doing its annual fall fundraiser for poor children at the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, VT. Every fall, they collect money to buy shoes for boys and girls. The kids range in age from 5 to 15 years old. Donations in the amount of \$25-\$50 will help them buy shoes for 85 kids. Brochures containing more information are located in Fellowship Hall.

#### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Registration is now open for the Women's Retreat on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00-4:00 at St. John Vianney. The registration does include options for lunch, so please be sure to check which items you'd prefer and if you have any dietary restrictions. This year the keynote speaker is Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle. Please see her website for more information on her: https://www.donnacooperoboyle.com/blog/ The cost for this day long retreat is \$40, which will include light breakfast and a lunch. We hope to see you all there for what is sure to be a full day of faith, fellowship, and reawakening of the Holy Spirit within all of us. If you have any questions at all please contact Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org

## **SEEKING A RIDE**

Ardyth Caccavo, a resident at Evarts House, is looking for a weekly ride to Mass. If you can help, please reach out to her at 802-674-2505.

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# October 5 & 6 27th Sunday of 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.

## **WEEKDAY MASSES** Tuesday & Thursday

Mass 9:00 am

## **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 10:30 am

#### **HOLY DAYS**

As Announced

## RECONCILIATION

11:15-12:15

## **FUNERALS, MARRIAGES,**

## **BAPTISMS**

By arrangement

## **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 – 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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 10/5 6:00pm

For the Parishoners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday 10/6 10:30am

For the repose of the souls of Art and Andrew Crowley by Joanna Buckley

Tuesday 10/8 9:00am

For the repose of the soul of Matthew Kicinski by Ireen Daigle

Thursday 10/10 9:00am

For the repose of the soul of Matthew Kicinski by Russell and Joyce Corbin

Saturday 10/12 6:00pm

For the Parishoners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday 10/13 10:30am

For the intentions of Father Robert Little by Jean Harlow

MASS ATTENDANCE	
144	
161	
137	
147	

Offertory collections for previous weeks:

Sept 22, 2019: \$1,481.50, incl. \$70 for Religious Education and \$30 for Mass stipends Sept 15, 2019: \$1,860.99, incl. \$50 for Mass stipends, \$50 for electrical, \$250 for cemetery Sept 8, 2019: \$1,699.85 incl. \$50 for electrical repair, \$30 for fuel

2nd collection for Catholic University: \$219.35 on Sept 8 and \$5.00 on Sept 15

#### **OFFERINGS**

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14

Regular Offertory collected or the weekend of **Sunday**, **September 29, 2019** was **\$1,582.51** 

<u>In addition to regular offertory, additional monies were</u> collected for:

130 for Religious Education, \$10 for Mass stipends, \$50 memorial donation, \$50 for electrical repair, \$900 for Parish Grant Award for organ repair

Total monies collected for the weekend of **Sunday**, **September 29**, **2019** was **\$2,722.51** 

Accumulative Weekly Regular Offering Collection only: \$22,091.10

Accumulative Weekly Offering Goal: \$27,315.96

## **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, Zach Husband, Thomas Creighton.

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.

#### **HELP US COOK & SERVE COMMUNITY SUPPER**

Did you know that on the first Wednesday of every month, a group of us from St. Francis host the free Community Dinners at the American Legion? We could use help making entrees, setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Dinner is from 5-6pm and setup usually begins around 4:15. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jill Lord at jill.m.lord@mahhc.org or at 603-675-2704

## Message from Fr. Rick,

#### **27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

## "Increase Our Faith"

In a way, a strange request... although we commonly speak of having "a lot" of faith or of having "little" faith. Really, faith is not measurable in terms of quantity. Having "a lot" of faith or having only "a little" faith... you either have faith or you do not....

But is it really that simple ... ?

How many mulberry trees have you transplanted into the sea lately?

Maybe instead of talking about the "size" of ones faith, it might make more sense, in speaking of faith, to speak in terms of depth or intensity.

In other words, do you believe that if you have true, full trust and confidence in God, to use Jesus' image of the mulberry tree, a mulberry tree would, in fact, uproot itself at your command?

But trusting God means, likewise, trusting Him for our true good. If our true good includes uprooting and transplanting trees, then so be it. But if it does not, should our trust in Him be any less?

## **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Thank you to those who have given to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal. The goal for St. Francis of Assisi Parish from the Diocese is \$16,809. As of Sept. 16th, \$9,014.00 has been pledged, bringing us to 54% 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. These include emergency aid to 2,000 individuals, vocations, new online training opportunities for DRE's, the Catholic Leadership Institute pastoral planning process, pastoral ministries conference, retreats and lay formation leadership training for parishoners. Gifts can be made by visiting bishopappealyt.org

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

It's not too late to join us for Religious Education for this year. Classes for K-7th grades are held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am with Asha and Christine. Classes for 8th-10th grade for Confirmation prep are held on Sunday evenings, from 5:30-6:30pm with Father Rick. 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.

## **ADULT GATHERINGS**

As a result of our August parish survey, and in keeping with the Diocesan Synod recommendations to evangelize, build vibrant parishes and communicate the Good News, the Action Planning Team has created a Pastoral Plan for our parish focusing on three priorities: Communication, Dynamic Faith Formation and Welcoming Outreach.

Moving forward with Dynamic Faith Formation and focusing on Faith Enrichment, we are pleased to announce Gathering Sessions for Adults. The Gatherings are to be held on three consecutive Sundays: Oct. 20, Oct. 27, and Nov. 3, from 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. The overall theme of this fall's sessions is: Free to Be Your Best Self: Conversations About Making Moral Choices.

What does a session involve? We will **gather** our thoughts around the theme, connecting it with our everyday lives. We will **explore**, in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, God's invitation to be in relationship with Him, and **reflect** on His invitation in prayer. Each session stands alone, but it is recommended participants attend all three Gatherings.

Hospitality is part of the Gatherings so please come as early as 8:45 a.m. for refreshments. Check the parish bulletin each week for additional information. If anyone has questions, please contact Joyce Corbin (802)484-3329, or Fr. Rick at the office.

## **WARMING SHELTER**

It will not be long until winter is upon us. There are those of us, in our community, who do not have adequate shelter and protection from the cold that is coming. Imagine yourself without a roof over your head or a place to go that is warm to get out of the cold.

As a community, we are organizing a system to bring individuals from our area to the Springfield Warming Shelter. The warming shelter operates from November 15 through April 15 each year. They have agreed to partner with us to help the homeless from our area.

We need drivers to both bring people to the warming shelter at 4PM each day and bring them back to Windsor from Springfield at 6:30 AM in the morning. Would you please consider offering one morning or evening each week to be part of a team in our community that helps the homeless? A little bit of your time can make all the difference. We need 14 people, each of whom would get a partner to share this work and divide the load. Would you be 1 of them? If you are willing to consider this, please contact me by phone 802-674-7224 or email jill.m.lord@mahhc.org.