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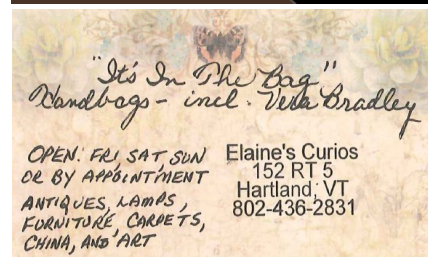
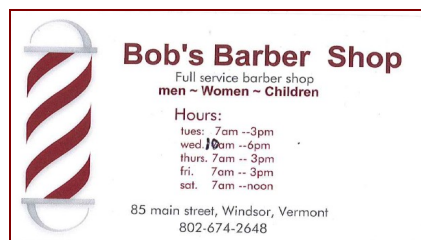
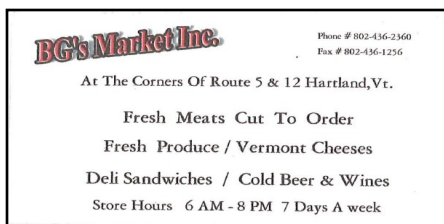
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ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT

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.donnacooperboyle.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

CATHOLIC VARIETY SHOW

Back again by popular demand, the Challengers for the Catholic Faith presents: THE VARIETY SHOW – Friday November 15, 2019 at the McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College. See a range of performances by our diocesan priests from music to juggling to comedy – a Family-Friendly evening of entertainment all to benefit our diocesan seminarians. Don't miss out! Tickets are \$15/ea online or \$20/ea at the door. There will also be a Silent Auction. Donations at the event are encouraged and will go towards seminarians. Tickets and information online at <http://vtchallengers.org> or on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/786426041808001>

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October 12 & 13
28th 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.

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



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

MASS INTENTIONS		
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		
Tuesday	10/15	9:00am
For the repose of the soul of Rita M. Coyne by Jean Harlow		
Thursday	10/17	9:00am
For the repose of the soul of Phil Turgeon by Helen George		
Saturday	10/19	6:00pm
For the Parishoners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish		
Sunday	10/20	10:30am
For the repose of the soul of Nancy Liston by Lauryn Moeller		

MASS ATTENDANCE	
September 15	161
September 22	137
September 29	147
October 6	140

In addition to regular offertory, the collection for October 6th included additional monies for:

\$55 for Religious Education, \$50 for electrical repair,

Offertory collections for previous weeks:
Please see previous bulletins online at: **stfranciswindsor.org/bulletins** for offertory details from previous weeks

OFFERINGS	
Offerings Report for FY 2020	
Weekly Offertory for October 6, 2019:	\$2,069.40
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$1,951.14
Offertory Collected (Year to Date):	\$24,160.50
Offertory Year to Date Goal:	\$29,267.10
Donations/Fees received in addition to Offertory:	
October 6, 2019:	\$105.00
Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date):	\$7,386.36
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal:	\$14,026.80

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,

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

What does God look like? Or more precisely, what is God like?

God is pure Spirit, He has no body.

Having no body, He cannot be contained or confined. Nevertheless, God is personal. He has, so to speak, a personality. With amazing patience over the centuries and millenia, God reveals something of Himself, showing us what He is like. He does this through His prophets and most fully, through His Son, His incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, God made man! Thus, the First reading and the Gospel reading show us something of God's nature. He is a healer, of bodily ills yes, but also of the far worse sickness of soul we call sin.

Every one of Jesus' healings is a sign, a sign that points to something even greater than healing from bodily illness or injury - healing from sin.

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 October 8th, \$9,324.00 has been pledged, bringing us to 55% 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 bishopappealvt.org

BOX OF JOY

In the coming weeks, our parish will be participating in the *Box of Joy* ministry, a nationwide Christmas gift outreach. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, you have the opportunity to bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage every parishoner to pack a *Box of Joy*! For more info, contact the Project Leader Ireen Daigle at or check out www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy Stay tuned for information about the Box of Joy ministry.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Please see our website for updates on how we are spending our class time! Contact the parish office if your child would like to join us!