

A 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

**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL AND
CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN**

As of March 31, we have reached 67% of our Bishop’s Annual Appeal pledge goal of \$16,809.00, with donations totaling \$11,154.00. Overall, the Bishop’s Appeal is 86% to goal. Updates will be given to us and shared on a monthly basis. Learn more at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/donate/bishops-annual-appeal/gift-at-work/>.

As of April 12, we have reached 13% of our Christ Our Hope pledge goal of \$97,919, with donations totaling \$15,062.00. We will be receiving monthly updates, and will share them with you. Find out more at <https://christourhopevt.org>

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May 8 & 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Father Charles Danielson

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

PARISH SECRETARY:

Christine Porter - stfranciswindsor@vermontcatholic.org

ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: Ron Hamel, Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Private Instruction only at this time.

Please contact Christine Porter if you are interested

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

Saturdays 11:15-12:00

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 05/08 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday 05/09 10:30am
For the intentions of the Bianconi family by Joanna Buckley

Tuesday 05/11 9:00am
For the repose of the soul of Nancy Marsden by Helen George and Jean Harlow

Thursday 05/13 9:00am
For the intentions of Katherine Limbaugh, her husband, and her family by Joanna Buckley

Saturday 05/15 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday 05/16 10:30am
For the children celebrating their First Holy Communion by Christine Porter

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 and Doreen Aube.

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

OFFERINGS

Offerings Report for FY 2021

Weekly Offertory for May 2, 2021: \$1,551.00
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$1,951.14

Offertory Collected (Year to Date): \$71,486.25
Offertory Year to Date Goal: \$85,850.16

Donations/Fees (fuel fund, stipends etc.) received in addition to Offertory:
May 2, 2021: \$0.00

Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date): \$ 8,261.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (\$935.12/wk): \$47,412.92

MASS ATTENDANCE

April 11	87
April 18	80
April 25	93
May 2	87

Message from Fr. Rick,

6th Sunday of Easter

“This is my Commandment: Love one another as I love you.”

In English and in our common, everyday usage, Love is a word capable of bearing many meanings. Thus we use that one little four letter word - Love - to describe our favorite food or drink, a color we like, a style of clothing we like, our preferred taste in cars, ice cream, places to live, where we go on vacation and many, many more such things. All can be described by that one little word: Love.

And yet, of course, Love can and does also have a far more serious, far more fundamental, meaning. In our Gospel reading for this weekend, Jesus gives us a “new commandment”: To love one another. Not just in any old way, but “As I love you.”

In other words

Like the “Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep”

and

Like one who shows the Greatest Love possible.

How?

“To lay down ones’ life for ones’ friends”

He assures us that He counts us among His friends when we do what He commands; Even to the point of giving our lives for others.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, May 13th is the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated here at St. Francis on Thursday morning at 9:00am. Mass will also be celebrated at St. Anthony’s in White River on Wednesday evening May 12 at 5:00pm.

SEEKING PARISH SECRETARY

St. Francis of Assisi Church is looking for a parish secretary. 10-20 hours per week. This position requires a mature, dependable, self-motivated individual with strong communication skills. Position frequently deals with sensitive or confidential material which requires the ability to maintain a high level of discretion and confidentiality. Good judgment and showing initiative are a must since the position requires both the ability to work independently and with a team. Please call 802-674-2157 if interested.

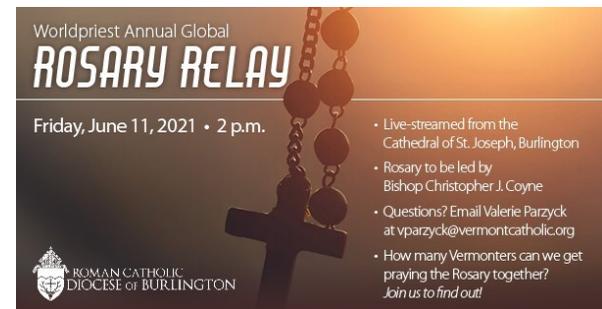
FEED THE HUNGRY

Thank you to everyone who donated food this past weekend for the local food shelf at Trinity Church in Windsor. Did you know, there is always a food collection basket at the front entrance to the Church. Please feel free to donate whenever who are able.

<http://www.trinitywindsor.com/food-shelf>

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next week, our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Burlington to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc



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
- Questions? Email Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org
- How many Vermonters can we get praying the Rosary together? Join us to find out!

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