

**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.

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**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."*

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**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*

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**PANDEMIC HOME BLESSING**

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger to whom we turn in our distress: In faith we pray make this home a sanctuary from illness and disease, and keep far from it all anxiety and fear. May Christ dwell here, among us and within us. Bless those who reside here. As we face restrictions and quarantines, help us seek your face. Grant us the courage to follow the heart of your Son, who often retreated to quiet spaces to seek solace and intercede on behalf of others. Look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying. Give strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders, and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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*As we continue to open up, I want you to know that we at St. Francis Parish are here for you. We miss you. We invite you to come back to Mass if you have been away, even if it is one of our weekday Masses with fewer people present. We have been adamant about our safety procedures and feel confident that this is a safe space for you. For Catholics, the Sacraments are instituted by Christ to give us grace. Pope Francis reminds us that Communion is not a reward for good behavior but medicine for the sick. We all need Christ's help during these times. Take time out each day for your own prayer. Pray as a family before meals. Join in the online offerings that our diocese offers. I am here for you and pray daily for you. This is my duty and blessing as a parish priest.*

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**October 9th & 10th, 2021**  
***28th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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**Pastor: Father Charles Danielson**

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

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**JOIN US AT MASS!**

We have been working hard to ensure your safety. If you haven't yet come back, we encourage you to do so. Hopefully, you will notice all that we are doing to make sure that our Church building is a safe space. We are glad to see more and more of you coming back! Thank you!

**ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR:** Ron Hamel, Jr.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:**

Asha Plaustainer

**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**

11:15-12:00 noon

**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.

<u><b>MASS INTENTIONS</b></u>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/09</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
For the Intentions of Logan Young		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of Saint Francis of Assisi		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
For the Intentions of Joyce Corbin by Jean Harlow and family		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/14</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
For the Intentions of Greg Stickney by his friends		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of Saint Francis of Assisi		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
For Our Bishop and our Diocese		

<u><b>MASS ATTENDANCE</b></u>	
Sept 12	91
Sept 19	111
Sept 26	114
Oct 3	89

**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, Doreen Aube, Christine Porter, Lisa Bianconi, Marianne Kepler, and Jimmy Whiteshirt

***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

**IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE  
PROPOSITION 5 Proposed Vermont Constitutional Amendment**

Vermont Catholics have grown weary of divisive politics, particularly the politics around our state’s abortion laws. Tragically, Vermont law currently ***allows abortion through all nine months of pregnancy*** (Act 47), and there is little hope for change as long as the current legislative supermajority remains in place. Meanwhile, Catholics, along with all those in the pro-life community, continue to focus on providing hope, support and alternatives to abortion and strive to change hearts and minds, always keeping in mind that statutes can be amended and repealed. More difficult to change is the State Constitution, however.

The Vermont Legislature is moving forward with an amendment that, if passed, promises to ***en-shrine unlimited, unregulated abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in our state’s founding document***. Proposal 5, also known as Article 22, would permanently ***block any attempt to protect the unborn — even those who can survive outside the womb***. It is expected to reach the final phase of the approval process in time to be put before the voters in November 2022.

***Message from Fr. Rick,***

***28th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

“How hard is it for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God.” St. Mark tells us our Lords disciples are amazed at these words. Why? Well, because even today thousands of years after He first uttered those words there are those who believe that material prosperity is a sign of divine favor and material poverty is likewise a sign of divine displeasure ....

But wealth in and of itself is not the problem, Saint Katherine Drexel born into wealth and privilege in 19th century Philadelphia used her vast fortune to achieve great good, founding schools to educate African American and Native Americans mired in poverty. Ebenezer Scrooge the unlikely hero of Charles Dickens classic “A Christmas Carol” is transformed one memorable Christmas eve from a pitiless miser to a man who epitomizes the very goodness and generosity of Christ, Himself.

Jesus well knew wealth can ensnare us, distracting us, luring us to prefer the ease and comfort worldly wealth can give. We should instead use the wealth we might have to enrich the lives of others.

***Fr. Rick***

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

Great news! Saint Francis of Assisi will offer Christmas Wreaths once again this year. More information on how to reserve yours coming soon.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF  
ADULTS (RCIA)**

Do you know someone interested in exploring our Faith? Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Anthony Parishes are again offering the RCIA opportunity for those who may be interested in becoming Catholic. Meetings started Monday 27 September 2021, and continue weekly until Easter. See Father Rick or call the Parish office if interested. There is still time to become part of this class.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLEY!**

On Saturday, **October 30th, from 9:30am - 5:30pm** at St. John Vianney Parish in South Burlington, the diocese will hold a state-wide Middle School Rally for youth and catechists who work with them.

Nationally known speaker and musician Chris Padgett will lead the day. Assuming that most middle schoolers have been confirmed, the focus of the day will be living joyfully as we become Saints.

There will be two meetings for the adults to share their hopes and plans. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$15 per person. The Rally will end with the 4:30pm Mass.

**CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN**

As many of you may be aware, last fall we launched the Diocese’s first statewide campaign:

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

While the timing was not ideal, the campaign had been planned for nearly two years and delayed several times. With the support of several generous parishioners, it was determined that we needed to move forward. Last fall, \$4.4 million was raised Diocese wide, getting us almost halfway to our goal. Saint Francis of Assisi has raised \$8,604 . Our goal is \$112,981. In the back of the church you will find more information about our goals and a case statement about the overall campaign.

This campaign offers a wonderful opportunity for Saint Francis of Assisi. Not only financially – 60% of the funds we raise comes back to us for our use to address specific parish needs – but as a larger Catholic community, together we will renew, strengthen and secure a future for the Catholic Church in Vermont.

In the next few weeks, you will receive a letter asking you to consider pledging a gift over the next three years. Whatever you can contribute will make a difference to our parish and the future of our Church in Vermont. Please visit [www.christourhopevt.org](http://www.christourhopevt.org) for more information.