

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

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.

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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November 27th & 28th, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Father Charles Danielson

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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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday	11/27	6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of Saint Francis of Assisi		
Sunday	11/28	10:30am
For the Repose of the Soul of David DeSchamp by the DeSchamp Family		
Tuesday	11/30	9:00am
For the US Supreme Court		
Thursday	12/02	9:00am
For the Repose of the Soul of Anna Mary Noble by her Children		
Saturday	12/04	6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of Saint Francis of Assisi		
Sunday	12/05	10:30am
For the Intentions of Raymond & Adrian Carney by their Family		

MASS ATTENDANCE		
Oct	31	95
Nov	7	103
Nov	14	88
Nov	21	96

OFFERINGS	
Offerings Report for FY 2021-2022	
Weekly Offertory for November 21st 2021:	\$1,675 (\$525)
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$2,200
Offertory Collected (Year to Date):	\$33,655.25
Offertory Year to Date Goal:	\$46,200 (\$12,544.75)
Donations/Fees (fuel fund, stipends etc.) received in addition to Offertory:	
Restricted donations \$600	
Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date):	\$5,330.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (TBA/wk):	TBA by Finance Council
In addition to the above, monies were also collected for the following:	
Campaign For Human Development \$50	

PRAYER REQUESTS	
Please remember in your prayers: Raymond and Adrian Carney, Bill Dillon, Cade Bagley, Greg Stickney, Logan Young, Deacon Gerry Scillia, Glen and Julie Danielson, Elaine Marcegiani, Valerie Newton, The Fenton and Griffin Families, Agnes Grimo, Those Suffering in Haiti, Gary McKenney, Our Homeless Brothers and Sisters, The Hennings Family, Christine Porter, Lisa Bianconi, Marianne Kepler	
Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Thomas Fennell, Ford Geno, John Scanlon, Danny Keating, Rolland Johnston, Lene Piper, Daniel Chiara, David DeSchamp, Justin Noble, Gina Kicinski, Robert E. Frusher, Rhonda But-ton, Claramae Halford, Earl White Sr, Elaine Tracy, Matthew Kicinski, Matthew Chuloe, Nancy Marsden, Peter Hassett, Bill Nugent Maryellen Sullivan, Marjorie Hannawolt, Masie Ayers, Gerald Lepisko, Father Raphael Kak-wavu Nyabenda, Paul Koch, Peter Toepfer, Phil Turgeon, Shirley Bates,	

Adoration to Defeat Abortion

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is honored to join with Catholics across the Country in a Holy Hour of Prayer to end abortion on Tuesday Evening November 30th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

The Supreme Court of the United States will hear arguments on the landmark pro-life case Dobbs vs Jackson Women’s Health. Please join us in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord for an end to the injustice of abortion in our land

To Mask or not To Mask ...

The Diocese of Burlington reminds all the Catholic Faithful that wearing Masks at Church is encouraged as well as the use of hand sanitizers. While not mandated, we are being urged to be mindful of the ongoing need to protect our own and each other’s health. Thank You

As always, Please be respectful of the choices others make for themselves and their Families

Message from Fr. Rick,
First Sunday of Advent
November 27 & 28, 2021

“Perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves”
 How’s that again?

I can still recall watching a home video my sister and brother-in-law took the first time they took their oldest son to the ocean. My nephew was probably around two years old at time. It was an overcast and blustery day and the sea and the waves were certainly roaring. My nephew did not like it at all and quickly made his feelings quite clear by crying at the top of his lungs. The end might well be something like that.

This pandemic is still with us some three years later and has certainly brought with it great anxiety and many have no doubt died of fright in anticipation of what is happening And yet Jesus tells us “stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand”

As we begin a new Liturgical Year with our annual observance of Holy Advent we will do well to recall with this blessed season that Advent is a season “of preparation to recall “the first coming of Christ among us and by this recalling, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s second coming at the end of time.

Fr. Rick
NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS
CHRISTMAS DAY

This year, Christmas falls on a Saturday. The Christmas Vigil Mass will be celebrated as usual the day before on Friday 24 December. There will also be Mass on Christmas day Saturday 25 December at 10:30.

There will be no evening (vigil) Mass on Saturday 25 December.

Sunday 26 December, Mass will be celebrated at 10:30.

The Christmas Giving Tree

We have been so blessed ! It is a privilege to work together in a neighbor to neighbor approach to provide Christmas gifts for the children in our community. This year again we are doing this in collaboration with the school, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, and Health Center, and area churches.

If you would like to receive a gift tag to provide gifts for an area child, please contact Jill Lord through email at jill.m.lord@mahhc.org.

The gifts need to be returned and wrapped to the church by 12/12. Jill is also looking for help in terms of a crew to organize the gifts on 12/17 from 10-12noon and distribute the gifts on 12/18 from 8:30 – 11:30am.

Please let Jill know via e-mail if you would like to be part of the Giving tree crew!
 Thank you for considering participating in this wonderful community celebrations of blessings!

CHRIST OUR HOPE CAMPAIGN
Gift Distribution Change & Matching
Grant

The focus of this campaign has always been on parishes, and many are close to reaching at least one of their tiered goals. That is why 80% (instead of 60%) of new gifts made in December will go back to the parishes to support their efforts and 20% will be split evenly between faith formation and emergency aid. In addition, the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation has allocated a \$25,000 matching grant to the campaign. ***On December 6, the Foundation will match the first online gifts received of \$1,000 or more with a \$1,000 grant directly to the parish,*** no split. There will be only one match per parish. To make an online gift visit: <https://www.christourhopevt.org/donate>