

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.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

30 Union St., P.O. Box 46,
Windsor, Vermont 05089

Tel: 1-802-674-2157 Fax: 1-802-674-9416
website: <https://stfrancis.vermontcatholic.org/>
or stfranciswindsor.org

March 5th & 6th 2022
***The First Sunday in
Lent***

Pastor: Father Charles Danielson

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

PARISH SECRETARY:

Chris Noble cell: (619) 865 2680

email: stfranciswindsor@vermontcatholic.org

JOIN US AT MASS!

We have been working hard to ensure your safety. If you haven't yet come back, we

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 Saturday
And by Arrangement

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 03/05 6:00 pm
For the Repose of the Soul of Jim Lucarelli by Helen George

Sunday 03/06 10:30am
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of Saint Francis of Assisi

Tuesday 03/08 9:00am
For Peace in Ukraine

Thursday 03/10 9:00am
For Our Families and Friends

Saturday 03/12 6:00pm
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of Saint Francis of Assisi

Sunday 03/13 10:30am
For the Repose of the Soul of David DeSchamp by Helen George

MASS ATTENDANCE

Feb	6	73
Feb	13	77
Feb	20	73
Feb	27	99
Mar	02	78

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers: Lisa Moeller, Raymond and Adrian Carney, Bill Dillon, Cade Bagley, Logan Young, Elaine Markegiani, Valerie Newton, The Fenton and Griffin Families, Those Suffering in Haiti, Our Homeless Brothers and Sisters, The Hennings Family, Christine Porter, Lisa Bianconi, Marianne Kepler

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Elinor Currie, James Luccarelli, Nancy Marsden, Deacons Cliff Chagnon and Chris Keough, Richard Slusky, David DeSchamp, Sol Sulwyn, Louis King, John Scanlon, Beverly Farias, Adrian Carney, Richard Slusky, Sylvia Stringos, Earl White Sr, Bill Nugent, Eugene Herbert, , Norman Piper, Anna Mary Noble, Thomas Fennell, Ford Geno, Danny Keating, Rolland Johnston, Lene Piper, Daniel Chiara, , Justin Noble, Gina Kicinski, Robert E. Frusher, Rhonda Button, Claramae Halford, , Elaine Tracy, Matthew Kicinski, Matthew Chuloe, Nancy Marsden, Peter Hassett, Maryellen Sullivan, Marjorie Hannawolt

OFFERINGS

Offerings Report for FY 2021-2022

Weekly Offertory for February 27,	\$1,390 (-\$810)
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$2,200
Offertory Collected (Year to Date):	\$57,770.5 (-\$14,829.5)
Offertory Year to Date Goal:	\$72,600.00
Donations/Fees (fuel fund, stipends) received in addition to Offertory:	None
Total Donations/Fees (Year to Date):	\$9,548.00
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal (TBA/wk):	TBA by Finance Council
In addition to the above, monies were also collected for the following: Church in Eastern and Central Europe \$40	

Eucharistic Adoration During Lent

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament chapel at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish each Thursday in Lent following the morning Mass. Devotion began March 3, from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m, and will continue each Thursday after the morning Mass until Holy Week.

If you are unable to spend the entire hour, please join us for whatever time you can as we heed the words of Jesus:

"Adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy."

Message from Fr. Rick,

First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022

“Remember you are dust ... “

Sobering words these, they are sharply, even harshly countercultural. You could take them, as many do, as excessively negative, as overly pessimistic leading to an unhealthy view of ourselves and our lives. Is that what is going on here?

No, I do not think so.

Lent is really a hopeful, positive Season. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving (the three traditional Lenten disciplines the Church has always encouraged during this Season) are all positive steps meant to move us, by God’s grace, closer to Jesus. To grow in love for Him, to grow in virtue and faith, so that when Easter comes we will be better able to truly celebrate this wondrous Feast with faith hope and love renewed.

Fr Rick

Guidelines for Lent

Lent is approaching! Please refer to the insert in the bulletin for information on fasting and abstinence during Lent.

Virtual Lenten Program
for Couples (FREE)

The Virtues – four short videos to keep sanity in your relationship as a married couple, and as parents: Prudence, Justice, Courage, and Temperance
<https://www.the-virtues.net/online-free-program/>

Diocesan Women's Retreat 2022

The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God

Saturday, April 2, 8:30am-2:15pm Our Lady of Angels, Randolph, Vermont

Key Note: Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

Limited number of attendees, ***deadline registration March 11 with \$30 payment.***

There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat.

Contact Nicole Hamilton
at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1131

La Salette Shrine
Weekly Lenten Opportunities

at the Rte 4A Enfield, NH
Free and Open to all Faiths

“Mass & Vatican II”

Presentation & Discussion
March 6, 20, 27, April 3
Sunday 12:15-1:30
Father Joseph Gosselin, M.S.

“Lenten Scripture Reflection”

Presentation & Discussion
March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5
Tuesday 9:30-11:15
Father John P. Sullivan

Snacks & Drinks at presentations!