



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

30 Union St.
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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 20, 2023**

Administrator: Reverend Cyrain Cabueñas

Apostolic Administrator of Diocese of Burlington:
Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday 9:30-10:30

Holy Days: As announced in the Bulletin

Baptisms & Reconciliation: By arrangement

Marriage: Couples please contact the parish six months in advance

Parish Contact

Office: 802- 674-2157

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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New Parishioners are welcome and are urged to register with the Parish Office

Altar Server Coordinator: Ronald Hamel Jr.

Parish Secretary: Shannon Harrington

Parish Finance Coordinator: Gerry Grimo

Finance Council: Frederick Lord (Co Chair) (802)356-6496; Tom DiNetta (Co Chair)
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A Message from Father Cyrain

At the heart of this gospel, the encounter between Christ and the Canaanite woman, God shows that he plays no favorites and that nobody is excluded from his company. His Good News was not exclusive for the Jewish people but to be shared among all people and nationalities. And part and parcel of Jesus' mission was to break down barriers and to remove walls of division and prejudice between Jews and Gentiles. His mercy surpasses all human boundaries and touches all who seek it.

This gospel confronts us with our own tendency to cause conflict by promoting exclusiveness. Many of us are biased against people simply because their political and religious outlook differs from our own. We fail to remember that no seats are reserved in heaven for any particular following. What is necessary, if we are to get there, is to have faith in God and rely in him.

In a real church community, everyone should be made welcome no matter how they may be dressed, how uncouth they may be, or how low in esteem society may hold them. The good news is that everyone can call upon God in their need and receive his mercy because, unlike us, he has a heart for everybody.

The unwavering faith of the Canaanite woman, knowing full well that she was an outsider, can be a good reminder every time we feel like our prayers are unanswered. As the mystic writer Thomas Merton once puts it: "Faith is to know and accept that you are loved by God despite one's unworthiness."

Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist also reminds us that we are not isolated individuals, but one body. As the people in the desert gathered the manna that fell from heaven and shared it in their families, so Jesus, the Bread come down from Heaven, calls us together to receive him and to share him with one another. The Eucharist is not a sacrament "for me"; it is the sacrament of the many, who form one body, God's holy and faithful people. (Pope Francis Homily – June 18, 2017)

Prayer Requests- Please remember in your prayers:

Len Zabilansky, Kevin Curtis, the Longacre family, Griffin Thompson, The Thompson family, Laurie Curtis, Jill Lord, Lisa Moeller, Cade Bagley, Logan Young, Elaine Marcegiani, Christine Rose, Martha Sass, Cindy DiNetta, Helen Michalowitz, Roberta Ferguson, Pat Lucarelli, Claire Harlow, Christiane Zue, Scott McCandless, Amy Chesser.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Dale West, Elinor Garcia, Ella Perry, Bill Dillon, Peter Toepfer, Ludwig Markert, Robert Leneau, Linda Parker, Loretta Gould, Lucio Cabueñas, Will Moeller, Cynthia Howe, Earl White Sr. Norman Piper, Mary Ann Notaro, Donna O'Neill, Jane Lynch, Anthony Rocchio, Bill Moeller, Ray Nedderman, Father Charles Davignon, Gina Kicinski, Anna Mary Noble, William Moore, Anne Hutchins, John Barth, Raymond Scott, Paul Wynn, Mark Curtis, Margaret Blake.

Mass Intentions:

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for a special occasion, please contact the parish office by email, telephone, or drop a note in the collection basket. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and who is requesting the Mass. Let us know if you want a specific day. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Please include your contact information. The customary offering is \$10. Thank you

Offerings (Offerings report for FY 2022-2023)

Weekly Offertory for August 12-13 **\$1,623.00**
Includes: On line giving \$265.00; Mass Stipends \$25.00; Coffee Hour \$17.00

Weekly Offertory for August 5-6 **\$2,150.00**
Includes: On line giving \$469.00; Mass Stipends \$170.00; Coffee Hour \$30.00;

Weekly Offertory Goal **\$2,200.00**

Offertory Collected to date (for the year) TBA
Offertory Year to Date Goal **\$81,400.00**

Total Donations/Fees(Year to Date) **\$14,722.00**
Donation/Fee Year to Date Goal **TBA** (by the Finance Council)

Thank you for your prayerful generosity

Please consider on-line giving. Contact Parish office for detail

Mass Intentions

Saturday 08/19/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Church
Sunday 08/20/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of Finley Conlon by Earl & Kathleen White
Tuesday 08/15/2023 9:00 a.m.
For the Intentions of Ireen Daigle
Thursday 08/10/2023 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 08/26/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the repose of the soul of Mark Curtis by Crikett & Jeff French
Sunday 08/27/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Church

Mass Attendance

July 8-9	88	July 15-16	105
July 22-23	104	July 29-30	99
August 5-6	88	August 12-13	76
August 15 th (Holy Day)	26		

Lectors

Please pickup new workbooks from the Sacristy counter.

Parish Monthly Meetings/Events:

Knights of Columbus September 5th 7:00 p.m.
Annual Parish Picnic September 17th 11:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration: Join us for Eucharist Exposition and Benediction in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on ***Friday September 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.***

Funerals

- A Christian burial Mass was celebrated for Elinor Garcia on Tuesday, the 15th at **11:00 a.m.**
- A Christian burial Mass will be celebrated for Dale West on Thursday, the 24th at **11:00 a.m.**

Parish Home Visits: Father may be requested to visit a parishioner at home, or current place of residency on the First Friday of each month. Please call the Parish Secretary to set up a time.

Diocesan Announcement

Save the Date. Archbishop Coyne will celebrate his final Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, September 24th at 10:00 a.m. A public reception will follow from 12:00-3:00 at the Doubletree Hotel, 870 Willison Road, South Burlington, VT All are welcome to attend.

2023 Bishop Annual Appeal St. Francis Parish
Our parish Goal: \$15,969.

As of August 9, our parish giving is **\$4,168.00, representing 26% of our goal.**
(No updates were provided this week)

As of August 9, the 2023 Bishop’s annual Appeal **has reached 68% of it.**
To make a gift online visit: www.bishopsappealvt.org

Thank you’s

A heart felt thank you is sent to all the parishioners (you know who you are) that continue to give countless hours to keep our church operating and flowing. We are blessed to have you. More to follow.

St Joseph's Church - upcoming event

Baked Bean and Ham Supper, 58 Elm St, Claremont, NH
Saturday September 2, 2023 4:30 - 6:30
Menu: Homemade baked beans, Ham, Cole slaw, Potato salad, Dessert and Beverage
Cost: \$15.00 Eat in or Take Out Available