



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

30 Union St.
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**Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 3, 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)
(302)332-1251; Ginny Fox (802)436-2831; Paul Belaski (802) 674-2713

Parish Council: Joyce Corbin (Chair) (802)484-3329; Barbara Barbour (802)299-7117;
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A message from Father Cyrain.....

It is almost a year since I arrived at St. Francis Parish. I am thankful for your welcome, understanding and patience.

During that time, I and the Parish Council and Finance Council have been meeting to discuss challenges and strategies for the health of the Parish.

As you know, many churches in New England have been struggling with diminishing attendance and offertory collections and continuing and rising operating costs. According to the most recent operating budget the weekly Parish offertory is not meeting the operating expenses. In the next weeks the Finance Council will present more in-depth information about income and expenses.

Before I arrived, the Councils and Fr. Danielson agreed to investigate the possible sale of George Tooker's Stations of the Cross. To that end The Stations were exhibited at a gallery in New York city to gauge possible interest in their purchase. To date, there has been no serious interest in their purchase.

Also, before I arrived, there was an ice issue, resulting in a burst of the heating pipe in the storage closet (near the Seven Sacraments paintings) which significantly damaged flooring, in and adjacent to that area. To repair that flooring it was decided that work would risk damage or degradation of Mr. Tooker's Seven Sacraments so those paintings were removed to secure, climate-controlled storage at the Diocese in Burlington. The flooring has been repaired but the Councils and the Diocese believe that due to the beauty, significance and value of these works as part of the patrimony of the Parish and Diocese, they should not be reinstalled at St. Francis until a secure and year-round, temperature-controlled environment can be provided. Again, further information and discussion will be provided in the future.

Upon arrival here the status of the Rectory was examined. Minimal, if any maintenance had been accomplished in 20 or more years. Almost immediately, parishioners began an intensely diligent effort to repair the failing heating, plumbing and electrical systems, repair falling ceilings and strip peeling wallpaper and paint in an effort to make the Rectory habitable and presentable. I am extremely thankful to these diligent volunteers for their heroic effort.

However, due to a number of changing circumstances and with consultation with the Diocese, I will be residing at the Rectory at St. Anthony's. Additionally, in the foreseeable future it seems unlikely that a Pastor will reside in the St. Francis Rectory, nor would it seem efficient use of a 12 room, 4 1/2 bath residence, for one person as judicious use of Parish funds.

Therefore, the Diocese, I and the Parish Councils are beginning a preliminary investigation about the future direction of St. Francis parish. Current possibilities are selling or a long-term lease of the building by an outside group or entity. Please be aware that this is a long process and because the Diocese is between Bishops, any action is likely at least 12 or more months away.

I hope the above provides clarity and allays any misunderstandings about past and current direction of St. Francis Parish. Please understand I will do my best to keep you informed about the future of our Parish.

Yours in Christ,
Father Cyrain Cabueñas

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.

Prayer Requests- Please remember in your prayers:

Len Zabilansky, Laurie Curtis, Kevin Curtis, the Longacre family, Griffin Thompson, The Thompson family,Jill Lord, Lisa Moeller, Amy 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, Theresa Marie Fenton.

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 26-27 \$1,788.25
Includes: On line giving \$265.00; Mass Stipends \$60.00; Coffee Hour \$44.25

Coffee hour misc. envelopes 10/1/2-21-12/31/2022 \$594.03*

Weekly Offertory for August 19-20 \$2,134.00
Includes: On line giving \$580.00; Mass Stipends \$190.00; Coffee Hour \$43.00

Totals to Date (7/1/23-8/27/23):

| Sat & Sunday Offertory | Coffee Hour | Stipends | On line giving | Overall giving | 2 nd Collection |
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| \$13,164.25 | * \$979.28 | \$525.00 | \$3,198.00 | 17,876.53 | \$1541.90 |

Thank you for your prayerful generosity

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 09/02/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Church
Sunday 09/03/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of Richard Poland by Myra Poland
Tuesday 09/05/2023 9:00 a.m.
No Mass
Thursday 09/07/2023 9:00 a.m.
No Mass
Saturday 09/09/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the repose of the soul of Bert Norman by his children
Sunday 09/10/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Church

Mass Attendance

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| 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 |
| August 19-20 | 94 | August 26-27 | 97 |

Weekly Mass: Father will be out of town September 5-7, therefore there will be no weekly mass celebrated on the 5th or 7th.

Parish Monthly Meetings/Events:

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

Parish Picnic – Sunday, September 17

Our annual picnic is right around the corner. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment before leaving the church this weekend to add your name to the list indicating what casserole, salad, dessert, or refreshments you will bring to share. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who will be firing up the grill, providing hamburgers and hot dogs. You may also leave a phone message for Shannon Harrington, parish secretary, no later than Thursday, September 14, and she will sign up for you. Tables from Fellowship Hall will be set up in place of our picnic tables which can't be "rehabilitated" in time for our event. Feel free to bring your favorite chair. Any questions, please call Shannon in the parish office (802)674-2157 or Joyce Corbin, PC Chair, (802)484-3329.

Diocesan Announcements:

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.

The deadline for giving to the Bishop's Fund is the end of August.
To make a gift online visit: www.bishopsappealvt.org

- As of August 23: (no information provided this week)
- our parish giving is \$5,652.00, representing 35% of our goal.
 - the 2023 Bishop's annual Appeal has reached 71% of the diocesan goal.

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 detail to follow.