



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Twenty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 17, 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 Finance Coordinator: Gerry Grimo

Parish Secretary: Shannon Harrington

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

Apart from the command to love one another, there is no obligation which Christ taught more forcefully than that of showing forgiveness. In the list of moral priorities there is probably nothing higher than the duty to forgive as our own ultimate fate may depend on it. But we know full well how we continue to struggle to forgive those who have done us serious, especially irreparable harm. Worse, our secular world often endorses the idea that some offences are beyond forgiveness.

Little wonder then that the book of Sirach tells us to reflect on death, the great leveler, and puts all human affairs into the proper perspective. As one walks the long granite corridors of a cemetery, forgiveness takes on a new dimension. Neighbors who in their lifetime remained unrepentantly hostile over a boundary hedge are now buried a short distance from one another. There is no need for a fence between them now.

In the light of eternity and the shortness of our span of life, harboring old grudges is pointless. The great Christian cry of forgiveness which comes from the heart was first echoed on the hill of Calvary. What Jesus proclaimed in words from the cross, he had lived out in deeds, to win forgiveness for all of us - sinners. As St. Francis of Assisi once said: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned."

Eucharistic Revival

"We who go to Mass can ask: What is it that we bring to the world? Is it our sadness and bitterness, or the joy of the Lord? Do we receive Holy Communion and then carry on complaining, criticizing and feeling sorry for ourselves? This does not improve anything, whereas the joy of the Lord can change lives." (Pope Francis Homily – June 14, 2020)

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 Markegiani, Christine Rose, Martha Sass, Cindy DiNetta, Helen Michalowicz, Pat Lucarelli, Claire Harlow, Christiane Zue, Scott McCandless, Amy Chesser.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

George Veilleux, Theresa Morin, 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 2023)

--Weekly Offertory for September 9-10 \$3,803.00
Includes: On line giving \$365.00; Mass Stipends \$0.00; Coffee Hour \$53.00
Second Collection for Catholic University of America \$57.00
--Weekly Offertory for September 2-3 \$2,257.00
Includes: On line giving \$319.00; Mass Stipends \$30.00; Coffee Hour \$42.00
--Coffee hour misc. envelopes 10/1/2-21-12/31/2022 \$594.03*

Totals to Date (7/1/23-9/10/23):

Sat & Sunday Offertory	Coffee Hour	Stipends	On line giving	Overall giving
\$18,358.25	* \$1,074.28	\$555.00	\$3,882.00	23,936.53

Thank you for your prayerful generosity Please consider on-line giving. Contact Parish office for detail
A 6/30/24 Year ending budget will be provided by the Finance Council in the near future.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 09/16/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Church
Sunday 09/17/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of Peter Kilfeather by Claire & family
Tuesday 09/19/2023 11:00 a.m.
Funeral Mass will be celebrated for Theresa Morin
No 9:00 a.m. today
Thursday 09/21/2023 9:00 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of Will Moeller Jr. by the Moeller family
Saturday 09/23/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the repose of Ida Norman by her children
Sunday 09/24/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the health and well-being of Len Zabilansky for Agnes Grimo.

Mass Attendance

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
Sept 2-3	98	Sep 9-10	86

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. A very special thank you to Dick and Barbara Fenton for their rewiring and fixture updates in our Church. They bring us light and much generosity. Bless you

October, is the month of the Rosary

Since the first Sunday of October has long been celebrated as “Rosary Sunday,” this year it will fall on October 1, ordinarily the feast of Saint Therese of Lisieux. While the Rosary is traditionally associated with St. Dominic and the Dominican Order, we can also look to the Little Flower for inspiration, especially if we find that our mind tends to wander while praying our beads. Even Saint Therese admitted that she found it difficult to keep her attention on the mysteries. Read more about Saint Therese and the Rosary in the next weeks. Please plan to join Parish Council members in praying the Rosary each Sunday morning in October at 10:00 a.m. Weather permitting we will gather in the courtyard before Our Lady of LaSalette

Parish Picnic – Sunday, September 17 , (following 11:30 Mass)

Our annual picnic is here. Come one come all. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who will be firing up the grill, providing hamburgers and hot dogs. In addition, a special thank you to all the parishioners who come to support our Parish event and each other.

Triduum for Feast of Our Lady of La Salette

Sun. 9/17/23 – 10 AM Service at the La Salette Cemetery 11 AM La Salette Mass and readings Fr. John presiding followed by a procession to the facsimile with the crowning of Mary and the recitation of the story of the La Salette apparition. A cake and coffee reception will follow in the cafeteria

Mon. 9/18/23 - 11:30 AM La Salette Mass and readings - Presiding will be Fr. John Loughnane, of All Saints Parish in Charlestown, NH and the current Dean

Tues. 9/19/23 – 11AM Farewell Mass and Associate Promises

Parish Monthly Meetings/Events:

Parish Council/Finance Council September: TBD
Knights of Columbus October : TBD

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 was the end of August, but you may still give. To make a gift online visit: www.bishopsappealvt.org

As of August 30:
➤ our parish giving is \$5,652.00, representing 35% of our goal.