



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
October 1, 2023**

Administrator: Reverend Father Cyrain Cabueñas
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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.
Email: stfranciswindsor@vermontcatholic.org
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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)
(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;
Janet Farley (802)674-6065; Steve Giroux (802)674-6369; Mary Ann Mesropian (208)250-5622

A message from Father Cyrain.....

The varying attitudes of the two sons in our gospel episode today give us cause to think carefully because whether we like it or not, there is a mixture of both personalities in our make-up. Very few of us can say that when the Lord called us, we were ready and eager to answer: "Here I am Lord, I have come to do your will." The gospel tells us that actions speak louder than words. If regular Sunday church attendance is not accompanied by upright Christian living, what we profess to believe has no value and amounts to no more than lip service or idle promises.

The gospel points out that there must be a connection between what we say and what we do. The trail of broken promises that each of us leaves behind shows the inconsistency between what we promise and what we do. We may be saying "yes" to God on Sunday and turning our back on what we profess during the rest of the week.

Many of us who say "yes" to the body of Christ don't realize that we are saying "no" to the community of Christ when at the church door, an age-old difference between families prevents us from speaking to a neighbor. Newly married couples have no problems saying "yes" on their wedding day but find it increasingly difficult to keep their promise through the ups and downs of life. The test of our allegiance to Christ is in keeping the promises that we have made and accepting His will whatever it may be.

Eucharistic Revival

Besides physical hunger, people experience another hunger, a hunger that cannot be satiated with ordinary food. It's a hunger for life, a hunger for love, a hunger for eternity. (Pope Francis Homily – June 19, 2014)

Happy Birthday, Father Paul

Our long-time, former Pastor, Fr. Paul Belhumeur, will be celebrating his 90th birthday on October 7th. Please keep him in your prayers and if anyone would like to send him birthday wishes his mailing address is: Rev. Paul Belhumeur, M.S., 85 New Park Avenue, Hartford, CT 0610

October is St. Francis Food Shelf Month St. Francis is responsible for the community dinner this month; Oct 19 from 5:30 -6:30 at the food shelf at Trinity Church on Main Street in Windsor. We would be grateful for your help by making a casserole and /or coming and helping set up, serve and clean up. It is a fun time of teamwork from our parish to show Jesus love in the community! If you have any questions, please email Jill.m.lord1@gmail.com Thank you!!!

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, Pat Lucarelli, Claire Harlow, Christiane Zue, Scott McCandless, Amy Chesser.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Patricia Lucarelli, 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 23-24 **\$1,477.00**

Includes: On line giving **\$330.00**; Mass Stipends **\$20.00**; Coffee Hour **\$20.00**

Second Collection for Catholic University of America **\$6.00**

-- Weekly Offertory for September 16-17 **\$1,986.00**

Includes: On line giving **\$265.00**; Mass Stipends **\$20.00**; Coffee Hour **\$0.00**(parish picnic)

Second Collection for Catholic University of America **\$20.00**

--Coffee hour misc. envelopes (10/12/21-12/31/2022) **\$594.03*(included below)**

Totals to Date (7/1/23-9/17/23):

<u>Sat & Sunday Offertory</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Stipends</u>	<u>On line giving</u>	<u>Overall giving</u>
\$21,140.25	* \$1,094.28	\$595.00	\$4,477.00	27,399.53

Thank you for your prayerful generosity Please consider on-line giving. Contact Parish office for detail

- See enclosed 9/27/23 letter from Fr. Cyrain with current financial standings and projected budget

Mass Intentions

Saturday 09/30/2023 6:00 p.m.

For the parishioners and benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sunday 10/01/2023 10:30 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of David DeSchamp by Kathy DeSchamp & family

Tuesday 10/03/2023 11:00 a.m.

For the Intentions of Ireen Daigle

Thursday 10/05/2023 9:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Nancy Grote by Lauryn Moeller

Saturday 10/07/2023

For the repose of the soul of Sarah Norman by her children

Sunday 10/08/2023

For the parishioners and benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Mass Attendance

August 19-20	94	August 26-27	97
Sept 2-3	98	Sept 9-10	86
Sept 16-17	111	Sept 23-24	97

Parish Monthly Meetings/Events:

Food Shelf Dinner	October 19 5:30
Parish & Finance Council	October: TBD
Knights of Columbus	October : TBD

Thank you's and Bless you

A special thank you to **Gerry Grimo** for his devotion to our parish in many ways and timeless energy put forth in reviewing and preparing our financial report. A special thank you to **Mike George**, as he offered to mow this property over last couple months. It looks nice, well done. In addition, a special thank you to **Paul Belaski**, as he is the current liaison for the St. Francis cemetery, with much to be learned. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

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

From the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington--2023 Prof. Development Day

This is our Annual Professional Development Day for Parish Administrative Assistants and Bookkeepers to attend one of these mandatory training sessions. The 10/18/2023 event will start at 9:30AM and end at 2:00PM. Lunch will be provided. This year's program will feature a special presentation **by Msgr. McDermott** on Dealing with Conflict, in addition to updates from Diocesan leaders, and an opportunity to be with colleagues from parishes throughout the state. **ABOUT THE SPEAKER:** Msgr. John J. McDermott is the Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia, Chancellor, and until a new bishop is appointed, the Administrator of the Diocese of Burlington. He has served at parishes in Montpelier, Burlington, Middlebury, Underhill, Cambridge, and is currently the Director of the Catholic Center at UVM. After a year at the US Coast Guard Academy, he went on to graduate with a double major in Political Science and Philosophy. He then went on to Seminary at Mount St. Mary's and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Burlington in 1989. He earned a degree in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America in 2004. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, baking, running, golfing, and working on household projects. Msgr. McDermott is the 7th of 10 children. Between having 9 siblings and serving the Diocesan Church and parishes for the last 34 years, he has had a few experiences of conflict; and is looking forward to sharing the lessons learned with us.