



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Thirty-second Sunday
In Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023**

Reverend Father Cyrain Cabueñas
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Very Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, J.C.L.
Diocesan Administrator

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)
(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; Michael Belanger (443)487-2005

A message from Father Cyrain....

At the heart of this parable lies the lesson of being prepared. The ten virgins represent all humanity, and their lamps symbolize the state of our souls. Just as the wise virgins foresaw the need for extra oil, we too are called to foresee our spiritual needs.

We can make our lamps burning by engaging with the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation which continuously fill us with God's grace.

Not sharing one's oil is not about selfishness but spiritual responsibility. There are some things in our faith journey that cannot be borrowed from others. We can't borrow someone's prayer life or someone's acts of charity. Each of us must undertake this journey on our own.

The "Little Flower" St. Therese of Lisieux, while inspired by others, had a relationship with God which was uniquely hers. Just as Therese could not rely on someone else's little way, we too can't borrow someone else's faith and commitment.

Eucharistic Revival :

Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist may always be an incentive: to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion and to share what we are with him and with our neighbor. Our life will then be truly fruitful. (Pope Francis Homily – May 30, 2013)

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, 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

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.

First Friday Adoration: Join us for Eucharist Exposition and Benediction in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on the following dates: **New Time 2:00 pm**

Friday's: December 2nd; January 5th

From the Diocese

Lector workshop at St Anthonys in WRJ is scheduled for **Dec 2**, with morning and afternoon sessions. The Diocese will be continuing to update you individually, once you are registered.

Sunday, November 19th St. Francis Concert Fundraiser
Let’s Support our Parish
The Councils and interested parishioners, are organizing a concert to raise funds for our winter fuel bills.
Time: **2:00 pm** with a \$10.00 recommended Donation

Agnes Grimo has graciously offered to be the **point person** for this fundraiser, to organize and keep track of who will commit to helping with set up, food & drink donators, volunteers to help at intermission, clean up etc. You many call Agnes at **(674-5746)** if interested in participating with help in any way

About the Singing Group: **”One Voice”** is a small church choir from Lebanon, New Hampshire. It was Fr William Kaliyadan’s idea, when he was parish priest at Sacred Heart, Lebanon, from 2004-2015, to form a choir of parishioners of all nationalities, hence our name. We comprise singers from the USA, the Philippines, India, and New Zealand. Some of our singers have also sung with the Philippine Heart Center Nursing Chorale and the Handel Society of Dartmouth College, and others are current members of the Voxstars, North Country Chordsmen, Vtones, Bated Breath, and Marksmen. Many members of the group can also be found playing musical instruments in orchestra pits, big bands, and community bands throughout the Upper Valley, and beyond. When we are not making music together we are also nurses, educators, administrative professionals, computer programmers, mechanical engineers, software developers, laboratory specialists, and scientists. We were recently asked to sing the final masses at La Salette Shrine in Enfield, NH. We have a genuine love and joy of singing deeply religious pieces. In essence we pray twice through our singing. The camaraderie established is palpable with all of us and it is embodied in the sound we create. We believe that church music should be inclusive and, as appropriate, be joyful. _Jacqueline Smith, an Associate of Trinity College, London (piano), grew up accompanying and singing in school and church choirs in New Zealand. She has also sung in a choir in Johannesburg, South Africa, in the Handel Society of Dartmouth College, and in the Concertato Singers. She has been the enthusiastic director of *One Voice* since its inception

Wreathes for Sale to Benefit our Church/ Orders need to be in by 11/18: Cost is \$35.00 each with \$7.00 to benefit our Parish Delivery will be the end of November. Wreathes are created by the Reading Greenhouse. Contacts: Crickett French (802)674-6605 or crikett62@yahoo.com; Marie Carmichael (802)674-6977

Job Opening- Church Custodian- St. Francis of Assisi Parish: We are looking to fill a staff position left vacant this summer by the resignation of our Maintenance and Grounds employee due to health issues. Our rectory housekeeper has graciously filled in, taking responsibility for some of the cleaning needs in the church building. Faithful volunteers have been tackling church maintenance and grounds needs. We are looking for the right person to fill this part-time position of church building custodian. Hourly pay rate is \$18.00, (preferably Tuesday and Thursdays), hours not to exceed 16 per week. A complete job description will be available for applicants in the parish office.

Second Collection/Nov 18th-19th A Collection will be taken for the Catholic Campaign for the Human Development , a national anti-poverty program of the U.S Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ... to bring glad tidings to the poor

Nov 23rd- Thanksgiving Day: Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. Start your family/friend holiday with your parish community in prayer.
Parishioner request: Cedar Hill has 2-3 refugee residents who would greatly appreciate a ride to Saturday Mass. If anyone is interested, please call the office, leave a message with your name and contact information and the office Secretary will provide you with more detail. Thank you

<u>Mass Attendance</u>				
Sept 30-Oct 1	94	Oct 7-8	96	
Oct 14-15	96	Oct 21-22	106	
Oct 28-29	83	Nov 4-5	113	
Nov1 All Saints Day	32	Nov 2 All Souls Day	17	

Offerings (Offerings report for FY 2023)

--Weekly Offertory for October 28-29 **\$1,421.00**
Includes: On line giving **\$519.00**; Mass Stipends **\$30.00**; Coffee Hour **\$40.00**;
Second Collection: Military services **\$208.00**; **Total \$2,218.00**

All Souls Day **\$295.00**; All Saints Day **\$292.00** **Votive candles \$9.00**; **Total - \$596.00**

Totals to Date (7/1/23-11/5/23):				
<u>Sat & Sunday Offertory</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Stipends</u>	<u>On line giving</u>	<u>Overall giving</u>
\$34,463.35	\$1,363.98*	\$1,030.00	\$6,540.00	44,372.20
*(Includes 2022 coffee hour donations)				

Thank you for your prayerful generosity Please consider on-line giving. Contact Parish office for detail
Our parish shortfall needed to meet our projected Budget for June 30, 2024, as of **Nov 5, 2023** is **\$775.92 per week.**

Mass Intentions
Saturday 11/11/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the health and well- being of Cindy Dinetta, by Agnes Grimo
Sunday 11/12/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the Intentions of Joyce and Russell Corbin
Tuesday 11/14/2023 9:00 a.m.
For the Intentions of Ireen Daigle
Thursday 11/16/2023 9:00 a.m.
For the Health and well being of Ryan & Melissa Sullivan by Lauren Moeller
Saturday 11/18/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday 11/19/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the Repose of the Soul of Patrick Morris, by Phylis Morris

- Parish Monthly Meetings/Events/Reminders:**
- Parish Music Concert- Fundraiser for Winter Expenses: **Nov 19th Save the Date** (see details)
 - A request to all parishioners to please turn out lights in fellowship hall, the bathroom, hallways etc., as is expected to help with keeping our electric bill in check. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
 - A big thank you to all St. Francis parishioners who continue to volunteer to keep this church and parish in good working order. We are blessed!
 - A special **Thank you** to **Tom Dinetta** for dismantling the old picnic tables. A chore indeed.

Office of the Bishop
Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop
“ALMIGHTY GOD, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Diocese of Burlington a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ’s heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church.” Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Office of the Chancery

Save the Date The Advent **Day of Prayer** for priests will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Randolph.