



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe**

November 26, 2023

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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

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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.... The feast of Christ the King brings the church's year to a close and with it comes a reminder that the cycle of our own lives here on earth will also reach its completion. The gospel points out that admission into our eternal home depends on the effort we make to aid and comfort the needy. We will be assured of a place in Christ's kingdom only if we treat others as Christ treats them.

Christianity lays great stress on involvement in the community. Jesus still walks in this planet in the guise of a suffering neighbor and we will be judged in reaction or indifference to his need. Judgment will not depend on the knowledge we have amassed, or the fame we have acquired, or the fortune we have gained, or the success we have achieved but on the care and love that we have given.

Christ becomes real to the people around us only in so far as we reach out and show concern for their welfare and commit ourselves to fostering their dignity. Whatever good or evil we do to others is done to him.

He does not require everyone to distribute fortunes, build hospitals, or revolutionize social structures. The examples given by Christ are within the reach of all: give a glass of water, visit the sick, smile to an unhappy brethren. There is always something that can be done. Let us find it!

Eucharistic Revival:

Jesus was broken; he is broken for us. And he asks us to give ourselves, to break ourselves, as it were, for others. This "breaking bread" became the icon, the sign for recognizing Christ and Christians. (Pope Francis Homily – May 26, 2016)

Prayer Requests- Please remember in your prayers:

David Deschamp, Joyce Corbin, Helen George, Len Zabilansky, Louise Elias, Laurie Curtis, Kevin Curtis, Cindy DiNetta, the Longacre family, Griffin Thompson, The Thompson family, Jill Lord, Lisa Moeller, Amy Moeller, Cade Bagley, Logan Young, Elaine Marcegiani, Christine Rose, Martha Sass, 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

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 1st; January 5th

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, (**Dec 1st**) Please call the Parish Secretary to set up a time

Christmas Wreathes: Wreathes may be *paid for and picked up* at the Church the weekend of **November 25-26**. Each wreath provides a \$7.00 benefit our Parish. Please **make checks** out to: **Crickett French or Marie Carmichael**. *A sincere thank you to you both for your efforts with this fundraiser.*

Christmas Giving Tree: The tree is ready with tags for your choosing. There are 34 tags to choose from. Please read the age and gender of their chosen child’s tag and sign the sheet with your name, phone # and tag number. Please return your gift with the tag to our church **by Friday Dec. 8**. May God Bless you and your willingness to bring joy to a child this season. The Windsor Giving Tree is a holiday gift program modeled on a neighbor-helping neighbor approach., in collaboration with Mt. Ascutney Hospital and area churches. Other churches’ gifts are transported to St. Francis and put under our Giving Tree. Organizers prepare them for distribution and families, caregivers, designated person pick up the gifts at St. Francis on Dec.16th.

Looking Ahead to Advent: *December 3, the first Sunday of Advent*, starts us off with a new liturgical cycle. For that reason, it is an opportunity for us all to begin anew. Beginning anew means that we let go of our past sin and hurt and ask Jesus to enter in. It means we turn to Him for a fresh start and have hope in all that He wants to accomplish in our lives. It is time for a fresh start! Advent follows a certain theme of preparation and anticipation. At first, we reflect upon the fact that the Savior of the World will one day return in all His glory. We look to that truth and anticipate it with great hope. From there, we look at the fact that He did come long ago as a child. He was born of the Virgin and dwelt among us. Christmas is the fulfillment of the hope given in Advent and is the realization of God’s promise. God humbled Himself, becoming a little child entrusted to the care of Blessed Mary of Nazareth. She became not only the Mother of God, she became our Mother in Grace. *May we all meet our Lord and His mother more deeply this Advent and Christmas season.*

Advent Wreath Blessing (at home): In the weeks before Christmas, an Advent wreath helps us prepare for Jesus’ coming. Every week we light one of the candles that are symbols of Jesus, who is the Light of the World. The candles are arranged in a circle that reminds us that God has no beginning or end. The colors of the candles match the Advent-season colors. Three are violet, the color of penance, which is sorrow for our sins. One is pink or rose-colored to remind us that we look forward to the joy of celebrating Jesus’ coming. Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need. Amen

December 17th: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **St. Francis Christmas Party**. It will be a potluck affair with beverages supplied by K of C. The entire parish family is invited. Festivities will begin directly after Mass at about 11:30 am. We hear Santa will be making pre-Christmas rounds in Windsor that day and have arranged for a visit. Plan to save the date and join the parish family in this event. More details will be coming, and a signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall after Thanksgiving.

Concert Appreciation: A very special *Thank You* to: **Gerry Grimo** for organizing and delivering the Concert on 11/19. A lot of work behind the scenes was done to create this event; **Tom Dinetta** for his trumpeting and for **Paul Belaski** in the choir and to **Agnes Grimo** for being the point person. **(From Agnes:)** In addition, a heartfelt thank you to all the hearts and hands in the background who so lovingly donated a generous amount of paper goods, liquid refreshments and delicious baked goods. To those who tended the coffee, set up and cleaned up and collected the donations. May the Lord Jesus Christ through his infinite love, bless your given time, talents and treasures.

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

Mass Attendance				
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	
Nov 4-5	113	Nov 11-12	85	
Nov 18-19	86	Thanksgiving Day		

Offerings (Offerings report for FY 2023)

Weekly Offertory for November 18-19 **\$1,732.00**
Includes: On line giving **\$330.00**; Mass Stipends **\$75.00**; Coffee Hour **\$0.00**;
Total \$2,137.00

11/19 Concert Fundraiser: **\$980.80**

Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development **\$253.00**

Totals to Date (7/1/23-11/19/23):				
<u>Sat & Sunday Offertory</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Stipends</u>	<u>On line giving</u>	<u>Overall giving</u>
\$39,853.50	\$1,363.98*	\$1,105.00	\$7,135.00	\$50,467.35

*(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 19, 2023** is **\$749.06 per week**.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11/25/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the parishioners and benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi.
Sunday 11/26/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the repose of the souls of Richard & Theresa Belanger by Michael Belanger
Tuesday 11/28/2023 9:00 a.m.
For the Intentions of Ireen Daigle
Thursday 11/30/2023 9:00 a.m.
For the health and well being of Joyce Corbin by Shannon Harrington
Saturday 12/02/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the Repose of the Souls of the Corbin and Kendall Families by Jean Harlow
Sunday 12/03/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of Dale West by Matthew & Nicole Kaszubinski

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.
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.