



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023**

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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

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Parish Finance Coordinator: Gerry Grimo

Parish Secretary: Shannon Harrington

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A message from Father Cyrain....

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year. Amidst the excitement of preparing for the Christmas festivities, this reminds us that we also need preparations for the deeper meaning of what Christmas is all about. His coming on Christmas day fills us with hope, and gives us encouragement that amidst all life's troubles our future is secure because it is in God's hands.

This season celebrates the abiding presence of Christ in the world and his birth in each of our hearts. It tells us about the beginning and future ending of the story of our redemption. While we look forward to Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birthday, we cast a glance into the future and to that great day when our Lord will come in glory.

While Advent is about waiting for God to come into our lives, it's good to remember that God has been waiting for us longer than we have been waiting for him.

Eucharistic Revival:

First Sunday of Advent Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community, nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason....The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. (Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium, 47)

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Jan Lepisko, 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

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7th at 4:00 p.m. as a Vigil Mass. (There will be no 9:00 Mass on Thurs 12/7.

St. Anthony's will celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 12/8, 9:00 a.m.

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

NEW Missalettes: Our new missalettes are located at the entry welcome table. We want to be sure that everyone takes a copy when you arrive and return it after Mass. This will keep the binders in better condition throughout the year. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Christmas Wreathes: If you ordered a wreath and were not able to pick it up last weekend, please coordinate your pick up with **Crickett French** (802)674-6605 **or Marie Carmichael** (802)674-6977. Each wreath provides a \$7.00 benefit our Parish. A sincere thank you to **Crickett and Marie** for your time and work with this fundraiser.

Christmas Giving Tree: The tree is ready with tags for your choosing. There were 34 tags to choose from, and hopefully by the end of this weekend, they will all be in the hands of a loving Christian. 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 Sunday Dec. 10th.*** 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. A sincere thank you to **Marie Carmichael, Kathy White and Jyl Lord** for their ministry of love and generosity as they coordinate this charitable tradition for our church.

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 a.m. Along with Santa’s visit, Gerry Grimo is providing seasonal sing-along music to add to the affair.

A Food Signup Sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please indicate your intension to provide a food donation to the event by entering your name in the appropriate category. **We hope to see you there** for a special social event with our church family.

Church Decoration: We will be decorating the church in preparation for Christmas after the 12/17 Mass. This coincides with the K of C Christmas Party, thus we should have many helping hands.

Mass Attendance:								
Nov	4-5	113	Nov1	All Saints Day	32	Nov 2 All Souls Day	17	
Nov	11-12	85	Nov	18-19	86	Nov	25 -26	91

Offerings : (Offerings report for FY 2023)

Weekly Offertory for November 25-26 **\$1,494.00**
On line giving **\$215.00**; Mass Stipends **\$60.00**; Coffee Hour **\$50.00**;
Total \$1,819.00 11/25 Concert Fundraiser:\$20.00 (for a total of **\$1080.80**)

Totals to Date (7/1/23-11/26/23):

<u>Sat & Sunday Offertory</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Stipends</u>	<u>On line giving</u>	<u>Overall giving</u>
\$41,347.50	\$1,413.98*	\$1,165.00	\$7,350.00	

*(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 26, 2023** is

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/2/23 6:00 p.m.
For the Repose of the Souls of the Corbin and Kendall Families by Jean Harlow
Sunday 12/3/23 10:30 a.m.
For the repose of the Dale West by Matthew & Nicole Kaszubinski
Tuesday 12/5/23 9:00 a.m.
For the Intentions of Ireen Daigle
Thursday 12/7/23 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 12/9/23 6:00 p.m.
For the Repose of the Soul of Merle Norman by is family
Sunday 12/10/23 10:30 a.m.
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi.

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: January 5th, February 2nd, March 1st

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.
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