



# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &  
Joseph  
December 31, 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

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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**Parish Council:** Joyce Corbin (Chair) (802)484-3329; Barbara Barbour (802)299-7117; Janet Farley  
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## A message from Father Cyrain....

The most elementary Christian community of our lives is the family into which we are born. And today's feast of the Holy Family shows the importance and sacredness of the family as the basic unit of church life and society.

Speaking about the Holy Family may be somewhat off-putting as our own home may be a far cry from this ideal. But let us not forget that the Holy Family had their fair share of troubles and worries as well, but they placed their trust in God. We must do the same.

Family life is a full-time job which is not so much about parents and children living under one roof as about their hearts beating together in harmony and love. This will happen if the message of Christ in all its richness is found within its walls.

In recent times, the family has been under attack. Prophets of new morality and the new normal have propagandized for alternatives to the traditional one. And things are bound to go wrong unless family members keep spiritual concerns and Jesus at the center of their relationships.

A happy home is not made of bricks and mortar nor luxury carpets, but has its foundations in Christ - who is love. If He has not been part of the fabric of home life, this new year is an ideal time for a fresh start.

Have a blessed and prosperous New Year!

## Eucharistic Revival:

To celebrate the Eucharist, we need first to recognize our thirst for God, to sense our need for him, to long for his presence and love, to realize that we cannot go it alone, but need the Food and Drink of eternal life to sustain us on our journey. The tragedy of the present time—we can say—is that this thirst is felt less and less. Questions about God are no longer asked, desire for God has faded, seekers of God have become increasingly rare. God no longer attracts us because we no longer acknowledge our deep thirst for him. (Pope Francis Homily – June 6, 2021)

## 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:

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

**Parishioners (Special January Birthdays):** Please forward a **Birthday card** and wishes to the following ladies as they celebrate **exceptional Birthdays**:

- Louise Dillon will turn **96** on Jan 11<sup>th</sup>: 3 Dunham Ave., Windsor, VT 05089
- Helen George will turn **94** on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>: Stoughton House, Rm 227, 40 Maxwell Perkins Ln, Windsor VT
- Dot Hamel will turn **93** on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>: 205 Channing Drive, Windsor, VT 05089

**Epiphany Concert: on January 7<sup>th</sup> , 2:00 pm**

Hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Parish, this choral concert presents area performers and special guests, accompanied by Gerry Grimo, Parish Director of Music. Come and explore the many traditions of Epiphany expressed musically by traditional and original arrangements. Experience the diversity of these performers, while seated in the wonderful acoustics of the Church gathering space. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person to benefit the St. Francis Fuel Fund.

The concert will provide two hours of blissful music to enjoy. No refreshments will be offered(we have all had plenty of treats this past week 😊)

**Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>:** The Solemnity of **Mary, Mother of God** Mass will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. There will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass offered on Tues 1/2.

**First Friday Adoration:** Join us for Eucharist Exposition and Benediction in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on the following dates **2:00 pm Friday January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**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, (**January 5th**) Please call the Parish Secretary to set up a time.

**Parishioner Visit:** Our long-time parishioner and good friend, Helen George is now residing at the Stoughton House. She lovingly gave many years of service to this parish in many ways. Please consider a visit or sending a card to her new address: Stoughton House ATTN: Helen George RM: 227, 40 Maxwell Perkins Lane Windsor, VT 05089

**2024 Calendars:** The Parish has purchased calendars for you as a gift. Please take one home to remind you of the Feast Days, Holy Days of Obligation, and the Seasons of the Liturgical year. Blessings for peace, happiness and good health are prayerfully sent to each and every one of you.

**2024 Offertory Envelopes:** The envelopes are located on the rear table for your yearly weekly offerings. Many thanks to those who use them faithfully, as well as to the many who utilize the on-line giving method. If you are registered with us and do not find your envelope or wish to initiate the process, call or stop by the parish office.

**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.

**Parish Christmas Party and Church decorating:** On behalf of our Parish community, we extend a **sincere thank you** to the Knights of Columbus and all participating and supporting parishioners for contributing to and attending the celebration. In addition, a big thanks to Gerry and Norm for their lively music and energy and to Bebe and all of her elves who joyfully brought the Lords’ manger and entire church to Holy life. We are blessed!

<b><u>Mass Attendance:</u></b>			
Nov 11-12	85	Nov 18-19	86
Nov 25 -26	91	Dec 2-3	96
Dec 9-10	104	Dec 16-17	101
Dec 23-24	97	Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup>	132

**Offerings :** (Offerings report for FY 2023)

Weekly Offertory for December 12/23-12/24: **\$1,790.00**  
Includes: Christmas Flower donations \$90.00; Votive Candles \$5.00  
In addition: On line giving **\$430.00**; Mass Stipends **\$0.00**; Coffee Hour **\$0.00**

**Christmas Flower offerings( total) 12/2-12/24: \$650.00 (included in weekly offerings)**  
**Christmas Offering: (12/24-12/25): \$2,397.00**

<b>Totals to Date (7/1/23-12/25/23):</b>			
<u>Sat &amp; Sunday Offertory</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Stipends</u>	<u>On line giving</u>
<b>\$50,922.75</b>	<b>\$1,585.73*</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>\$8,929.00</b>

\*(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 **Dec 25, 2023** is **\$378.28 per week.**

<b><u>Mass Intentions</u></b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/30/23</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/31/23</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
For the repose of the souls of Beverly & Joseph Faria, by Valerie Newton and family.		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1/1/24</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
For the repose of the soul of Edward & Emily Hamel, by their grandchildren		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1/2/24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
No Mass		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1/4/24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
For the repose of the soul of Denise Baron by Pat Vlamynck & Susan Polansky		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1/6/24</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
For the repose of the soul of Helen Norman by her nieces and nephews		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/7/24</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
For the repose of the souls of the Carney Family by Sandra Carney		

**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

- Parish Monthly Meetings/Events/Reminders:**
- 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 the faithful St. Francis parishioners who continue to volunteer to keep our church and parish in good working order. We are community and we are blessed!