



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024**

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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....

Today's gospel episode shows how Jesus found his first recruits for the world-shaking enterprise he was launching. There on the banks of the Jordan, two fishermen met the mysterious wayfarer who was destined to change their lives forever. The meeting may be brief but they were swept off their feet for He radiated wisdom, authority, and sympathy.

In similar fashion, that is how Jesus impressed others throughout his life. People were attracted to him not nearly so much by what he said or even did as by what he was. His gift to the world was not a system of theology or a compendium of moral instructions, but His very self.

The Jesus that traipsed over the shores of Galilee and the deserts of Palestine may be long gone. But the risen Jesus, the One who reigns in heaven, still lives. He speaks to us in prayer, he comes to us in the sacraments. If we ask where he lives, he will give the same reply he gave the first disciples: "Come and you will see."

Jesus continues to reach out to us for a personal encounter today as gladly as he once reached out to his first buck privates. When can we fall under his spell? When can we be swept off our feet?

Eucharistic Revival:

Through the Eucharist, the Lord also heals our negative memory, that negativity which seeps so often into our hearts. The Lord heals this negative memory, which drags to the surface things that have gone wrong and leaves us with the sorry notion that we are useless, that we only make mistakes, that we are ourselves a mistake. Jesus comes to tell us that this is not so. He wants to be close to us. Every time we receive him, he reminds us that we are precious, that we are guests he has invited to his banquet, friends with whom he wants to dine. And not only because he is generous, but because he is truly in love with us. He sees and loves the beauty and goodness that we are. (Pope Francis Homily – June 14, 2020)

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 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

Yearly Holy Priest Retreat: Fr. Cyrain will be attending the Diocesan Annual retreat from Sunday 14th ,after Mass through Thursday 18th p.m. at Lake Morey, Fairlee, Vt. There will be **no weekly mass** on Tuesday **16th** or Thursday **18th**.

Community Dinner: Would you like to get to know your community better? If so, then please join us for Windsor Community Dinner **held every THIRD Thursday of each month.**

January’s dinner will be hosted by Old South Church on **January 18th** at 44 Main St. Serving 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

This is a FREE IN-PERSON event. We are a civic & faith based independent grassroots community group coordinating each month's dinner. Everyone is Welcome! We strive to foster personal connections!

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

If you know of other parishioners with very special birthday’s coming up, please let the parish office know.

Epiphany Concert: on **January 14th** · **2:00 pm** (*Rescheduled due to a snowy 7th*)

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.

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

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, (**February 2nd**) Please call the Parish Secretary to set up a time.

Second Collection: There will be a collection for the Catholic Education on Jan 20-21.

Mass Attendance:

Dec	9-10	104	Dec	16-17	101
Dec	23-24	97	Dec	24-25	138
Dec	30-31	102	Jan	1	42
Jan	6-7	54 (Snowy)	Jan	13-14	

Offerings : (Offerings report for FY 2023/2024)

Weekly Offertory for **January 6-7, 2024 \$1,409.00**
Includes: \$500.00 donation; \$50.00 towards fuel bill
In addition: On line giving **\$265.00**; Mass Stipends **\$20.00**; Coffee Hour **\$0.00**
\$11.00 Votive candles
January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother Mass: **\$471.00**

Totals to Date (7/1/23-01/07/24):			
<u>Sat & Sunday Offertory</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Stipends</u>	<u>On line giving</u>
54,869.75	\$1,655.73*	\$1,2870.00	\$9,363.00

*(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 **Jan 7, 2024** is **\$783.83 per week.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 01/13/24 6:00 p.m.
For the parishioners and benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi.
Sunday 01/14/24 10:30 a.m.
For the health and well-being of St. Francis of Assisi Community, by Shannon Harrington
Tuesday 01/16/24 9:00 a.m.
No Mass (Fr. Attending a Diocesan Retreat)
Thursday 01/18/24 9:00 a.m.
No Mass (Fr. Attending a Diocesan Retreat)
Saturday 01/20/24 6:00 p.m.
For the repose of the soul of Gladly White by her sons
Sunday 01/21/24 10:30 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of Raymond Carney, by Sandra Carney.

Jan 2024 Roman Catholic Chancery Bulletin Excerpts
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 Development and Communication
The Bishop’s Annual Appeal is 86% to goal and still higher than last year at this time!
St Francis of Assisi appeal is 57% to goal. (\$9,058.00 raised out of \$15,969.00)
Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, Marriage & Family Life
Save the Date for Kids Summer Program **More information coming.....**
Totus Tuus summer 2024: Week of June 16-21: White River Junction-Norwich

Office of Respect Life
The January edition of ***Word of Life*** features a "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" to be observed on January 22, 2024, and the 9 Days for Life Novena.
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/word-life-january-2024>