Saint Francis Xavier Parish

3 Saint Peter Street, Winooski, VT 05404 ·(802) 655-2290

Monsignor
Richard G. Lavalley
Pastor

Reverend
Joseph Sanderson
Parochial Vicar

Saint Francis Xavier School
Eric Becker, Principal
Pre-School through 8th grade
655-2600

Director of Faith Formation
Jordan Easley
503-8241

Our Lady of Providence
Residential Care
Facility
655-2395

St. Francis Xavier Cares
Sharon Brown, RN
Parish Nurse
922-2958

St. Vincent de Paul Center
Open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesdays and Thursdays
655 - 3006

Weekend Masses
Saturday : 4:00 PM
Sunday : 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday : 8:00 AM

Adoration
Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Confessions
Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 PM
Anytime by appointment
655-2290

Baptisms
Parent classes required. Please call the rectory for more information.

Marriage
Plan six months in advance.
Contact the rectory. Attend Pre-Cana classes

Registration
New parishioners and newly married couples should register by calling the rectory as soon as possible.
655 –2290

School telephone numbers

School	After School
655-2600	655-4660

School Website: www.SFXVT.org

NEWS FROM
The Inland See
June 19–25, 2021
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

The Patience of a Father

One of my favorite parts of the baptismal rite, outside of the actual baptism, is the blessing of the parents. The blessing of the father includes, "…bless the father of this child, so that, together with his wife, they may, by word and example, prove to be the first witnesses of the faith to their child. …" Receiving that blessing, with my head bowed, is always very moving, very necessary, and quite frankly appreciated! I need all the prayers and graces I can get, especially so that my own example and words may give authentic witness to the faith.

As the father of seven children now ranging in age from three to 15 years, life is joyful, but challenging. And yet, these have been the most fulfilling and beautiful years of my life.

However, parenting doesn't come with a roadmap or instruction manual. That's why I ask the Lord for the grace to be as gentle and loving as St. Joseph was.

A statue of St. Joseph is seen as Pope Francis leads his general audience at the Vatican March 24, 2021. With the approval of the pope, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments has published several additions to the Litany of St. Joseph. — CNS photo/Vatican Media

During this year, we have added another petition to our family prayers at dinnertime. After saying grace, I invoke one of the titles from the Litany to St. Joseph, asking that he "pray for us." It has been a small and beautiful way for us as a family to mark the Year of St. Joseph. The title that I find myself most frequently invoking, as my children can attest, is "St. Joseph, mirror of patience, pray for us!"

Fatherhood has a way of making us face our weaknesses and failings. We are confronted with them daily, especially and too often in our interactions with those closest to us, our wife and children. I know I am.

And yet, as St. Paul reminds us, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). With our Lord's help, we can be like St. Joseph as loving, self-sacrificing, and yes, even as patient, as we are called to be.

One image of St. Joseph from the film, "Jesus of Nazareth" clearly shows his patience and kind disposition even in the face of adversity: A customer comes up to Joseph to pick up a wood tool that Joseph made. The man is clearly agitated and not satisfied, and yet St. Joseph remains calm, patient and never raises his voice or shows any agitation throughout the conversation.

While this may not be the usual reaction of a person to a difficult situation, it is for St. Joseph, as a fruit of his life rooted in grace and prayer.

And indeed, that's a model worth striving for.

In evangelization, patience is often the key to helping a person come to know our Lord. Consider how patient the Lord is with His disciples and those who come to Him seeking truth. In the example our Lord gave of the Prodigal Son, the father exemplifies patience as he waits and watches for his lost son to return home (along, no doubt, with many prayers).

An old hymn, "O Blessed Saint Joseph" includes the prayerful verse, "The father of Jesus! I wish you would be … a father to me" (Paderborn, 1765). I pray that we in turn may be so loving and patient with those to whom we are father and that our example and witness may draw many others to that same life of faith.

— Deacon Phil Lawson is the executive director of pastoral ministries for the Diocese of Burlington. He can be reached at plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Upcoming Events

06|20 – 08|06
Totus Tuus
June 20 – 25 • Colchester and Rutland
June 27 – July 2 • St. Albans and Stowe
July 11 – 16 • Brattleboro and Georgia
July 18 – 23 • S. Burlington and Bristol
July 25 – 30 • Newport and Middlebury
August 1 – 6 • Bennington and Barre
The Totus Tuus Summer Catholic youth program will be hosted at twelve locations in Vermont this summer.

07|07 - 08|25 WEDNESDAYS
Summer Reflection Series
11:15 am • St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
The Reflection Series returns! Beginning July 7 and running through August 25, members of the Society of Saint Edmund and Diocesan Priests will present the Summer Reflection Series every Wednesday *(except July 21)*. The programs begin with 11:15 a.m. Mass followed by a presentation. Lunch is available for purchase in the café, or you may bring your own picnic lunch to eat outside. All are welcome! Reservations are appreciated though not necessary and can be made by calling (802) 928-3362.

07|10 SATURDAY
Padre Pio Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass and an opportunity to learn more about Padre Pio.

07|11 SUNDAY
Family Mass with Bishop Coyne
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12 pm
Join us for the Mass for Families at 12:15pm. Bishop Coyne will be there to celebrate. A BBQ will follow — donations are appreciated. Please RSVP for the BBQ with Nancy at (802) 928-3362 or by emailing sas@sse.org — by Friday, July 2, 2021

07|18 SUNDAY
Eileen George Prayer Group
Most Holy Name, Morrisville • 1 - 2 pm
Fr. Lance W. Harlow is offering a monthly lecture and video presentation on the teachings of Eileen George, founder of Meet-The-Father Ministry. Includes Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. Please join us for a very inspiring presentation. Reading materials will be provided each month.

08|15 SUNDAY
Prayer Day on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
10:30 am - 2 pm
Inviting all family parishioners to join in prayers for the families, past, present and future. We will join the Shrine's Mass at 10:30 AM, followed by the Rosary. Then will process to the golden statue of Mary, to offer up personal intentions and the write in prayers collected from the pilgrim statue visitation to churches. Please bring your own lunch for picnic and enjoy the beach.

JUNE 20–26, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

FATHER'S DAY

In honor of Father's Day, pray the rosary together (or maybe a decade every night to start with). Include prayers for our communities to welcome new life, and to respect the dignity of each person. Honor your husband with a gift using her love language.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON **CAREERS**

Diocesan Offices: Manager of Religious Education and Catechesis

Diocesan Offices: Staff Accountant

Diocesan Offices: Youth & Young Adult Ministry Manager

The Loretto Home, Rutland: Full-Time and Part-Time LNA or Nurse Aide — $500 Sign-On Bonus for Full-Time!

Michaud Manor Home, Derby Line: LNA or Nurse Aide P/T Day Shift

St. Joseph Kervick Home, Rutland: Full-Time and Part-Time LNA or Nurse Aide — $500 Sign-On Bonus for Full-Time!

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Cook F/T — $1000 Sign-On Bonus

Vermont Catholic Charities, Inc. Offices: Accountant Internship

For More Info:
vermontcatholic.org/careers

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To see more events or to submit your event to the diocesan calendar:
vermontcatholic.org/events

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	**June 21, 2021**
8:00 AM	Ed & Jeannine Seyboldt *by Norm & Bonnie Picard*
11:00 AM	Mass at Our Lady of Providence Chapel *No public attendance at this time*
Tuesday	**June 22**
8:00 AM	John Fitzpatrick *by Tom & Robin McCormick*
11:00 AM	Mass at OLP Chapel *No public attendance*
Wednesday	**June 23**
8:00 AM	David Bouffard *by Family*
11:00 AM	Mass at OLP Chapel *No public attendance*
Thursday	**June 24**
8:00 AM	Saliman & Mountaha Handy *by Jackie Courville*
11:00 AM	Mass at OLP Chapel *No public attendance*
6 to 7 PM	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Friday	**June 25**
8:00 AM	Craig and Ed Sabourin *by Family*
11:00 AM	Mass at OLP Chapel *No public attendance*
Saturday	**June 26**
4:00 PM	Ernest and Doris Courville *by Family*
Sunday	**June 27**
7:30 AM	Intentions of Parishioners
9:00 AM	Intentions of Knights of Columbus #2284 Council *100th Anniversary*
11:00 AM	Christine Yandow Connolly *by Family*

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PARISH SUPPORT

June 13, 2021……...….$ 7,487.00
Offertory (69 Givers)…… ..…$ 4,300.00
Weekly Average (July 1st Week 49)……...$ 8,086.63
Weekly Goal…….…….$ 8,500.00

Thank you for your continued support

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Daily Rosary Apostolate

One way we can increase our holiness is to incorporate the Rosary into our daily prayer life. Each day the Diocese of Burlington offers a recitation of the Rosary featuring a member of our Vermont diocesan community. "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." May we grow together in holiness and protection from all evil. Please email me at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org

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The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is Open At St. Mark Parish

Located in the Family Center
1251 North Ave., Burlington

All are invited to participate in this opportunity for paryer in the presence of Our Lord. **Every day from 7 AM to 9 PM.** If you were previously signed up for a day and time before Covid, you are still on at that time. If you would like to sign up or adjust your hour to another day or time, please go to our website: stmarksvt.weadorehim.com or contact the parish office at 864-7686 or stmark@vermontcatholic.org

The Winooski Knights of Columbus

The Winooski Knights of Columbus meet every 2nd Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 7 PM. Any man 18 years of age or older wishing to join the Knights should contact; *Grand Knight Greg Clairmont at 343-8446 or listandsellvt@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight Greg Bolger at 660-9044 or gbolger@ccnne.com For additional information about the Knights of Columbus visit our web site www.wkofc.org and "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Winooskikofc2284*

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food" Matthew 25: 35-40

Our St. Francis Xavier parish community is partnering with the new Winooski Food Shelf to help feed our neighbors in need. This parish is an extremely valuable partner in providing the consistent donations of food to the many people coming for assistance. The WFS is grateful for your sustained commitment of providing donations each week and your generosity continues to serve families in need. There is a strong need right now for toiletries such as shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors. Non-perishable food items for distribution such as cereal, tomato paste, and canned food are always appreciated.

Collection boxes are placed in the church vestibule and delivered to the Food Shelf each week.

Your donations may also be dropped off at: J & J Market 12 Malletts Bay Ave. or at Commodities Market on Winooski Falls Way.

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BLIND NEED HELP

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired has an immediate urgent need for volunteer drivers to get the blind where they need to go. Our volunteer driver pool is so low that we are unable to fulfill all the ride requests we receive from our clients. Covid has been particularly devastating to those with vision loss since they rely on others to help them get to vital medial appointments or to run necessary errands. Volunteer Drivers are reimbursed for the use of their cars and are able to accept or decline any ride requests that do not fit into their own personal schedules. Drive as much or as little as you wish.

"Please be assured all our clients requesting rides have agreed to wear masks and practice physical distancing as much as possible. They know our drivers will follow the same guidelines to ensure everyone is as safe as possible" If you enjoy helping other please consider joining our inspirational team of volunteer drivers who make a huge difference in the lives of the blind. For more information, please contact:

Vicki Vest at 800 639 5861 or email Vicki at vvest@vabvi.org

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Act of Faith: O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ, Your Son, who became man and died for our sins, and who will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.
Amen

Christ to the Homebound

Please contact the rectory if you or a loved one are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home. We are excited to renew this ministry.

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The CARES Catholic Network: St. Francis Xavier Health & Wellness Ministry

Compassion, Advocacy, Respite, Education, Service

We are three Mercy Associates who are working with the Parish Nurse to collect and redistribute medical equipment in an effort to help those in need have a better quality of life. We are seeking wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes, adult diapers, bed pads and other related equipment (good condition only, please). If you have any equipment that you would like to donate of if you are in need of equipment, please call 863-8508 or578-9920 and ask for Monique.

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2021 BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

During the height of the pandemic, when our churches were closed, the Diocese was able to livestream more than 200 faith activities to keep us all connected, including daily and Sunday Mass, daily rosary and Adoration, bible study, book club, retreats and so much more. This was possible because of your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. On June 6th, we will be asking you in Mass to make a gift or pledge this year to help us reach our reduced goal of $2.5 million . Please help us reach our goal and strengthen our Catholic Church in Vermont. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org

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PRAYER for VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, shepherd of souls, who called the Apostles to be fishers of men,
raise up new Apostles in your Holy Church.
Teach them that to serve You is to reign,
to possess you to possess all things.
Kindle in the hearts of our young people
the fire of zeal for souls.
Make them eager to spread Your kingdom upon earth.
Grant them the courage to follow You,
who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life;
who live and reign forever and ever.
AMEN

Our Lady, Mother of Priests,
PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Rev. Mr. Robert Murphy, Mr. Gregory Caldwell, Mr. Brandon Schneider, Mr. Eli Yandow, Mr. Luan Tran, Mr. Giang Vu, Mr. Cale Bombardier

"You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way"
Luke 1:76

Our Lady of Providence Residential Care Community

Our lady of Providence Residential Care Community welcomes applications for residency.

Our Lady of Providence Residential Care Community, a 46-bed, private room and bath facility, is located in Winooski and sits on a 2 ½-acre lush property is now welcoming applications for residency.

With the motto: "With love, we care," the facility offers an array of services, ranging from weekly housekeeping and laundry to daily spiritual guidance and support and free, scheduled transportation.

The homey atmosphere at Our Lady of Providence combined with a dedicate and caring staff make for an unbeatable combination. In addition to the above mentioned amenities, the facility also provides delicious meals and medical support, including 24-hour, daily nursing care.

Please consider visiting our facility and taking a tour. We think that you will discover that Our Lady of Providence is the best kept secret in Chittenden County.

Please visit our website, OurladyofProvidence.org or call 655-2395 for more information.

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FORMED

FORMED is an online platform providing Catholic content movies, children's shows, bible studies, etc., from Catholic organizations & individuals. Please make use of this resource. Go to formed.org and sign up as a parishioner. Enter "Saint Francis Xavier Church" for the parish name. Make sure you select Saint Francis Xavier Church, Winooski VT. **Enjoy!**

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The St. Vincent DePaul Center

The St. Vincent DePaul Center is **Open** and in accepting summer clothing. ***No*** *Winter clothing please.*
Volunteers needed, please call 655-3006 if interested.
The Center will accept donations.
Tuesdays 9 AM to 3 PM.
Thursdays 9 AM to 3 PM.
We are so delighted to be open and serving others!

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Joy to share

St. Francis Xavier School

We encourage you to visit our friends and alumni Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SFXAlumni. Also, you may go to our school website at www.sfxwinooski.org